

Parish Offerings – Oct. 23, 2016

“Everyone must give according to whatever he has inwardly decided; not sadly, not grudgingly, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Cor 9:7)

Holy Ghost Church, McKees Rocks

Regular Offering (\$1,777) YP (\$5)	\$1,782.00
Holy Days	3.00
Collection for the Poor	145.00
Votive Candles	120.90
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	\$2,050.90

Holy Ghost Church, Northside

Regular Offering	\$294.00
Collection for the Poor	11.00
Special Donation (Carol & John Schaner - \$50) Thanksgiving (\$2) ..	52.00
Utilities (\$58) Improvements (\$3)	61.00
Votive Candles	47.45
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	\$465.45

Church Attendance Last Week

(MR) Sat., 4:00 pm (44);

Sun., (MR) 9:00 am (80); (NS) 11:00 am (43)



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THE 24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday of Christ the King — October 30, 2016



2015-2016 Extra-Ordinary Jubilee – THE YEAR OF MERCY

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SUNDAY RADIO (9:00 am WEDO 810 AM) & INTERNET DIVINE LITURGY

All Liturgical Services LIVE on UStream: www.Ustream.tv/channel/holy-ghost-church

Sunday Divine Liturgies
Saturday (MR) 4:00 pm
Sunday (MR) 9:00 am
Holy Ghost (NS) 11:00 a.m.

Holy Day Divine Liturgies
w/Great Vespers (Oblig)
(MR): 7:00 pm
Holy Day (MR) 9:00 am; (NS) 6:00 pm

Daily Divine Liturgy
M-F (MR) 8:00 am
Sat. (NS) 9:00 am.

Holy Mystery of Reconciliation: Sat (MR): 3:15 to 3:40 pm & Sun (MR) 8:15 to 8:40 am.; (NS) 10:30 am

Holy Mysteries of Initiation: Contact Church Office for Baptism, Chrismation and Eucharist.

Holy Mysteries of Anointing: Ask especially prior to surgery or any other time.

Holy Mystery of Matrimony: Contact pastor one year in advance; Pre-Cana Classes required.

Sponsor of Christian Initiation: Godparents must be practicing Catholics.

Religious Education Classes: (MR) Coordinator: Steve Puluka (412) 897- 4650.

GCU Lodge 390: (MR) Contact Margaret Belinas (412) 331-3577 for membership requirements.

Slavjane Folk Ensemble: (MR) Membership requirements contact Dean Poloka (412) 877-9351.

Carpatho-Rusyn Radio Broadcast: Every Sunday from 2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. WPIT 730 AM.

Social Hall Rental: (MR) Contact Church Office. New & Returning Parishioners: Welcome!

Please register by phoning the Church Office.

Remember the Church in Your Will: Please be so kind as to remember the Church in your last will and testament. This helps to secure its future & a Byzantine Catholic witness to all!

THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH

When the Most High descended and confused tongues, He scattered the people; but when He distributed the tongues of fire, He called all men to unity. Therefore, with one voice, let us glorify the Most Holy Spirit (Matins of Pentecost Sunday)

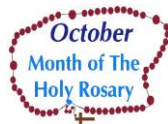
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Seasonal Greeting

Volume VI, Number 44



Glory to Jesus Christ! — Glory Forever!
Slava Isusu Christu!! — Slava Na Viki!



Liturgical Services for the Week

Date

Time

Intention

Requested By

24th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday of Christ the King

SUN., Oct 30 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Patricia Petruna Mom: Elizabeth Petruna & Family
(3rd ann of passing 10/27)



11:00 a.m. (NS) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes

3:00 p.m. Beatification & Canonization Moleben, Cathedral, Munhall, PA.

Mon, Oct 31 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Mary Supack Niece: Martha & Bob Maletz

Feast of the Blessed Bishop-Martyr Theodore G. Romzha — Veneration of his relic

Tue, Nov 1 8:00 a.m. (MR) Raymond J. Herczak Bernadette Gunkle

Wed, Nov 2 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Michael Kasarda Dickerson Family
(2nd ann of passing 10/30)

Thrs, Nov 3 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Ann Lubas Ann Elsner

REQUIRED SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat) or Equivalent Penance (your choice) in remembrance of Our Lord's Crucifixion and Death upon the Precious Cross

Fri, Nov 4 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Irene Bilak (birthday) Irene & Diane Cifrutak

Sat., Nov 5 9:00 a.m. (NS) Health & Welfare Amy & Michael J. Petruska
of Fr. John Cigan (birthday 9/29)

Sunday anticipated Divine Liturgy for the Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
4:00 p.m. (MR) + Irene Bilak Petruna & Mazur Families



25th Sunday after Pentecost

Standard Time Resumes — Clocks FALL back 1 hour

SUN., Nov 6 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Stephen "Butch" Bornyas, Jr. Bornyas Family

11:00 a.m. (NS) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes

General Announcements

All Birthdays will be published in SOT each week so that prayers may be offered on these special occasions. Please advise the Church office if your special day does not appear or if you wish your name and date not be published.

Note: Capitalized Names designate North Side parishioners

Birthdays: Oct 30 — MICHAEL LORINC; Nov 1 — Mickayla Poloka; Nov 2 — KATHY MULLEN; Nov 3 — Caralynn Kassabov, Helen Kriska, Michael W. Palahunik, Dan Pikras, JOAN SENCHYSHYN, John Wovchko, Jr.; NOV 4 — Linda Kieda, Julia Mosko.

Pray For the Ill, Infirm & Shut-ins of Our Parishes

HOME: Margaret Belionas, Irene Bordas, MARY ANN CONTI, Mary Culan, Ilona Goyda, Beverly Harsh, MARTHA LUCAS, OLGA MANFREDO, Debra Palahunik, Elizabeth Petruna, MARLENE PFEIFFER, Agnes Rosko, MARY SAHAYDA, GERARD SLAGLE, ANNA TOTH, EVELYN VENTO, JOHN VEREB, Claudia Verner, Julia Wovchko.

MAPLEWOOD PC HOME (461 Maplewood Ave. Ambridge, PA 15003): Susan Dragosh, Doris Naughton, Linda Reiger.

MASONIC VILLAGE (1000 Masonic Drive, Sewickley, PA 15143): Helen M. Kriska, Marjorie Preganz.

MARIAN MANOR (2695 Winchester Dr., Pgh, 15220): MICHAEL BARBUSH, Irene Bednar.

CHIPPEWA PLACE (7005 Stadium Dr., Apt 427, Brecksville, OH 44141): Stephen Katrenich.

VALENCIA WOODS OF ST. BARNABAS (85 Charity Place, Valencia, PA 16059): Eleanor Kapko.

THE RESIDENCE AT WILLOW LANE (30 Heckel Rd., MR, PA 15136): Andrew Drukalsky.

SUNRISE OF EAST COBB (1551 Johnson Ferry Rd., Marietta, GA 30062): AGNES KNOLL.

Public questions on Catholic spirituality, moral & spiritual problems

Q. Is the power of your prayers lost or diminished if your mind wanders while praying? **A. Catholic Answers Apologist:** The more fully we give attention to prayer, the more we are praying. But it is good to remember that praying lies in the will. The will to pray is a prayer in itself. Certainly it is wrong to deliberately encourage distractions while at prayer. But unwanted distractions do not take away the value of prayer. Mother Teresa's sisters pray the rosary as they walk down busy city streets. They are certainly distracted by the need to navigate, but a part of them is still in prayer.

This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

Continue to burn before the real presence of our Lord, God & Savior Jesus

October 30 — November 5, 2016

(MR): In memory of Mary R. & Michael Petruna

offered by Dgtr: + Elsie Eberle

(NS): In memory of Brother Felix, O.F.M. (birthday 11/2)

(MR) NOW AVAILABLE 2017

offered by Anonymous

(NS) NOW AVAILABLE 2017



McKees Rocks Announcements

SYMPATHY EXTENDED — The *Spirit of Truth* announces the passing of **Elsie M. Eberle**, 88, of McKees Rocks, on Thursday, October 20, 2016 at Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh. She was the wife of the late Francis Eberle who passed in September 2013. Among many active roles in the Church, she will be remembered especially as the seamstress of parish vestments and altar cloths. She was the mother of Karen (Bill) Bittner, Lt. Col. Mary Lynn Condelucci and fiancé, Andy, Mark, Sue (Gary) Miller and parishioner, James. The Funeral Divine Liturgy was offered on Wednesday, October 26 @ 10:00 a.m. Interment took place at The National Cemetery of the Alleghenies, Cecil Township, Washington, PA @ 2:30 p.m.. Our sincere condolences are extended to the family. In blessed repose grant O Lord eternal rest to your servant, Elsie, and remember her forever! *Vicnaja Jej Pamjat'*.



NOVEMBER-DECEMBER FOOD DRIVE — In our love for the less fortunate, we will hold a non-perishable food drive to be delivered to *Focus On Renewal* in time for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Please bring the non-expired items to the Church and place them at the entrance. For additional information contact Elaine Kurtanich (412) 429-3370. We thank her for heading this project, once again, this year.



PARISHIONER NEEDS TRANSPORTATION — If you are interested in assisting an active parishioner of our HGC here is the submitted request: DRIVER WANTED. GOOD PAY. PART-TIME, MUST DRIVE ON SUNDAYS. CALL: (412) 331-3473.

FORMER PASTOR RETIRES — Many of you remember Fr. Robert Karl, our former pastor here at Holy Ghost in the 1980's. He is now retired and is living in Gibsonia, PA. I'm sure that he would appreciate hearing from you with a greeting card to congratulate him on his retirement. Here is the address: *St. Andrew Rectory, 235 Logan Road, Gibsonia, PA 15044*. May God grant to his servant, the Priest, Father Karl, health and happiness for many blessed years! *Na Mnohaja I Blahaja L'ita!*

STILL SEEKING SOMONE TO LEAD OUR PIROHI PROJECT! CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE!

Northside Announcements

WE NEED PARISH INVOLVEMENT FOR CLEANING SC IN NOVEMBER — We are going to need your help to prepare our Social Center. A general cleaning of the hall to touchup the SC by cleaning it on **Saturday, November 12** for the upcoming Turkey Bingo. We ask your assistance from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Please take this plea seriously! We do not have the funds to hire outside assistance! If your young family member is in need of Social Credits for school or scouting project, this will be a great time for them to accumulate assistance credits.

GRATITUDE EXTENDED — Our Parish wishes to extend a special thanks to a *generous anonymous donor* for contributing \$5,000.00 toward our total Multi-Peril Insurance Policy. This is a difficult task with only our weekly contributions since we have other bills that need attention, especially utilities. We will still need to make up the difference for the annual premium. We will still need \$1,195.00. If you feel in your heart that you can make special donations over the next several months, it would be greatly appreciated! Otherwise, we will have to withdraw the capital from our Parish Savings & Share Account with the Archeparchy which will be impossible to replace!

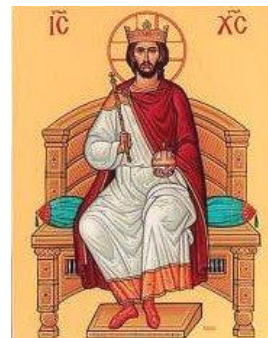


Meditation on today's Gospel

Traditional Celebration of Christ the King

John 18:33-37

The name is found in various forms in scripture: King Eternal (1 Timothy 1:17), King of Israel (John 1:49), King of the Jews (Mt. 27:11), King of kings (1 Tim 6:15; Rev. 19:16), King of the Ages (Book of Revelation 15:3) and Ruler of the Kings of the Earth (Rev. 1:5). Christ's Kingship was addressed in the encyclical *Quas Primas* of Pope Pius XI, published in 1925, which has been called "possibly one of the most misunderstood and ignored encyclicals of all time." The Pontiff's encyclical quotes with approval Cyril of Alexandria, noting that Jesus' Kingship is not obtained by violence: "'Christ,' he says, 'has dominion over all creatures, a dominion not seized by violence nor usurped, by His by essence and by nature.'"



The late Pope Pius XI instituted the feast of Christ the King in 1925 to remind Christians that their allegiance was to their spiritual ruler in heaven as opposed to earthly supremacy, which was claimed by the Italian Dictator Benito Mussolini. It was originally established to be celebrated on the last Sunday of October. Through the liturgical reforms of the Western Rites, it now is celebrated in November prior to the Advent Season. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI has remarked that Christ's Kingship is not based on "human power" but on loving and serving others. The perfect exemplar of that acceptance, he pointed out, is the Virgin Mary. Her humble and unconditional acceptance of God's will in her life, the Pope noted, was the reason that "God exalted her over all other creatures, and Christ crowned her Queen of heaven and earth." *The early Byzantine Catholic Liturgical book (Sluzebnik) printed in the United States in 1945 and revised in 1962 with the Imprimatur of Bishop Nicholas T. Elko lists this feast on pages 297-303 and has never been abrogated.*

October: Respect-Life Month

5th & FINAL WEEK INTENTION OF REPECT LIFE MONTH:

Lord, we pray for all people throughout the world: that they might recognize and treat each person as a masterpiece of Your creation; For the poor, the homeless, and all who are in need: that they may receive love, respect, and the material assistance they need; For all those facing an unexpected pregnancy: that the peace of Christ may fill their hearts; That all women, men, and family members suffering from abortion may know the Your tender, healing love; For those who are ill: may they draw strength from the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Who is always with us in our suffering; For parents who have lost a child through miscarriage: that they may know the comfort and hope that Jesus brings; For all elected officials: that throughout their service, they may respect the dignity of each person. Lord, teach us to know, love and serve You always by conforming ourselves to Respect all Life that You have created. Amen.



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

October 30 Sunday of Christ the King.
 Annual Moleben for the Four Holy Hierarchs, Cathedral @ 3:00 p.m.
 November 6 Farewell Prayer-Dinner Celebration of GCU District 1, Cathedral @ 3:00 p.m.
 Daylight Standard Time resumes. Clocks FALL BACK one hour.
 November 8 Synaxis of St. Michael & All Angels (MR) 9:00 a.m.; (NS) 6:00 p.m.
 General & Presidential Election Day.
 November 15 Commencement of the Philippian Fast.
 November 21 .. Solemn HD: Entrance into the Temple of Theotokos (MR) @ 9:00 a.m.; (NS) 6:00 p.m.
 November 24 Annual Thanksgiving Day — (MR) Divine Liturgy @ 9:00 a.m.

Saints of the Week

Blessed Bishop-Martyr Theodore G. Romzha — Nov 1



Theodore Romzha was born in the Subcarpathian region of Austria-Hungary (in the Rusyn village of Velyky Bychkiv, now in Ukraine) on April 14, 1911. Theodore was ordained a priest on Christmas Day, 1936 in the Basilica of St Mary Major, Rome. After completing his compulsory military service he served briefly as a pastor in several Transcarpathian parishes (part of Czechoslovakia since 1918) before being assigned as professor of philosophy at the Eparchial Seminary in Uzhorod in 1939, occupied by Hungary. These were difficult years for the Church in Subcarpathia as it experienced the invasions first by Hungary, one of Axis powers, then direct rule from Nazi Germany and lastly the Soviet Red Army. On September 24, 1944, at the young age of 33, he was consecrated bishop and appointed apostolic administrator of

the Eparchy of Mukachevo in the cathedral of Uzhorod by Bishop Miklós Dudás. He had immediately to face the soviet Red Army, which occupied the churches, assigned them to the Orthodox and arrested priests. Bishop Romzha refused in front of General Petrov to break with the Pope. His ministry to the faithful met with many roadblocks, and he could not be tolerated by the Communist officials who now began looking for getting rid of the young bishop. On October 27, 1947, on the way home from a parish visitation celebrating Christ the King Sunday, Bishop Romzha's horse drawn carriage was purposely rammed by a Soviet military truck. The soldiers, who were dressed as civilians, jumped from the truck and beat the bishop and his companions. They were hospitalized. The Bishop was making good progress when a new Soviet nurse was assigned to him. A little after midnight Romzha was found dead. The nurse poisoned him. According to research in Soviet archives by Yevgenia Albats, the Bishop's murder was ordered personally by Nikita Khrushchev. Romzha was beatified as a Martyr for the Faith by Pope John Paul II in Lviv on June 27, 2001 with November 1 assigned as his feastday. *In most recent times some are celebrating his feast on Oct. 31, since sources imply that officials recorded the martyrdom by Moscow time rather than Uzhorod time — an hour difference.*



**Let us continue to Pray
for his Canonization!**



General Announcements

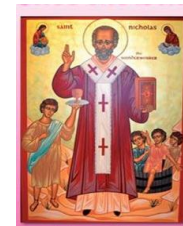
ANNUAL MOLEBEN FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CAUSES TODAY — The yearly prayer service for the advancement of the Causes of Beatification and Canonization of our four holy Ruthenian Byzantine Catholic Bishops will take place this afternoon at St. John the Baptist Cathedral, Munhall — **Sunday of Christ the King, October 30, 2016 @ 3:00 p.m.** We will have the opportunity to receive the special Jubilee Blessing by walking through the Holy (Main) Doors. For the past 30 years faithful through the Pittsburgh Archeparchy have gathered in various archieparchial parishes, monasteries and the seminary to pray for the Canonization of Bishop-Martyr Theodore G. Romzha, Uzhorod (+1947); Bishop-Martyr Paul P. Gojdich, O.S.B.M., Presov (+1960); Bishop-Martyr Basil Hopko, Presov (+1976); and for the beatification of the Servant of God Bishop Alexander Chira, Uzhorod (+1985). A Marian Moleben is offered seeking the aid of the Holy Mother of God in helping us achieve this end. Please join us this afternoon and join your prayer with all!



RESERVATIONS OPEN FOR ADDITIONAL DL & SANCTUARY LAMPS — A good many of the Weekend Divine Liturgy times and Sanctuary Lamps are being reserved. There are still quite a few remaining. Place your intention and \$10.00 stipend (per candle/DL) in a regular white envelope with requested date(s) and place it in the collection basket. If your requested date has already been reserved by someone else, you will be giving another date closest to you request! Thanks to all who are participating in this 2017 spiritual program! These are two great ways to remember your beloved departed!



ARCHIEPARICHAL ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION — The 60th Annual St. Nicholas Celebration will take place at the Cathedral and Cathedral Center on **Sunday, December 4, 2016**. This year's theme is "Family: Foundation of Consecrated Life." Tickets are priced at \$40.00 per adult and \$18.00 per child ages 12 and under. We'd like to get at least one full table per parish family. Please sign the list in the (MR) Side Vestibule; (NS) Narthex. *Parish deadline is Sunday, November 13.*



YOUNG & NOT SO YOUNG ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED — For both Parishes, this announcement is extended to all young male members (enrolled in our ECF Program); and elderly males wishing to join the *Ministry of Altar Server*. You are asked to come forward and declare your intention. There will be three classes and a practicum! Father needs elderly servers to assist him during the week at funerals. It's an important and fulfilling ministry! Classes will begin later this month. If you are interested, please approach Fr. Firko or by calling the church office (412) 771-3324.



**Don't forget to FALL (TURN) BACK your clocks
1 Hour next Sunday, November 6th!**