

Parish Offerings – 9th Sunday after Pentecost — July 22, 2018

“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 (\$2,060) YP (\$3)	\$2,063.00
Holy Days (\$142) Special Donation from Joyce Hrivnak (\$20)	162.00
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Votive Candles	78.50
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Holy Ghost Church, Northside

Regular Offering	\$274.00
Holy Days	10.00
Utilities	53.00
Votive Candles	38.00
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	\$375.00

Church Attendance Last Week

(MR) Sat., 4:00 p.m. (47)

Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (60); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (23)

Feast of the Holy O.T. Prophet Elijah — Fri (MR) 9:00 a.m. (16); NS 7:00 p.m. (17)



HOLY GHOST BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH
 225 OLIVIA STREET
 1437 SUPERIOR AVENUE
 McKEES ROCKS, PA 15136
 PITTSBURGH, PA 15212

THE 10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 29, 2018



Catholics of the Ruthenian – Byzantine Rite in full communion with the Pope of Rome

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The Reverend Deacon Michael Meaders (NS)

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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 Tina Burns (412) 859-9597 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!*

GCU
 Greek Catholic Union of the USA
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 Lodge 390 offers Insurance and Annuity Benefits greater than most financial institutions. Info call Tina (412) 859-9597

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Call the office (412) 771-3324

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



Liturgical Services for the Week

Date Time Intention Requested By

10th Sunday after Pentecost

SUN., Jul 29 9:00 a.m. (MR) Eleanor + John Kulka (wedd ann) Children: Kathy & John
11:00 a.m. (NS) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes


Mon, Jul 30 *11:00 a.m. (MR) Thanksgiving Dolores & Stephen Kosko
(60th wedding ann)

Archieparchial Altar Boy Faiith & Fun Day

Tue, Jul 31 10:00 a.m. (MR) + Barry W. Smyda Mom: Annamae

Commencement of the Minor Savorial Fast (Spasovka – August 1-14)

RECOMMENDED SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat) or Equivalent Penance (your choice)
for the intention of our beloved's return to the Church.

Wed, Aug 1 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Elizabeth Mross  Anonymous

Thrs, Aug 2 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Alice Smoley (birthday) Dgr: Mary Ann

REQUIRED SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat) or Equivalent Penance (your choice)
for the intention of our beloved's return to the Church.

First Friday of the month in reparation for sins against the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Fri, Aug 3 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Helen Dziki + Jenny Timulak Family & Rita Timulak

First Saturday of the month in reparation for blasphemies against the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Sat, Aug 4 9:00 a.m. (NS) + Helen S. Lubinski Niece & Nephew: Ondek

Sunday anticipated Divine Liturgy of the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

4:00 p.m. (MR) + Anna Kocak Niece: Dolores & Steve Kosko

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Prefestive of the Transfiguration of Our Lord — Within the Savorial Fast

SUN., Aug 5 9:00 a.m. (MR) Special Intention Joseph A. Cehula T.O. Carm.
for Michael Muska

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

Aug 2 – Michael Palahunik; Aug 4 – Bernice Herrick, Maximus Puluka.

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

HOME: Irene Bordas, Margaret Beliuinas, MARY ANN CONTI, Andrew Drukalsky, Ilona Goyda, Beverly Harsh, Helen Hopey, MARTHA LUCAS, OLGA MANFREDO, Irene Palahunik, Elizabeth Petruna, MARLENE PFEIFFER, Betty Spisak, ANNA TOTH, EVELYN VENTO, Julia Wovchko, SHIRLEY YANOSKO.

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

HIGHLAND PARK CARE CENTER (745 North Highland Ave., Pgh, PA 15206): Linda Reiger.

BRIGHTON REHAB & WELLNESS CENTER (246 Friendship Circle, Beaver, PA 15009): Mary Susan Dragosh.

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

MARIAN MANOR (2695 Winchester Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15220): Irene Bednar.

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

FAIR OAKS ASSISTED LIVING (2200 W. Liberty Ave., Pgh, 15226): ANNA MARIE DEMIANCZYK.

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LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR (1028 Benton Ave., PGH 15212): MARY SAHAYDA

VETERANS HOSPITAL (1010 Delafield St., Pittsburgh, PA 15215): JOHN VEREB.

THE RESIDENCE AT WILLOW LANE (30 Heckel Rd., McKees Rocks, PA 15136): John Marks.

Public questions on Catholic spirituality, moral & spiritual problems

Q. I asked for the anointing of the sick for my very ill baby, but the priest said that the sacrament is only for people older than six years old. I thought the main purpose of this sacrament was for physical healing and the forgiveness of any sins. If so, why was my child refused the sacrament? **A. Catholic Answers Apologist:** Anointing of the sick primarily is for spiritual healing. Physical healing might occur, but it is not the main purpose of the sacrament. Certainly the sacrament should not be expected to automatically cure the sick person. Such an expectation tends toward superstition (cf. CCC 2111). Baptized children below the age of reason cannot commit personal sin and so do not need anointing of the sick if they are in danger of death.

This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

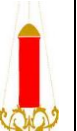
July 29 — August 4, 2018

(MR): **In memory of Stush, Stanley, Jr., Olga & Mary**

offered Andy Nazak Family

(NS): **In memory of John & Louise Pechar**

(MR) NONE AVAILABLE FOR 2018 offered by Niece: Joan Senchyshyn (NS) NONE AVAILABLE FOR 2018



McKees Rocks Announcements

SYMPATHY EXTENDED — The *Spirit of Truth* announces the passing of **Karen (Hubal) Meloni** 59, of McKees Rocks at Allegheny General Hospital on Monday, July 23, 2018. She was the mother of Vicki Meloni-McCoy (Chris) and Michele Arlott (Steve); Brothers: Dennis (Christine) Hubal & Gary Hubal, Sr. Funeral arrangements were handled by the Szal Funeral Home, McKees Rocks. The Funeral Divine Liturgy was offered on Jul. 27 at 10:00 a.m. Interment took place at St. Mark Cemetery, Kennedy Township. Our parish offers it's prayerful solicitude for her immortal soul and most sincere condolences to the Meloni & Hubal Families. In blessed repose, grant O Lord, to your servant, Karen, and remember her forever! Vicnaja Jej Pamjat'!



Holy Ghost, Northside

HONEY BEES RETURN TO HOLY GHOST — It seemed as though we settled the Bee Problem last year when we humanely moved the colony of Honey Bees hovering and settling themselves on the top left side of the Church. This year they have returned. Bee-Control was contacted again. We are still under warranty from last year's contract and hopefully will be able to have the problem solved.

PENITENTIAL PERIOD IN PREPARATION FOR THE DORMITION FEAST — Each year the



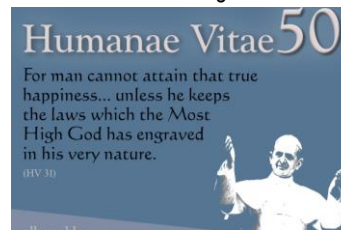
Byzantine Catholic Church sets aside the first fourteen days of August in honor of the Virgin Mary. On August 15th, the faithful then gather to celebrate the Great Feast of the Dormition (Falling-Asleep) of the Theotokos. During this fourteen day penitential period, the Church prescribes the Paraklis Service be held in honor of the Mother of God. The word "paraklis" has two different meanings: the first is "consolation," from which the Holy Spirit is called the "Paraclete," or "Consoler"; the second is "supplication" or "petition". The Paraklis Service consists of supplication hymns to obtain consolation and courage. It should be recited in times of temptation, discouragement or sickness. It is used more particularly during the two weeks before the Dormition, of the Theotokos, from **August 1 to August 14**. The theme of this Paraklis Services centers around the petition. "Most Holy Mother of God, save us." *Following each of the daily Divine Liturgies we will offer a portion of this service for all our family, relatives and friends who have left our church that they may return for the sake of their salvation.*

(continued from p. 3): in sex that perverts the procreative end, no matter how sincerely they intend it, merits the charge of an "evil love." **Acts that positively reject the order of a human good cannot possibly be expressions of authentic love**, even if they are done in the name of love. In fact, they are directly *opposed* to love, showing disdain for the beloved instead. To say that a couple can express authentic love while engaging in sexual activity that voluntarily thwarts the procreative end of sex is like saying a person can express love by voluntarily crushing another person's windpipe. Love is by nature opposed to the rejection of another's good, as well as one's own good. And since that good includes man's biological good (procreation) just as much as it includes his rational good, love demands reverence for the procreative dimension of sex. **On this golden anniversary of *Humanae Vitae*, let us pray that couples of "good will" will be inclined to accept such a truth, since everyone of "good will" is inclined, above all, to love.** For more on the many dimensions of wisdom found in *Humanae Vitae*, (check out the new book [Inseparable](#) from Catholic Answers Press, available now).

How Contraception Thwarts Love

*This past week we commemorate the fiftieth anniversary (July 25) of the promulgation of **Humanae Vitae** (on Human Life), the encyclical that confirmed longstanding Catholic teaching on birth control and warned prophetically of the social evils of a contraceptive culture.* (The following article appeared on the Catholic Answers web-page (www.catholic.com/magazine/online-edition) The author is Catholic Apologist, Karlo Broussard. It is with permission that this article is reprinted as to educate every Catholic on this topic)

When specifying to whom the encyclical *Humanae Vitae* was addressed, Pope Paul VI included "all men of good will." This means that *the Church's teaching on the "inseparable connection between the procreative and unitive" ends of sex is not just for Christians, as if it were a mystery of faith revealed supernaturally; it's for all people who actively pursue what is good.* This is especially true of married couples who seek to express their love in the sexual act, but who, through contraception, thwart the procreative end of sex. What if it were possible to show that thwarting the procreative end of sex also undermines *love*? This might



be of interest to many couples. Let's think through how we might show this connection. **Our first step is to get a hold of what love is.** In the *Summa*, Aquinas defines love as "to wish good to someone" (I-II:26:4) as to oneself. For Aquinas, true love apprehends the other "as his other self." Karol Wojtyla (later Pope John Paul II) concurs with Aquinas's view of love. In his book *Love and Responsibility*, he asserts that the "true essence of love" is realized when it is "directed toward a genuine good" in "the way appropriate to the nature of that good." To emphasize this view of love, Wojtyla juxtaposes it to a false love: "one that is directed toward a specious good, or, most often, to a genuine good in a way which does not correspond to but is contrary to its nature." He goes so far as to call such false love an "evil love." True love, therefore, involves a *constant commitment of the will* to the true good of another person. Philosopher J. Budziszewski sums it up nicely: If I delight in the good that you are, then I must want you to experience all the good that you can: I want you to exist well and beautifully...I want good things for you, I want to do good things to you, I even want to do good things because of you. Good itself seems better because of you. **The key theme that stands out** in these reflections on love is the *good*. Genuine sexual love will be consistent with what constitutes the *good* for human beings in the sexual arena. This means that authentic sexual love involves willing what is good relative to the beloved's sexual powers. I have argued that procreation, along with union, constitutes the good for our sexual faculties because it is the end to which nature directs such powers. This argument is based on the principle that the ends (goals) for which our natural faculties exist determines what is good for us. As Aquinas teaches, the essence of good is that which "perfects another as an *end*." For example, the intellect has *truth* as its natural end, and inasmuch as it knows truth it is perfected. So truth is the intellect's *good*. And since the intellect is a power of a person, truth is the *person's* good. Since the good has the nature of an end, and procreation is an end of sex, it follows that to engage in sex while voluntarily thwarting the achievement of the procreative end (that is, *contraceptive* sex) is nothing less than a rejection of the order of the good inscribed in the nature of the sexual act. Such an act expresses contempt for the order of the human good for sex, viewing it as a kind of evil to be supplanted or an obstacle to be removed. The perversity of such behavior would be similar to a doctor who tries to make someone ill. In such a scenario, the doctor would be positively rejecting his good as a doctor—namely, health—viewing the order of a good doctor as an evil to be avoided. A doctor who rejects the order of a good doctor can only merit the charge of being an *evil doctor*. It is not hard to see contempt for the order of the human good for sex in the example of sexual coercion, since the man who sexually coerces a woman rejects the order to the good of *spousal friendship*. Obviously, such an act cannot in principle be an expression of love. But contempt for the human good for sex is no less present in sexual acts that voluntarily reject the end of procreation, since that is institutive man's *sexual* good. Therefore, the love that men and women intend to express ...

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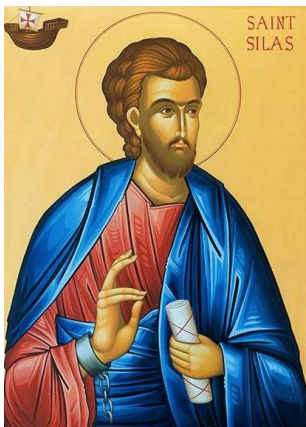
CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

July 31..... Archieparchial Altar-Server *Faith & Fun Day*.
 August 5 G.C.U. Lodge 390 quarterly meeting MR Church Basement @ 2:00 p.m.
 August 6 Feast of the Holy Transfiguration – Blessing of grapes and fruits – (MR) 9:00 a.m. & (NS) 6:00 p.m.
 August 14 ... **Holy Day of Obligation**—Feast of the Dormition – Blessing of Herbs & Flowers – (MR) 7:00 pm
 August 15 Feast of the Dormition – Blessing of Herbs & Flowers – (MR) 9:00 a.m. & (NS) 6:00 p.m.
August 19 Annual Parish Picnic, Robinson Clever Road, beginning @ 1:00 pm.
 August 26 GCU District 15 Summer Afternoon at Narcisi Winery.
August 29 ... Beheading Feast of St. John Baptist (Simple HD) – (MR) 9:00 a.m. & (NS) 6:00 p.m.

Saint of the Week

The Holy Apostle Silas & Companions of the Seventy July 30

The Holy Apostles of the Seventy Silas, Silvanus, Crescens, Epenetus and Andronicus were disciples of the Savior. St Silas was a respected figure in the original Church at Jerusalem, one of the “chief men among the brethren” (Acts 15:22). The Council of the Apostles was convened at Jerusalem in the year 51 to deal with the question of whether Gentile Christian converts should be required to observe the Mosaic Law. The Apostles sent a message with Paul and Barnabas to the Christians of Antioch, giving the decision of the Council that Christians of Gentile origin did not have to observe the prescriptions of the Mosaic Law. Nonetheless, they were told that they must refrain from partaking of foods offered to idols, from things strangled and from blood, to refrain from fornication (Acts 15:20-29). Together with Saints Paul and Barnabas, the Council of the Apostles sent Saints Silas and Jude to explain the message in



greater detail, since they both were filled with the grace of the Holy Spirit. St Jude was later sent back to Jerusalem, but St Silas remained at Antioch and zealously assisted St Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, on his missionary journeys preaching the Gospel. They visited Syria, Cilicia, Macedonia. In the city of Philippi they were accused of inciting unrest among the people, and for this they were arrested, beaten with rods, and then thrown into prison. At midnight, when the saints were at prayer, suddenly there was a strong earthquake, their chains fell off from them and the doors of the prison opened. The prison guard, supposing that the prisoners had fled, wanted to kill himself, but was stopped by the Apostle Paul. Then, he fell down trembling at the feet of the saints, and with faith accepted their preaching about Christ. He then led them out of the prison and took them to his own home, where he washed their wounds, and was baptized together with all his household. From Philippi Saints Paul and Silas proceeded on to the cities of Amphipolis, Apollonia and Thessalonica. In each city they made new converts to Christ and built up the Church. At Corinth the holy Apostle Silas was consecrated as bishop, and worked many miracles and signs, and there he finished his life.

General Announcements

TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE FOR OUR PARISH PICNIC — Mark your calendars and set aside, **Sunday, August 19, 2018** for our dual parish picnic. This year’s event will be, once again, at Robinson Clever Recreational Park, Rotary Shelter, 115 Robinson Pool Drive, McKees Rocks 15136. It’s the one with the newly renovated swimming pool which will be admitting all Holy Ghost attendees for a special admission price. Ticket prices are the same as last year: Adults — \$13.00, Children — \$6.00. Meal will be served at 1:30 p.m. — *SLAVJANE will perform at 2:15 p.m. Hopefully, they will be able to recruit new Holy Ghost members for the new school year.* The picnic will extend from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Games for children and adults will be presented. Tickets are being sold following the Divine Liturgies. **Last day for obtaining tickets is Sunday, Aug. 12.**



REGISTER FOR A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE — The Archeparchy wishes to honor those who are celebrating their 10, 25, 40, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70 etc. anniversary of marriage this year. It will take place on **Sunday, September 9, 2018 @ 3:00 p.m. at St. Elias Church, Munhall.** If you are observing one of the above milestones, *please contact the Church office this week if you plan or DO NOT plan to attend!* All anniversaries submitted will be published in a September issue of the SOT. **Deadline for registering is today, August 5.**



DISTRICT 15 INVITES ALL TO THE WINERY — GCU District 15 is inviting everyone to an Afternoon at the Narcisi Winery, 4578 Gibsonia Road, Gibsonia, PA 15044, on **Sunday, August 26, 2018** from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. Enjoy fraternalism, lunch, wine-tasting, door prizes and acoustic/Italian music of Jamie Wright. Cost: GCU Members: \$15.00 inclusive; non-members: \$25.00 inclusive. Make reservations and check out to GCU DISTRICT 15. Mail them to Elizabeth Harbist, 215 Thornwood Court, Moon Township, PA 15108 You may also phone: (412) 913-1446.



GCU LODGE 390 MEETING NEXT WEEK — All members are urged to attend this third quarterly meeting on **Sunday, August 5, 2018 at 2:00 PM.** The meeting will be held in the Church Basement of the MR Church. GCU CEO, George Juba will be at the meeting to address the convention referendum ballot situation. The meeting may be a little longer. Lodge 390 is offering a telephone conference bridge for members out of the Pittsburgh area that would like to participate in the lodge’s general meeting. Dial-in number (US): 605-472-5351 access code: 451303#. If you have any questions or comments, contact Lodge 390 Secretary-Treasurer Steve Puluka at steve@puluka.com.

BLESSING OF SCHOOL CHILDREN & TEACHERS FORTHCOMING — Following each of the Divine Liturgies on the **weekend August 11 & 12, 2018** all Students and Teachers will be asked to come forward for a blessing as they commence the 2018-2019 Academic Year in their various schools, colleges and universities. Since many of these institutions begin earlier each year, the opportunity to receive this blessing has been moved to the second weekend of August. Receive God’s blessing and be enriched by His tender mercy.



COME & JOIN US FOR THE DAILY DIVINE LITURGY!
There’s no better way to begin the day!!