

Parish Offerings – Oct. 30, 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 (\$2,071.50) YP (\$1)	\$2,072.50
Holy Days	30.00
Collection for the Poor \$15) BCW (\$12)	27.00
Special Donation (Military Services)	200.00
Votive Candles	107.00
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	\$2,436.50

Holy Ghost Church, Northside

Regular Offering	\$695.00
Holy Days	10.00
Utilities (\$25) Improvements (\$10)	35.00
Votive Candles	33.50
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	\$773.50

Church Attendance Last Week

(MR) Sat., 4:00 pm (34);

Sun., (MR) 9:00 am (87); (NS) 11:00 am (42)



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THE 25th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Standard Time Resumes — November 6, 2016



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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!*

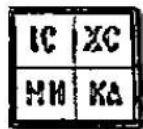
THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH

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)

November 6, 2016

Seasonal Greeting

Volume VI, Number 45



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



Liturgical Services for the Week

Date

Time

Intention

Requested By

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

Mon, Nov 7 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Ann Marks Helen & Lester Best
(2nd ann of passing 11/6)



Synaxis Feast of the Holy Angelic Commander Michael the Archangel & all the Heavenly Incorporeal Powers

Solemn Holy Day — General & Presidential Election Day

Tue, Nov 8 9:00 a.m. (MR) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes
6:00 p.m. (NS) + Helen S. Lubinski (birthday) Husband: Stanley

Wed, Nov 9 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Muska Family Gladys Muska & Family

Thrs, Nov 10 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Marshall Meredith (birthday) Sister: Mary Anne

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



Annual Veterans Day — Federal Holiday

Fri, Nov 11 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Eleanor Kulka (birthday) Children: Kathy & John

Sat., Nov 12 9:00 a.m. (NS) + Michael Sotak, Sr. Dgtr-in-law: Jane R. Sotak



Sunday anticipated Divine Liturgy for the Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

4:00 p.m. (MR) Special Intention
of Mildred Terrek (birthday 11/9) Family

26th Sunday after Pentecost

SUN., Nov 13 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Anita Y. Cifrulak Nephew: Mark & Nancy Cifrulak
(2nd ann of passing)

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: Nov 6 — Barbara Stecko; Nov 7 — CAROL JUGAN, Mark Saber; Nov 8 — Nancy Wauthier; Nov 9 — Tina Burns, Mildred Terrek.

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, 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.

OHIO VALLEY HOSPITAL (25 Heckel Road, McKees Rocks, PA 15136): Claudia Verner.

Public questions on Catholic spirituality, moral & spiritual problems

Q. How does the Church define suicide? A manic depressive who fails to take his medication could take his life due to a chemical imbalance. What does the Church say? **A. Catholic Answers Apologist:** The glossary contained in the U.S. version of the Catechism of the Catholic Church defines suicide as, "The willful taking of one's own life; a grievous sin against the fifth commandment. A human person is neither the author nor the supreme arbiter of his life, of which God is sovereign master." However, the catechism points out that, "Grave psychological disturbances, anguish, or grave fear of hardship, suffering, or torture can diminish the responsibility of the one committing suicide." (CCC 2282)

This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

November 6 — November 12, 2016

(MR): In memory of Anna & Michael Sejka

offered by Dgtrs: Alice & Anna May Sejka

(NS): In memory of Peter P. Smoley

(MR) NOW AVAILABLE 2017

offered by Sister: Mary Ann

(NS) NOW AVAILABLE 2017



McKees Rocks Announcements

MOLEBEN OFFER FOR BEATIFICATION & CANONIZATION — Last Sunday of Christ the King, nearly 100 faithful gathered at St. John Cathedral for the 30th Annual Prayer Service for the Advancement of the Causes of our four Holy Byzantine Catholic Hierarchs. Those in attendance had the opportunity to receive the Jubilee of Mercy Blessing by passing through the Cathedral's designated Holy Doors. In a letter read by Fr. Firko from Bishop Milan Sasik of the Mukachevo, the hierarch stated that for Bishop Romzha's advancement (as well as for Bishop Goidich & Bishop Hopko) **"only one requirement is still pending**



— a proved miracle of healing. Therefore, I ask you to continue praying for this intention, and perhaps such could happen also in the U.S.A." On Tuesday, November 1st, the Feast of the Blessed Bishop-Martyr Theodore G. Romzha, four parishioners gathered to celebrate the Feast and then came forward to venerate the 1st class relic of his bone from Fr. Firko. Pictured are (L-R): Bernadette Gunkel, Debra Charochak, Jan Herczak and Donna Herron (holding the reliquary). The depicted icon of Blessed Romzha has been with the Causes for several years, and was written by Mary Bebech of Brookfield, OH, a parishioner of St. Michael Church, Hermitage, PA. Contact Fr. Firko for these intercessory prayers.

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) 370-9092. We thank her for heading this project, once again, this year.



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

Northside Announcements

CLEANING OF THE SOCIAL CENTER THIS WEEK — 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 this **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 AGAIN — Another generous friend of the Parish wishing to remain anonymous contributed \$750.00 toward our total Multi-Peril Insurance Policy. To reiterate, it remains a difficult task with only our weekly contributions since we have other bills that need attention, especially utilities. To these special monetary gifts we will still need to make up the difference for the annual premium of \$445.00 to be submitted by the end of



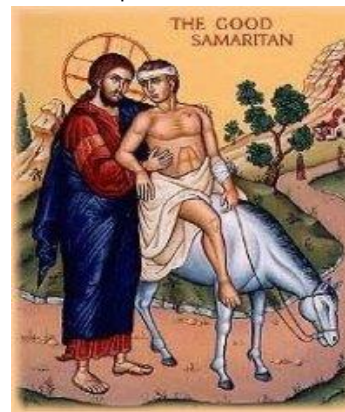
December. If you feel in your heart that you can make a special donation over the next few months, it would be greatly appreciated! Otherwise, we will have to withdraw the capital from our Parish Savings & Share Account with the Archeparchy which will be impossible to replace! Also, another big thank you to George and Julia Mosko, who finished the cement project on the Church steps. God bless all of you for your sacrificial offering!

Meditation on today's Gospel

An Allegorical Meaning to the Parable

Like 10:25-37

The man that *fell among robbers*, represents *Adam* and his posterity; *Jerusalem*, the state of peace and innocence, which man leaves by going down to *Jericho*, which means



the moon, the state of trouble and sin: the *robbers* represent the devil, who *stripped* him of his supernatural gifts, and *wounded* him in his natural faculties: the *priest* and *Levite* represent the old law: the *Samaritan*, Christ; and the *beast*, his humanity. The *inn* means the Church; *wine*, the blood of Christ; *oil*, his mercy; whilst the host signifies St. Peter and his successors, the bishops and priests of the Church (Origen, St. Jerome, St. Ambrose, St. Augustine, and others). Since all men possess a rational soul and are created in God's likeness, since they have the same nature and origin, have been redeemed by Christ, and enjoy the same divine calling and destiny, the basic equality of all must receive increasingly greater

recognition. True, all men are not alike from the point of view of varying physical power and the diversity of intellectual and moral resources. Nevertheless, with respect to the fundamental rights of the person, every type of discrimination, whether social or cultural, whether based on sex, race, color, social condition, language, or religion, is to be overcome and eradicated as contrary to God's intent. --- Documents of Vatican II, *The Church Today*

Our Holy Father's General Audience Vatican City State — October 26, 2016

Brothers & Sisters: Let us continue to reflect on the corporal works of mercy, which the Lord Jesus gave us in order to keep our faith ever alive and dynamic.... Several days ago, a little story took place in the city. There was a refugee who was looking for a street and a lady approached him and said: "Are you looking for something?". That refugee had no shoes, and he said: "I would like to go to Saint Peter's to enter the Holy Door". And the lady thought: "But he has no shoes, how will he manage to walk there?" And she called a taxi. But the migrant, that refugee had a disagreeable odor and the taxi driver almost didn't want him to get in, but in the end he let him board the taxi. And the lady, sitting next to him during the ride, asked him a little about his history as a refugee and migrant: it took 10 minutes to get here. This man told his story of suffering, of war, of hunger because he had fled from his homeland in order to migrate here. When they arrived, the lady opened her purse to pay the taxi driver — who at first had not wanted this immigrant to board because he smelled — told her: "No, ma'am, I should be paying you because you made me listen to a story that has changed my heart". This lady knew what a migrant's pain is, because she was of Armenian descent and knew the suffering of her people. When we do something like this, at first we refuse because it causes us a little inconvenience, "but... he smells..." ***In the end, the episode gives fragrance to our soul and changes us. Consider this story and let us think about what we can do for refugees.***



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

November 6 Farewell Prayer-Dinner Celebration of GCU District 1, Cathedral @ 3:00 p.m.
 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 Philipian Fast.
 November 22 (NS) Turkey Bingo @ 2:00 p.m. & Tentative GCU Lodge 390 Meeting (MR) @ 2:00 pm.
 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.
 November 27 Decorating the (NS) Church for Christmas following the Divine Liturgy.
 December 4 Parish & Archeparchial St. Nicholas Celebration.
 December 5 Decorating the (MR) Church for Christmas @ 6:00 p.m.

Solemn Holy Day This Week — November 8

Holy Angelic Commander Michael & All Holy Angels

The angels of God were celebrated by men from earliest times but this celebration was



often turned into the divinization of angels (II Kings 23:5). The local Council of Laodicea (four or five years before the First Ecumenical Council) rejected the worship of angels as gods and established the proper veneration of angels in its Thirty-fifth Canon. The Church celebrates all the bodiless Powers, and is why the same feast is called the Synaxis (Assembly). In the fourth century, during the time of Sylvester, Pope of Rome, and Alexander, Patriarch of Alexandria, the present Feast of Archangel Michael and all the other heavenly powers was instituted for celebration in the month of November. *Why precisely in November? Because November is the ninth month after March, and March is considered to be the month in which the world was created. Also, as the ninth month after March, November was chosen for the nine orders of angels who were created first.* St.

Dionysius the Areopagite, a disciple of the Apostle Paul (who was taken up into the third heaven), described these nine orders of angels in his book, *On the Celestial Hierarchies*, as follows: **six-winged Seraphim, many-eyed Cherubim, God-bearing Thrones, Dominions (also referred to as Dominations), Powers, Virtues, Principalities, Archangels, and Angels.** The leader of all the angelic hosts is the Archangel Michael. When Satan, Lucifer, fell away from God and drew a part of the angels with him to destruction, then Michael stood up and cried out before the faithful angels: "Let us attend! Let us stand aright! Let us stand with fear!" and all of the faithful angelic heavenly hosts cried out: "Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God of Sabaoth! Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory!" Concerning the Archangel Michael, see Joshua 5:13-15 and Jude 1:9. Among the angels there reign perfect oneness of mind, oneness of soul, and love. The lower orders also show complete obedience to the higher orders, and all of them together to the holy will of God. Every nation has its guardian angel, as does every Christian. We must always remember that whatever we do, in open or in secret, we do in the presence of our guardian angel. May God have mercy on us and save us by the prayers of the Archangel Michael and all the holy incorporeal powers of heaven.

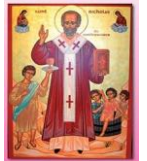
General Announcements

GRATITUDE TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED LAST WEEK'S HALLOWEEN PARTY —



Following last Saturday Afternoon's (MR) Divine Liturgy, both Holy Ghost Parishes hosted a Halloween Party at the School. Several children and adults attended the social gathering, and had a good time. A special thank you is extended to all who made this seasonal event possible. A note from Kim Ruud: "We would like to extend a special thank you to our exceptional parishioners for their generous donations of time and monetary contributions. The children really had a great time."

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 next 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.

RESERVATIONS GOING FAST FOR ADDITIONAL DL & SANCTUARY LAMPS —

A good many of the Weekend Divine Liturgy times and Sanctuary Lamps have already been reserved for 2017. There are approximate 6 remaining for MR, but still several for the NS. Place your intention and \$10.00 stipend (per candle/DL) in a regular white envelope with requested date(s) and how you wish it to appear in the S.O.T. 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 spiritual program! These are two great ways to remember your beloved departed!



FROM THE ARCHIEPARCHIAL OFFICE OF VOCATIONS —

Prayer for Vocations is the responsibility of the entire Church. The week of November 6-12, 2016 marks the 40th annual National Vocation Awareness Week in the United States, sponsored by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). During this week, every parishioner is strongly encouraged to promote vocation awareness and especially urged to pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life to serve our Byzantine Catholic churches. In addition, the Inter-Eparchial Vocation Commission (IEVC) of our Metropolitan Church will sponsor three promotional activities: 1) a promotional video contest; 2) a new take-home vocations icon and prayer program; and 3) the "Called By Name" vocations recommendation program. Look in future parish bulletins for announcements regarding these upcoming ways to participate in fostering and promoting vocations in our parish, in our homes, and throughout the Metropolitan Church.

