

Parish Offerings – 10th Sunday after Pentecost — July 29, 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	\$1,405.00
Holy Days	15.00
Votive Candles	103.00
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	\$1,523.00

Holy Ghost Church, Northside

Regular Offering	\$811.00
Holy Days	5.00
Utilities	20.00
Votive Candles	48.00
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	\$884.00

Church Attendance Last Week

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

Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (60); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (34)



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

THE 11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
 Prefestive of the Transfiguration — August 5, 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.

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

August 5, 2018

Seasonal Greeting

Volume VIII, Number 31



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



Liturgical Services for the Week

Date **Time** **Intention** **Requested By**

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Prefestive of the Transfiguration of Our Lord — Within the Savioral 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

Transfiguration of Our Lord, God & Savior

Jesus Christ — Solemn Holy Day

Solemn Blessing of Grapes & Other Fruits — Mirovanije

Mon, Aug 6 9:00 a.m. (MR) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes
6:00 p.m. (NS) + August J. Manfredro Wife: Olga & Family

Tue, Aug 7 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Charles Kundrat M/M Michael Ferrell

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



Wed, Aug 8 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Mary Kotik Marilyn Ciangiarulo

The Holy Apostle Matthias

Thrs, Aug 9 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Mary Kundrat Theresa Kundrat

REQUIRED SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat) or Equivalent Penance (your choice)
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Fri, Aug 10 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Edward Zoytak Wife: Florence
(2nd ann of passing 8/11)

Sat, Aug 11 9:00 a.m. (NS) + Andrew Latta Irene & Ron Reid

Sunday anticipated Divine Liturgy of the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

JESUS 4:00 p.m. (MR) + Irene Bilak Michael Maslaney
(10th ann of passing 8/11)

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Postfestive of the Transfiguration — Within the Savioral Fast

SUN., Aug 12 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Robert + George Wolsko Wife & Dgtr-in-law: Anita
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 5 – Judy Wovchko; **Aug 7** – Carol Lipchick; **Aug 9** – Russell Keller, Frank Lipchick, Gregory Rosko; **Aug 10** – Betty Wickline.

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

HOME: Irene Bordas, Margaret Beliuonas, 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.

LUTHERAN SENIORLIFE (500 Wittenberg Way, Mars PA 16046): William Zavidny.

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 recently went to confession, received absolution, and did my penance. Subsequently I remembered something I did years ago that I never confessed. Am I absolved of that one as well? If the sin was mortal, does that need to be addressed specifically? **A. Answer by a Catholic Apologist:** So long as you intended to confess all your mortal sins and otherwise make a good confession, then the sacrament was valid, and you were forgiven all your mortal sins. The fact that afterward you remembered another one does not mean that you are in a state of mortal sin. The Code of Canon Law states, "A member of the Christian faithful is obliged to confess in kind and in number all grave sins committed after baptism and not yet directly remitted through the keys of the Church nor acknowledged in individual confession, of which one is conscious after diligent examination of conscience". Since you remembered this grave sin, you should mention it in your next confession.

This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

August 5 — August 11, 2018

(MR): **In memory of Loretta & Andrew Yakubik**

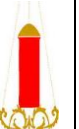
offered Dgtr: Evelyn

(NS): **In memory of Andy Staskus**

(MR) NONE AVAILABLE FOR 2018

offered by Niece: Joan Senchyshyn

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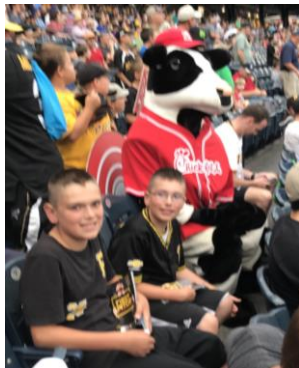


McKees Rocks Announcements

PARISHIONER VETERAN HONORED IN KENNEDY TOWNSHIP — The next time that you are traveling on McCoy Road & North Vireo in Kennedy look for the telephone pole to see a young Army soldier who served our Country during the Korean War. It is our **parishioner and Church Usher, Peter (Pete) Kacsur**. Our parish is proud of our veterans and we salute Pete and all veterans, especially, of Holy Ghost Church who have served in the military. If there are any other parish military veterans whose banner is posted, please contact the church office, and we'll also put a picture of it in an upcoming S.O.T.Church Bulletin.



LAST WEEK'S ALTAR BOY FAITH & FUN DAY — Last Tuesday, July 31st, our Holy Ghost



Parish hosted another annual Archdiocesan Altar Boy Faith & Fund Day. There were approximately 50 servers and 10 parent-chaperones who attended. The day was sponsored by the Office of Vocations and concluded by attending the Pirates-Cubs Games at PNC Park on the Northshore. We were especially honored to have the Chick Filet Cow graze in our midst! Posing next to the cow were our very own altar servers, **Paul & Thomas Rubish**. The Buccos won the game-thriller 5-4. The day commenced with a 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy followed by lunch. We then boarded the two school buses that took us to the Pittsburgh Zoo, before heading to the ball yard.

Holy Ghost, Northside

WATER PROBLEMS STILL OCCURING — In order to keep down costs from the incoming of water from the outside drain to the Church's men's room, we acquired a mechanical snake to open upon a clogged outside drain causing the problem. It helped temporarily, but due to more rain this past week, the problem returned. We are hiring Mertz Plumbing this week to come with a camera-snake to identify the source of the blockage. They helped solve our school water problem in McKees Rocks. Just to pin-point the problem will cost us \$150.00. Let us pray that this may not be an expensive project.



CONTINUATION OF THE SAVIORAL FAST — From **August 1 to August 14**, the Byzantine



Catholic Church exhorts us to prepare ourselves for the Feast of the Mother of God's Dormition (Aug. 15) which is a Holy Day of Obligation. This minor penitential time is referred to as the "Savioral Fast (Spasovka)," since it falls within the celebration of Jesus' Transfiguration. The liturgical service traditionally offered at this time is the Paraklis. It gives us an opportunity to beseech God through the Theotokos for consolation and petition. The theme centers on the petition. "Most Holy Mother of God, save us."

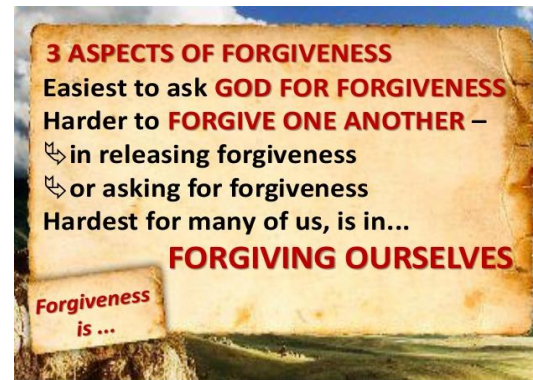
Following each of the daily Divine Liturgies we will offer a portion of this service for all our family, relatives and friends who have left our church that they may return for the sake of their salvation. Come join us and offer your reception of Holy Communion for this intention. May this petition on behalf of our loved ones bring us consolation.

11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

An Important Lesson on Forgiveness from the Fathers of the Church

(Matthew 18: 23-35)

The beautiful mystery of seventy-seven is this: in that special number all sins of all generations were symbolized as having been forgiven. Since no generation was omitted, no generation misses out on the full gift of divine forgiveness in the cross. So



also should we learn to forgive each other to the same extent that God has fully forgiven us. The frequency of pardon shows us there is never a time for anger, since God pardons us for all sins in their entirety by his gift rather than by our merit (Hilary of Poitiers).

In today's Gospelparable, the unmerciful servant had lost a vast amount. Much

had been loaned and entrusted to him, but he had brought no gain to his master (Origen). The master's teaching purpose was to show him with all justice precisely how much debt he was going to free him from. In this way at least he might in due time become more gentle toward his fellow servant. Yet, even having learned of the weight of his debt and the greatness of the forgiveness, he continued to seize his fellow servant by the throat (Chrysostom). The forced sale of his wife and family portrays metaphorically utter separation from the joys of God (Cyril of Alexandria). God created us from nothing and made the whole visible world for us. To us alone he breathed a living soul. Yet after all this, when humanity proved ungrateful toward its benefactor, God thought us worthy of an even greater gift: forgiveness (Chrysostom). God forgives our immense debt often thousand talents on the proviso that we **ourselves release our fellow servants from the paltry hundred denarii, from the few minor faults they have committed against us** (Cyril of Alexandria). The king in the parable is the Son of God, and the kingdom belongs to the one who incomparably defines kingship itself and makes it possible (Origen). Compare the two servants: one was indebted for ten thousand talents, the other for a pittance. One was merely dealing with his fellow servant, while the other was dealing with his lord. The one received entire forgiveness, the other asked for delay (Chrysostom). The story demands two things of us: to remember our own faults and not to bear a grudge against one who stumbles (Apollinaris).

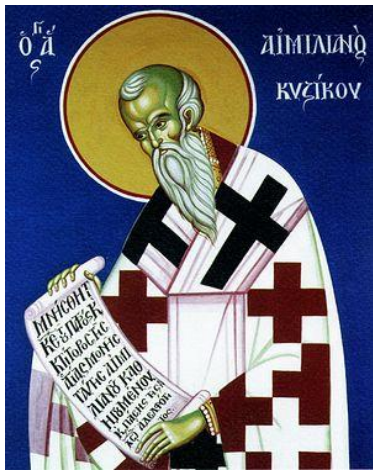
Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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 p.m.
 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. – 6:00 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 Venerable Father Emilian the Confessor Bishop of Cyzicus — August 8



Emilian was born sometime in the middle 8th century. Not much is known about his upbringing; the first time we see him in the historical record is as Bishop of the island community of Cyzicus, Turkey by the Sea of Marmara near Constantinople that connects the Black Sea with the Aegean. Bishop Emilian was among the bishops summoned to the council called by Nicephorus. Another famous attendee at the council was St. Theodore the Studite. At this meeting, Leo the Armenian addressed the Greek episcopate and asked them to cease promoting the veneration of images. St. Emilian was the first bishop to speak up against the emperor, and the meeting ended

in discord. A period of intense persecution followed; Patriarch Nicephorus saw his power drastically reduced, and Leo ordered all icons removed from churches. Some monks and bishops protested. St. Emilian, after withstanding Leo and refusing to carry out his edict, was arrested in 815 and sent into exile. Other ecclesiastics fled west and sought refuge with the papal court. Emilian's exile was a severe cross, as he was beaten and tormented regularly by his captors. Once, his captors burned a blasphemous phrase into the flesh of his forehead using a hot iron. His flesh was so wracked and tormented with beatings and burning that it began to rot while still attached to his body. Eventually, Emilian succumbed to his torments and on August 8, 820 a.m. entered eternal rest.

St. Emilian, tormented because of your faithfulness to Church Teaching, pray for us!

General Announcements

GCU LODGE 390 MEETING TODAY — All members are urged to attend this third quarterly meeting this afternoon at **2:00 PM**. The meeting will be held in the Church Basement of the MR Church. GCU'S CEO, George Juba will be at the meeting to address the convention referendum ballot situation. The meeting may be a little longer. Sandwiches will be served. 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): 1- 605-



472-5351 access code: 451303#. If you have and questions or comments, contact Lodge 390 Secretary-Treasurer Steve Puluka at steve@puluka.com.

BLESSING OF SCHOOL CHILDREN & TEACHERS NEXT WEEKEND — Following each of the Divine Liturgies **next 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.



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 next Sunday, Aug. 12.**



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.



Bring grapes and fruits to the Transfiguration Holy Day to be solemnly blessed!