

Parish Offerings – 7th Sunday after Pentecost — July 8, 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 (\$1,795) YP (\$13.34)	\$1,808.34
Holy Days	66.00
Peter’s Pence	5.00
Votive Candles	151.55
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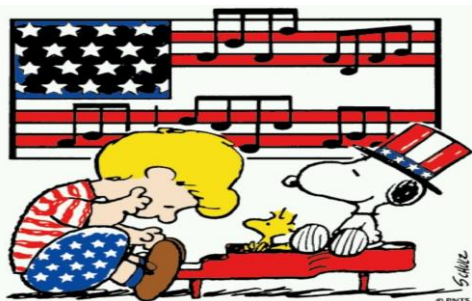
Holy Ghost Church, Northside

Regular Offering	\$426.00
Holy Days (\$40) Easter (\$10)	50.00
Utilities (\$100) Improvement (\$30)	130.00
Votive Candles (\$41) Seminary (\$10)	51.00
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	\$657.00

Church Attendance Last Week

(MR) Sat., 4:00 p.m. (43)

Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (80); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (47)



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THE 8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Fathers of the First 6 Councils — July 15, 2018



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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.
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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
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.
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GCU Lodge 390: (MR) Contact Tina Burns (412) 859-9597 for membership requirements.
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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
8th Sunday after Pentecost			
Fathers of the first Six Ecumenical Councils			
SUN., Jul 15	9:00 a.m. (MR)	+ Margo Family: +Andrew, Sr.+ Ilona + Andrew, Jr. + Anna + Mary + Kathryn + Helen + Elizabeth Marge & James Lautenschlager	
	11:00 a.m. (NS)	For the Parishioners of Both Parishes	
Mon, Jul 16	8:00 a.m. (MR)	+ Michael Howitz	Br. Regis, O.F.M.
Feast of the Blessed Bishop-Martyr Paul P. Gojdich, O.S.B.M.			
Tue, Jul 17	10:00 a.m. (MR)	+ Funeral Divine Liturgy of Eleanor Uram	
Wed, Jul 18	8:00 a.m. (MR)	+ Susan + Michael Baran	Dgr: Eleanor & Basil Gramata
Thrs, Jul 19	8:00 a.m. (MR)	+ Myrona Duggan (birthday)	Dorothy & + Sam Karpa

Feast of the Holy Glorious Prophet Elijah the Tishbite

Blessing of Vehicles — Simple Holy Day

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

Fri, Jul 20		9:00 a.m. (MR) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes	
		6:00 p.m. (NS) + Marian G. Weigand	Maureen G. Vereb (rescheduled from 7/14 due to funeral)

Sat, Jul 21	9:00 a.m. (MR)	+ Mary (Danks) Sisak	Michael B. Sisak Family
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Sunday anticipated Divine Liturgy of the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

4:00 p.m. (MR)	+ Helen P. Petak (4 th ann of passing 7/22)	Dgr: Marilyn Furman & Family
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9th Sunday after Pentecost

SUN., Jul 22	9:00 a.m. (MR)	Thanksgiving	Leonora & Greg Haffly (25 th wedding ann. 7/28)
	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

Jul 16 – Teresa Harsh; Jul 21 – Rick Deliman, Nancy Lecci, ROBERT SPONTAK, Andrea Usouski, Loraine (Bunny) Zavidny.

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

HARMERVILLE REHABILITATION HSP (320 Guys Run Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15238): Helen Hopey.

ALLEGHENY GENERAL HOSPITAL (320 E. North Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15212): Karen Hubal Meloni.

Public questions on Catholic spirituality, moral & spiritual problems

Q. Is it necessary to confess how many times one has sinned? **A. Catholic Answers Apologist:** To the best of your ability you should confess how many times you committed each grave sin. The Code of Canon Law is clear on this point: A member of the Christian faithful is obliged to confess in kind and number all grave sins committed after baptism and not yet remitted directly through the keys of the Church nor acknowledged in individual confession, of which the person has knowledge after diligent examination of conscience. If you don't know an exact number, you can give a best estimate or provide an approximation (e.g., "several times"). If you forget to do this or later remember additional occurrences of grave sins, your sins are still forgiven, but you should remember to acknowledge those sins at your next confession.

This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

July 15 — July 21, 2018

(MR): **Thanksgiving (60th Wedding Anniversary)**

offered by Dolores & Stephen Kosko

(NS): **In memory of Veronica Bauch**

(MR) NONE AVAILABLE FOR 2018

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



McKees Rocks Announcements

SYMPATHY EXTENDED — The *Spirit of Truth* announces the passing of **Nancy Ellen Terrek, 74**, of Banksville, PA, on Sunday, July 8, 2018. She was the niece of parishioner Mildred Terrek. Funeral arrangements were handled by the Valerian F. Szal Funeral Home, McKees Rocks. The Funeral Divine Liturgy was offered on Jul. 14 at 10:00 a.m. A private Interment will take place on July 16 at St. Mark Cemetery, Kennedy Township. Our parish offers it's most sincere condolences and prayerful solicitude for her immortal soul and for her family. In blessed repose, grant O Lord, to your servant, Nancy and remember her forever! Vicnaja Jej Pamjat'!



STATUE OF THE BLESSED MOTHER CLEANED — This over 60 year old figure of the Holy Virgin Mary located near the front entrance of the Church has been a long standing symbol of our parishioners love and devotion to her. Originally, it was located in the parking lot during the Holy Ghost School Days. Recently, following 5 days of experimenting with and using every product and procedure recommended, it is as clean as it's going to be. The church is grateful to Burt, Ron and Rich for tackling this project which was well overdue! Used were ammonia, chlorine and peroxide based stain removal products. Tried 100% chlorine bleach and peroxide solutions too! Used poultice packs for overnight bleaching effects. Even solicited a beautician (many thanks to her too) for donating a two part process bleaching agent that she uses to strip all the hair color from her clients. It still could not take out all the stains. Overall, it looks much better than before. Most Holy Mother of God, pray to God for us!



Holy Ghost, Northside

RECTORY WELCOMES NEW TEMPORARY RESIDENTS — As per our agreement with the Chancery, the rectory is now being occupied by **Fr. Adam Hortsman**, his wife: **Patricia (Trish)** and their four children: **Luke (10)** and **Leah (6)**, **Christine (4)** and **Henry (1)**. Also their medical K-9: Reuben They previously resided in South Carolina and will be awaiting assignment to a parish in the Pittsburgh Archeparchy. We welcome them to our Archeparchy, and pray that God will grant them many happy and blessed years! Mnohaja I Blahaja L'ita'!



FORMER PASTOR EXPRESSES GRATITUDE — Monsignor Peter Tay, retired priest of our Archeparchy, and former pastor, wishes to thank each of you for your cards and pledges of prayers as he celebrated his 93rd birthday! God Bless you!

*I've
So much to be
THANKFUL
for*

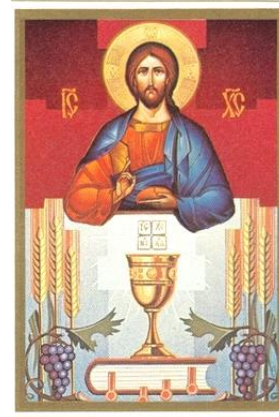
AMAZON PRIME DAY HELPS OUR UNIONTOWN SISTERS — Amazon's 4th Annual Prime Day is slated for this **Tuesday, July 17, 2018**. It is featuring one-of-a-kind deals exclusively for Prime Members. Your shopping makes a difference. Amazon donates to our Basilian Sisters when you shop Prime Day Deals with the code: smile.amazon.com/ch/25-1053502. It's a good way to support the Sisters of the Order of St. Basil the Great,



8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Fathers of the First 6 Ecumenical Councils — (John 17: 1-13)

Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils *Catholic Encyclopedia -- HISTORICAL SKETCH OF ECUMENICAL COUNCILS* --- The present article deals chiefly with the theological and canonical questions concerning councils which are Ecumenical in the strict sense above defined. Special articles give the history of each important synod under the



head of the city or see where it was held. In order, however, to supply the reader with a basis of fact for the discussion of principles of six of the twenty-one Ecumenical councils with a brief statement of the purpose of each.

First Ecumenical Council: Nicea I (325) – The Council of Nicea lasted two months and twelve days. Three hundred and eighteen bishops were present. Hosius, Bishop of Cordova, assisted as legate of Pope Sylvester I. The Emperor Constantine was also present. To this council we owe The Creed of Nicea, defining against Arius the true Divinity of the Son of God, and the fixing of the date for keeping Easter.

Second Ecumenical Council: Constantinople I (381) – The First General Council of Constantinople, under Pope Damasus and the Emperor Theodosius I, was attended by 150 bishops. It was directed against the followers of

Macedonius, who impugned the Divinity of the Holy Ghost. To the above-mentioned Nicene Creed it added the clauses referring to the Holy Ghost and all that follows to the end.

Third Ecumenical Council: Ephesus (431) — The Council of Ephesus, of more than 200 bishops, presided over by St. Cyril of Alexandria representing Pope Celestine I, defined the true personal unity of Christ, declared Mary the Mother of God (*Theotokos*) against Nestorius, Bishop of Constantinople, and renewed the condemnation of Pelagius.

Fourth Ecumenical Council: Chalcedon (451) — The Council of Chalcedon -- 150 bishops under Pope Leo the Great and the Emperor Marcian -- defined the two natures (Divine and human) in Christ against Eutyches, who was excommunicated.

Fifth Ecumenical Council: Constantinople II (553) — The Second General Council of Constantinople, of 165 bishops under Pope Vigilius and Emperor Justinian I, condemned the errors of Origen and certain writings (The Three Chapters) of Theodoret, of Theodore, Bishop of Mopsuestia and of Ibas, Bishop of Edessa; it further confirmed the first four general councils, especially that of Chalcedon whose authority was contested by some heretics.

Sixth Ecumenical Council: Constantinople III (680-681) — The Third General Council of Constantinople, under Pope Agatho and the Emperor Constantine Pogonatus, was attended by the Patriarchs of Constantinople and of Antioch, 174 bishops, and the emperor. It put an end to Monothelism by defining two wills in Christ, the Divine and the human, as two distinct principles of operation. It anathematized Sergius, Pyrrhus, Paul, Macarius, and all their followers.

“The preaching of the Apostles and the teachings of the Fathers have confirmed the one faith of the Church, which she wears as a garment of truth, woven from the theology on high, as she faithfully imparts and glorifies the great mystery of devotion” (Kondakion of the Feast).

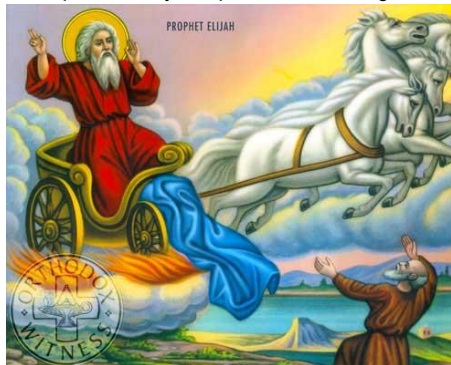
CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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*.
- 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 (details forthcoming in next issue).
- 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 Prophet Elijah the Tishbite — July 20 Simple Holy Day — Faithful are encouraged to attend the Divine Liturgy

Of all the Old Testament prophets it was St. Elijah (Greek: Elias) the Tishbite who, in a special way, captured the imagination of our Byzantine Slav people in Eastern Europe. The prophet, whose name means "strength of the Lord" was a man aflame with the fire of the love of God and was uncompromising in his faithfulness to the one true God. He was a powerful and courageous figure who had been given power over the elements: rain, wind, fire, etc. St. Elijah lived during the reign of Ahab, the seventh king of Israel (875-854 B.C.). The king had married Jezebel, the pagan daughter of the king of Tyre. She brought with her hundreds of pagan prophets (ritual priests) to Samaria and introduced the worship of the Phoenician deity, Melkart, also known under the general name of Baal. Apart from the sacrifices they offered as part of their priestly function, they observed a special ritual dance accompanied by musical instruments. Every spring they had a ceremony of fire to mark the awakening of their god who had slept through the winter. They enkindled a great fire from which the god was supposed to renew his strength. During this time, the priest-prophets of Baal danced and whirled faster and faster in a frenzy, even to wounding themselves with swords and spears on their arms and legs. Under the influence of Queen Jezebel the true prophets of Israel were persecuted and the Israelites became divided in their loyalty between Baal and Yahweh. They thought they could worship both, the God of their fathers and the pagan god, Baal, whom the Queen favored. Elijah's strong and determined opposition to this divided loyalty earned for him the hatred of the queen. St. Elijah's loyalty to God and uncompromising faithfulness is a model for those who are straddling between loyalty to God and to the world.



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General Announcements

FEAST OF BLESSED PAUL P. GOJDICH, OSBM — Tuesday, July 17 marks his Martyrdom Feast. He excelled in knowing, loving and serving God. While in prison he excelled in



holiness, and was reportedly gifted with bilocation, levitation and the stigmata of the Lord. He prayed for only two favors: (1) to pass peacefully to the Lord on his birthday, and (2) to have a priest near his side to anoint him with the Sacrament. Both requests were answered on July 17, 1960 just after 12 o'clock midnight. He was buried quickly in an uncommon grave with only a number to signify the placement of his mortal remains. He was beatified by the late Pope John Paul II on November 4, 2001. His relics were transferred to the Presov Cathedral where they remain for veneration to this day. He was posthumously awarded with the prestigious decree

"*Righteous Among the Nations*" by the Hebraic Community due to his role in saving thousands of Jewish people from extermination during World War II. Let us whole-heartedly resolve to pray daily for his immediate Canonization. The meaning of the O.S.B.M. is "The Order of St. Basil Monastery."

HOLY DAY & BLESSING OF VEHICLES — This Friday, July 20, is the **Feast of the Holy Prophet. Elijah the Tishbite.** It is an annual custom of our Byzantine Catholic Church to bless vehicles on this day. This beautiful memorial arose from the fact that near the end of his life the Lord sent a fiery chariot from heaven to take Elijah away. This happened in the presence of his disciple Elisha to whom was given double the power of his mentor to carry on the ministry. Since our vehicles are "as fast as the wind" as indicated in the prayer blessing, we pray that God will protect us from harm, and at the same time praise and thank God for this gift to be able to glorify Him by assisting us in the service of God and neighbor. Please come for the blessing following each Divine Liturgy on **July 20 @ 9:00 a.m. (MR) and 6:00 p.m. (NS).**



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.



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!

