

Parish Offerings – 5th Sunday after Pentecost — June 24, 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 (\$2,456) YP (\$1)	\$2,457.00
Holy Days (\$301) YP (\$7) Easter (\$20)	328.00
Peter’s Pence (\$349) Seminary (\$20) Offering to the Poor (\$1)	370.00
Votive Candles	93.50
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	\$3,248.50

Holy Ghost Church, Northside

Regular Offering	\$260.00
Holy Days	67.00
Utilities (\$5) Peter’s Pence (\$5)	10.00
Votive Candles	51.75

Church Attendance Last Week \$388.75

(MR) Sat., 4:00 p.m. (60)

Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (77); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (27)

Saints Peter & Paul (Holy Day of Obligation – Vigil Jun. 28) Thrs. (MR) 7:00 p.m. (29)

Thrs. Jun. 29: (MR) 9:00 a.m. (33); (NS) 6:00 p.m. (31)



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THE 6th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 1, 2018



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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.

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Call the office (412) 771-3324

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

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

6th Sunday after Pentecost

SUN., Jul 1 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Michael Sendro Wife: Janet & Family
(4th ann of passing)
11:00 a.m. (NS) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes

Mon, Jul 2 8:00 a.m. (MR) + John Kulka  Stephanie Domka


Tue, Jul 3 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Cantor: John Fejka Beth & John Harbist

 **242nd NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE DAY**
Parish 4th of July Patriotic Divine Liturgy 

Wed, Jul 4 9:00 a.m. (MR) Health, Welfare & Forgiveness of the Sins of our Country

Thrs, Jul 5 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Charles A. Britvich. Elaine Kurtanich

REQUIRED SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat) or Equivalent Penance (your choice): for religious freedom

Fri, Jul 6  8:00 a.m. (MR) + Michael Maletz Brother: Bob & Martha Maletz

Sat, Jul 7 9:00 a.m. (MR) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes

Sunday anticipated Divine Liturgy of the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
4:00 p.m. (MR) + Mary + Charles Kundrat Theresa Kundrat

 **7th Sunday after Pentecost**

SUN., Jul 8 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Frances + Joseph Saveikis Dgtrs: Anita Wolsko & Phyllis Murphy
11:00 a.m. (NS) + Lucy Holesh (3rd ann of passing) Dgtr: Nancy & Family + John Holesh

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

Jul 2 – Joseph Mitro; Jul 4 – Michelle Cifurulak; Jul 6 – Stephen Kosko; Jul 7 – Timothy Bedard, Anna Stebbins, MONSIGNOR PETER TAY.

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

HOME: Irene Bordas, Margaret Beliuнас, 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. My cousin is a lesbian living with an another woman. Am I a bigot for feeling uncomfortable around them? **A. Answer by a Catholic Apologist:** By acting out on their homosexuality, your cousin and her partner are doing something that you know is offensive to God. How can that not make you feel uncomfortable? There is no bigotry in this. It is perfectly OK—even necessary—to judge behavior and to feel uncomfortable around others whose behavior you know to be immoral. The Catechism of the Catholic Church informs us that "homosexual acts are intrinsically disordered" (CCC 2357). And while the Church calls us to accept those who suffer from homosexuality with "respect, compassion, and sensitivity," (CCC 2358) it also clearly teaches that, "under no circumstances, can [homosexual acts] be approved" (CCC 2357).

This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

July 1 — July 7, 2018

(MR): In memory of Michael Sendro (4th ann of passing 7/1)
offered by Wife: Janet & Family

(NS): In memory of Elizabeth Seman

(MR) NONE AVAILABLE FOR 2018 offered by Dgtr: Velma Seman (NS) NONE AVAILABLE FOR 2018



McKees Rocks Announcements

YOUTH GROUP TO ATTEND YOUTH RALLY THIS WEEK — Our prayers go with our Byzantine Youth Group who will be travelling to Latrobe, PA this week to attend the long-awaited Byzantine Youth Rally. We will have two representatives and one chaperone. May God grant them and our chaperone a safe trip as you represent our Parish and meet other Byzantine Catholic Teens throughout the U.S.A.

UNITED IN HOLY MATRIMONY — A Nuptial Ceremony and Wedding Divine Liturgy was celebrated Saturday afternoon, June 30, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. at (MR) Holy Ghost Church for **Joshua Steven McCusker and Rebecca Ann Stolarski**. Our parish family extends to Becky and Josh it's most sincere congratulations and prayerful best wishes as they begin their new life together as husband and wife. The couple will remain parishioners here at Holy Ghost Church. Their honeymoon will take place at a later date. May God grant them peace, health and salvation for many happy and blessed years! Na Mnohaja I Blahaja L'ita!



SCHOOL BASEMENT CLEANED THIS PAST WEEK — The School floor was cleaned and waxed this past week. The Maye & Maye Cleaning Services, Ambridge, PA, were chosen and contracted for this task. Considering the large amount of area concerned the cost was \$1,575.00. Your weekly contributions make it possible to keep our properties in satisfactory condition.



LAST WEEK TO REGISTER FOR ALTAR BOY FUN DAY — This annual archiepiscopal social event is slated for **Tuesday, July 31, 2018!** Open to all Altar Boys (elementary through high school), this exciting day sponsored by the Vocations Office is filled with tons of awesome activities around Pittsburgh to thank you for volunteering your time and service to the Church. Registration will take place at the school gym at 9:15 a.m. followed by the Divine Liturgy. After a lunch we will depart to the Pittsburgh Zoo. We will be attending a Pirate Baseball Game against the Chicago Cubs. Following the end of the game, we will board the buses and head back to Holy Ghost Church for pick up and departure home. Approximate time will be 11:00 p.m. Phone the church office to register (412) 771-3324. **There are forms to be filled out & sent to the Chancery no later than July 6th. No extra Zoo or Pirate Tickets will be ordered!**



Holy Ghost, Northside

RETIRED FORMER PASTOR MARKS BIRTHDAY — One of the longest assigned pastors of our Holy Ghost Church was **Monsignor Peter P. Tay**. Besides his pastoral duties, he was also assigned with Archiepiscopal duties at the Chancery. On July 7th, he will be observing a milestone 93rd Birthday! I'm sure that he would appreciate receiving a birthday card from you. Thank him for dedicating his life as a priest. His address: 1200 San Pedro, Pittsburgh, PA 15212. May God grant to His servant, the Priest, Monsignor Tay, health and happiness for many blessed years! Na Mnohaja I Blahaja L'ita!

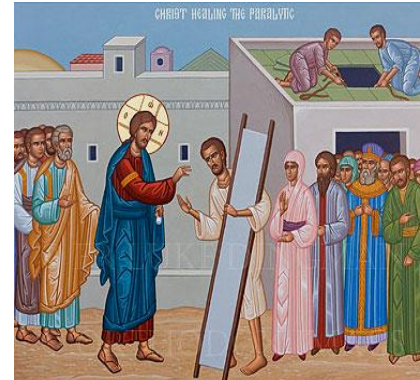


PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER — Many of you know our most recent retired priest, Archpriest Dennis M. Bogda. He has been ill for a lengthy amount of time and requests your prayers. He is currently in UPMC Montefiore Hospital (3459 5th Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15213). Please support him with a get-well card. Thank him for dedicating his life as a priest. Even if you don't know him personally send him a card and let him know you are from Holy Ghost Church.

6th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Trust that God will do the best — Read Matthew 9: 1-8

Those who brought the paralytic to Jesus did so because they believed in Him. It



was faith in Jesus that inspired them to come to Him. It was also love for their paralyzed friend that emboldened them to make their way through the crowd and bring him to Jesus. The carrying of the paralytic to Christ by his friends is an image of the Church. As members of the Body of Christ, we are called to carry our needy brethren to the Lord, through intercession and charity. St Paul says that we are to bear one another's burdens and thus fulfill the law of Christ (Gal. 6:2). At the same time, we have to accept the fact

that we often need others to carry us, since we too are afflicted and weak and needy, in constant need of forgiveness and healing. This is how the Lord wants his love to flow within the Church: when we happen to be strong, we are to carry others; when we are weak, others are to carry us. Jesus recognized both their faith in Him and their love for their paralyzed friend, yet what He first granted was not what they had originally come to Him for. They wanted physical healing, but Jesus first granted forgiveness of sins. When we encounter Jesus, we have to be prepared to let go of our presuppositions and expectations. He may manifest Himself in a way that runs counter to the image of Him we may have built up in our own thoughts and prayers. He may do things in our lives, in our souls, that we do not expect, and perhaps that we do not even like. He may upset our comfortable piety with a divine wake-up call that will leave us reeling and realizing that we didn't know it all after all, but were blind and ignorant until the light of Christ showed us both our sins and his glory. The paralytic wanted to walk, but Jesus took away his sins. Yet even if the paralytic was initially disappointed, he must have taken courage as Jesus told him to, and put his trust in the Lord. For Jesus did in fact give the man what he wanted, but only after giving him what *He* wanted to give, which was the most important thing. The lesson: Trust that God will do what is best!

Tip of the day: Jesus does not wait to see the faith of the ignorant ... Yet he does not refuse to help the faith of another, so that by grace alone he confers whatever is proper of the divine will (Chrysologus). In other words, bring others to prayer and place them at the feet of Christ!

Have a safe and Happy 4th of July Holiday!

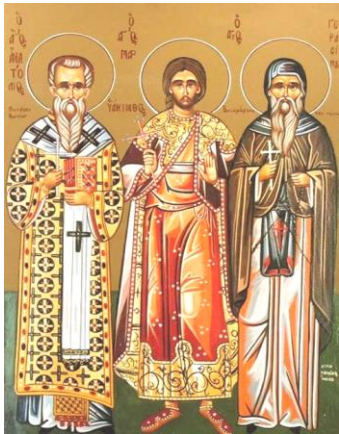
CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

July 4 A special (MR) 9:00 a.m. Patriotic Divine Liturgy.
 July 6-8 The Archeparchy is sponsoring its bi-annual Youth Rally, Latrobe, PA.
 July 20 Simple Holy Day: Feast of the Holy Prophet Elijah — Blessing of Vehicles.
 (MR) 9:00 a.m. & (NS) 6:00 p.m.
 July 31..... Archieparchial Altar-Server *Faith & Fun Day* — Altar Boys must contact Church Office
 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 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 MARTYR HYACINTH — July 3

Saint Hyacinth (the middle figure in the icon), a native of Caesarea in Cappadocia, was raised in a Christian family. The emperor Trajan made the boy his chamberlain, unaware that he was a secret Christian. One day, while the emperor and his entourage were offering sacrifice to idols, the young Hyacinth remained at the palace, shut himself up in a small room, and prayed fervently to the Lord Jesus Christ. One of the servants overheard him praying and denounced him to the emperor. He said that although Hyacinth was entrusted with an imperial position, he did not honor the Roman gods, and was secretly praying to Christ. Hyacinth was brought to trial before



Trajan, who tried to persuade him to deny Christ and sacrifice to the deaf and dumb idols, but the holy martyr remained steadfast and declared that he was a Christian. He was whipped and thrown into prison, where the only food given to him was what had already been offered to the idols. They hoped that he would be overcome with hunger and thirst and eat it. St Hyacinth did not eat the food, and he died after thirty-eight days. When they came to torture him again, they found his dead body. The jailer saw two angels in the cell. One covered the saint's body with his own garment, and the other placed a crown of glory on his head. The twelve-year-old Hyacinth suffered for Christ in the year 108 in the city of Rome. Later, the saint's relics were transferred to Caesarea. Our Byzantine Catholic Nuns of St. Claire in North Royalton, OH, now have his relics.

General Announcements

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION THIS PAST WEEK

This past Friday, June 29 was the **Feast of Preeminent Apostles Saints Peter and Paul**. It is one of five Holy Day of Obligations of the Byzantine Rite. The Canon Law of our Byzantine Catholic Church states: *“The Christian faithful are bound by the obligation to participate on Sundays and feast days (Holy Days of Obligation) at the Divine Liturgy”* (Canon 881#1); *“(the faithful) are recommended to receive the Divine Eucharist on these days ...”* (Canon 881 #3); *“and should abstain from those labors or business matters which impede the worship to be rendered to God”* (Canon 881 #4). Neglectful participation renders one guilty of mortal sin, therefore, unworthy to receive the Holy Eucharist, until one makes a worthy sacramental Confession of this voluntary neglect.



KENNYWOOD PARK: BYZANTINE CATHOLIC FAMILY DAY — Special discounted tickets are now available from GCU Secretary-Treasurer, Steve Puluka (412) 897-4650. Seniors (55+): \$14.00; for everyone else: \$24.00. Super Senior (70+): \$10.00. All tickets include entry into the Park and All-Day Ride. Byzantine Catholic Family Day is slated for **Thursday, July 26, 2018. Deadline for these discounted tickets is Sunday, JULY 8.** Please make checks payable to “GCU-Kennywood.” No Cash, please.

Tickets are also available for the Luncheon Buffet at a cost of \$15.00 (ages 11+); Jr. Luncheon \$8.00 (ages 3-10); and no charge ages 2 & under. Come join in the fun and set the day aside.

GCU LODGE 390 LENDS A HELPING HAND TO FISHER HOUSE — Our local GCU Lodge is continuing to collect items to help Pittsburgh's VA Fisher House. The Pittsburgh Fisher House is a 10-bedroom "home away from home" and provides a place for visiting families to stay, free of charge, while their loved ones receive inpatient medical care at VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System. The Pittsburgh Fisher House is professionally furnished and features a common kitchen, laundry facilities, spacious dining room, living room with a library, and toys for children. They are requesting assistance in keeping these areas stocked with supplies. Boxes will be placed at the side vestibule and narthex areas of both parishes for the **collection that will extend to August 5.** Needed items are listed on a stationery sheet near these boxes. Let's help our afflicted veterans and their families by supporting Lodge 390 in this collection! Thank you for those who are currently donating supplies!



SUMMER IS NOT A TIME TO VACATION FROM WORSHIPPING GOD — Now that Summer is here many will be vacationing. Please remember to keep the worship of God in your plans. The first Precept of the Church is to participate in the Divine Liturgy on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. *This does not exclude vacation time!* The place to worship God is at the Divine Liturgy. He is most kind and merciful, sustaining and gifting us in all that we have and need. *A voluntarily absence without serious reason makes one guilty of mortal sin, and unable to approach Holy Communion until the sinful neglect is confessed in the Holy Mystery of Reconciliation.* If you know that where you are traveling that there is no Catholic Church, please inform the Pastor so that a dispensation may be considered. You can download an app on your cell phone called **“Mass Times”** and find the nearest Byzantine, Roman, Maronite Rite, etc. Catholic Church to where you are staying.

