

Parish Offerings – 14th Sunday after Pentecost — August 26, 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

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| Regular Offering (\$1,670) YP (\$1) | \$1,671.00 |
| Holy Days | 90.00 |
| Special Donation (by Gary Moran) | 100.00 |
| Votive Candles | 106.50 |
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| | \$1,967.50 |

Holy Ghost Church, Northside

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| Regular Offering | \$1,662.00 |
| Utilities | 20.00 |
| Votive Candles | 15.50 |
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| | \$1,697.50 |

Church Attendance Last Week

(MR) Sat., 4:00 p.m. (38)

Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (75); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (25)

Beheading: St. John Baptist — Wed, Aug 29; (MR) 9:00 a.m. (11); (NS) 6:00 p.m. (8)



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 McKEES ROCKS, PA 15136
 PITTSBURGH, PA 15212

THE 15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Labor Day Weekend — September 2, 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

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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 Bob Bartko: rbartko@gmail.com..

Carpatho-Rusyn Radio Broadcast: Every Sunday from 2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. WPIT 730 AM.

Social Hall Rental for (MR) Parishioners: Contact Rectory Office: (412) 771-3324.

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).

September 2, 2018

Seasonal Greeting

Volume VIII, Number 35



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



Liturgical Services for the Week

Date Time Intention Requested By

15th Sunday after Pentecost

84th Annual Uniontown Pilgrimage, Mt. St. Macrina

SUN., Sept 2 9:00 a.m. (MR) + June Muska Joseph A. Cehula, T.O. Carm.

11:00 a.m. (NS) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes



Annual Labor Day

Mon Sept 3 *8:00 a.m. (MR) + Mary Fedorowich Dgtr: + Joyce D. Ray

Tue, Sept 4 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Anna J. Kinzler Dgtr: Susan Kushner
(4th ann of passing)

Wed, Sept 5 8:00 a.m. (MR) + George W. Hornak Sister: Helena Barth & Family
(3rd ann of passing)

Thrs, Sept 6 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Jennie E. Timulak + Ms. Chris Nosal
(5th ann of passing)

REQUIRED SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat) or Equivalent Penance (your choice)

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

Fri, Sept 7 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Margaret "Peg" Krulac Margaret Cifrukulac

Anticipated Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos

6:00 p.m. (NS) + Catherine Frketick Dgtr: Joyce Smiechowski

Nativity of the Holy Theotokos

Solemn Holy Day — Mirovanije

REQUIRED SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat) or Equivalent Penance (your choice)

for the intention of reparation of sins within the Catholic Church

Sat, Sept 8 9:00 a.m. (MR) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes

Anticipated Divine Liturgy of the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost — Postfestive of Theotokos's Nativity

4:00 p.m. (MR) + Debra Ann Palahunik Dorothy + Sam Karpa

16th Sunday after Pentecost

SUN., Sept 9 9:00 a.m. (MR) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes

11:00 a.m. (NS) + Betty + Jay Mowery Dgtr: Barbara "Babs" Mowery

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

Sept 3 – Timothy Kacsur; Sept 4 – Lynn Kacsur; Elizabeth Petruna; Sept 5 – Debra Charochak; Sept 6 – Irene Palahunik; Sept 7 – George Rosko, Dennis Safranko, ANNA TOTH; Sept 8 – AMBERLY VALERIANO.

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

HOME: Irene Bordas, 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 Dr., Sewickley, PA 15143): Helen M. Kriska, Marjorie Pregnanz.

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.

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

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

OHIO VALLEY HOSPITAL (25 Heckel Road, McKees Rocks, PA 15136): Margaret Belinas.

Public questions on Catholic spirituality, moral & spiritual problems

Q. Does the Catholic Church teach that someone dying with mortal sin always goes to hell? With so many unexpected deaths, accidents, there must be a second chance to say "I'm sorry." **A. Answer by a Catholic Apologist:** At the last moment it may be possible to repent. But some people die so quickly that they may not have that moment. If a person dies as God's enemy — which is what we are in mortal sin—then he goes to hell by his own choice. Most of us have had a lifetime to choose him

This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

September 2, 2018 — September 8, 2018

(MR): In memory of the Margo Family

offered by Margaret & James Lautenschlager

(NS): In memory of George Krulac

(MR) NOW AVAILABLE FOR 2019 offered by Dgtr: Barbara & Peter Stecko (NS) NOW AVAILABLE FOR 2019

McKees Rocks Announcements

KENNYWOOD PIROHI FEST FORTHCOMING — Sunday, September 23, 2018 is the



Pirohi Festival at Kennywood. Our church will be participating in this festival, and selling our renowned pirohi! As a member of Holy Ghost Church, all parishioners can purchase tickets at 50% off. If you are interested in going, tickets can be purchased online at:

www.showclix.com/event/the-pittsburgh-pierogi-festival812210. Upon checking out, enter this code in the coupon code field to get the 50% off: PIEROGICHURCH2018. Full price tickets are: Adult (Ages 13+): \$24.00, Children

(Ages 3-12): \$12.00; using this coupon code will reduce your ticket cost to \$12.00 & \$6.00; Children 2 and under are free! Questions: Contact Tam Revtai (412) 480-3707.

Holy Ghost, Northside

GROUNDS CLEANUP SLATED FORTHCOMING — SAVE THE DATE — The weeds

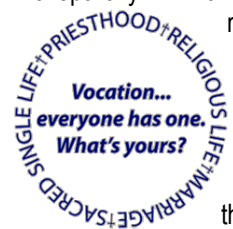
and bushes surrounding our Holy Ghost Church really need attention. We can't do it without your cooperation! We surely need your help on **Saturday, September 29, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to noon**. To keep our grounds tidied encourages our neighbors to have civic pride and demonstrates that we care for God's Church and the important gift it is to the community. We need you!!! If you have any relatives needing extra credit for a scouting project or for school, our pastor will be happy to sign a form for them. Due to a lack of space, we are announcing this same event for our **McKees Rocks Church on Saturday, September 22, 2018**. Same format.



HERE IS AN UPDATE FROM THE OFFICE OF VOCATIONS — This academic year, the

Archeparchy will have 4 students in the seminary studying for the priesthood. Please remember in prayer: Deacon Tom Wells (final year), Seminarian Kyprian Wojciechowski (2nd theology), Seminarian Robert Jones (2nd theology), & Seminarian John Welch (1st theology). **As of now, I am working with 9 candidates who are in the application process for the School of Diaconate Studies which begins in June 2019. There is one candidate who is completing his fourth year of the deacon program. **There were 36 altar servers from around the

Archeparchy who participated in the annual *Faith & Fun Day*. Clergy, parents, and chaperones also participated. **There were 7 responses from the "Called By Name" Program this past April that were submitted. Letters were sent to the nominees. I plan to stay in touch with them. **There are several perspective seminarians for the fall of the 2019 seminary year. Some have begun the application process. One candidate has completed it and has been accepted by Metropolitan Archbishop William. If you have any interested candidates in your parish(s), it is not too early to start the application for the fall of 2019. — Fr. Kevin Marks, Archieparchiel Vocation Director.



15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Love God, Love Neighbor in that Order

Gospel meditation: By the late Msgr. Eugene Chromoga (Mt. 22: 35-46)

A Scribe questioned Jesus: "Master, which is **the greatest commandment** in the Law? This subject was often debated in the rabbinic school. It was a real issue among the Jewish people. Jesus replied: "You must love the Lord your God with your whole heart and your whole soul, and your whole mind. This is the greatest and the chief commandment. The second is like it, you must love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments the whole law and the prophets depend."



Jesus quoted the Book of Deuteronomy (6:5) for the first commandment. This verse is the first part of the "Shema," the basic creed of Judaism. Every Jewish service opens with this sentence. It is also the first text every Jewish child memorizes. It is contained in the "Phylacteries" the tiny leather boxes devout Jews wear on their foreheads and their wrists when they pray. This is intended to remind of this creed in prayer. The "Shema" is also placed in a little round box called the "Mesurah" and fixed to each door in every Jewish house. They touch this whenever they come in or out to remind them of God. **The second commandment** which Jesus quotes is from the Book of Leviticus (19:18). Man is made to the image and likeness of God. It is for this reason we are to love one another. If we take the love of God away, the love of neighbor becomes sentimentality. Jesus was the first to put these two commandments together. But the love of God comes first. This is the first and greatest commandment; we must love God with our total love, a love which rules over our emotions, a love which directs our thoughts and a love which controls all our actions. It is a total commitment of self to God. Our love of neighbor is based on our love of God. It is only when we love God that people become lovable. Love of our fellowman is a sign of love for God.

A Short History of Labor Day

The first Labor Day was celebrated on **September 5, 1882**, in New York City, when 10,000 workers marched from city hall to Union Square. Those who participated took a day off without pay and voiced their demands. In 1884, the first Monday in September was selected as the official holiday, and the Central Labor Union, who organized the first Labor Day, encouraged organizations in other cities to celebrate the workingman's holiday on that specific date. The concept spread throughout the country and was celebrated in most major industrial cities. The first state law recognizing Labor Day was passed by Oregon in 1887.

That same year, four more states, Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey and New York, recognized Labor Day. **By 1894**, a total of 28 states have adopted the holiday, and in June Congress passed a federal act, making the first Monday in September a legal holiday. *President Grover Cleveland signed the bill* right after sending troops to quell a strike against the Pullman railroad company. Have a Happy and Safe Labor Day!

LABOR DAY



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

September 1-2 84th Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of our Lady of Perpetual Help, Mt. St. Macrina
 September 7 Vigil Divine Liturgy of the Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos: (NS) 6:00 p.m..
 September 8 Solemn Holy Day: Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos: (MR) 9:00 a.m.
 Commencement of the New Ensemble Year for Slavjane at the (MR) 4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy.
 September 8-9 (MR) Coffee Social commences following the weekend Divine Liturgies.
 September 9..... Archieparchial Celebration of Marriage for Jubilarians, St. Elias Church, Munhall @ 3:00 pm
 September 16 Catechetical Sunday & Commissioning of the Catechists. Beginning of ECF school year
 September 16-18 Archieparchial Assembly 2018.
 September 22 MR Church grounds cleanup from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.
 September 23 Holy Ghost Pirohi Project to participate in Kennywood Park Pierogi Feast.
 September 29 NS Church grounds cleanup from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.
 October 1 Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos – (MR) 9:00 a.m.; (NS) 6:00 p.m.

Solemn Holy Day This Week — Sept 8 Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos



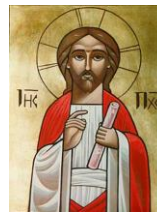
The Holy Virgin Mary was born of aged parents, Joachim and Anne. Her father was of the lineage of David, and her mother of the lineage of Aaron. Thus, she was of royal birth by her father, and of priestly birth by her mother. In this, she foreshadowed Him Who would be born of her as King and High Priest. Her parents were quite old and had no children. Because of this they were ashamed before men and humble before God. In their humility they prayed to God with tears, to bring them joy in their old age by giving them a child, as He had once given joy to the aged Abraham and his wife Sarah by giving them Isaac. The Almighty and All-seeing God rewarded them with a joy that surpassed all their expectations and all their most beautiful dreams. For

He gave them not just a daughter, but the Mother of God. He illumined them not only with temporal joy, but with eternal joy as well. God gave them just one daughter, and she would later give them just one grandson-but what a daughter and what a Grandson! Mary, Full of grace, Blessed among women, the Temple of the Holy Spirit, the Altar of the Living God, the Table of the Heavenly Bread, the Ark of God's Holiness, the Tree of the Sweetest Fruit, the Glory of the race of man, the Praise of womanhood, the Fount of virginity and purity-this was the daughter given by God to Joachim and Anne. She was born in Nazareth, and at the age of three, was taken to the Temple in Jerusalem. In her young womanhood she returned again to Nazareth, and shortly thereafter heard the Annunciation of the Holy Archangel Gabriel concerning the birth of the Son of God, the Savior of the world, from her most-pure virgin body.

Come Let Us Honor Her at the Divine Liturgy!!! Check the liturgical schedule! — Most Holy Theotokos, Save Us!!!!

General Announcements

ECCLESIASTICAL NEW YEAR THIS WEEK — Our Church has marked the commencement of a brand New Year **yesterday, Sept. 1**. It is referred to as THE YEAR OF INDICTION. In the Byzantine Empire 312 AD., the civil year began on Sept. 1. An "indiction" was a reoccurring cycle of 15 years and used for determining periods of time. *It is believed that Jesus began his public Ministry on this day.* Thus, the Byzantine Catholic Church continues to commemorate a new liturgical year at this time! **Let us make a resolution to attend ALL SUNDAYS & HOLY DAYS in this NEW (CHURCH) YEAR!**



84th ANNUAL UNIONTOWN PILGRIMAGE — Labor Day weekend is just about here. This has always been a time to make an Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help at Mount Saint Macrina. It is there that we present our petitions before Our Blessed Mother for our needs and supplicate her assistance. We all have needs and/or something to be thankful for. Make the sacrifice and attend the Otpust (Pilgrimage) this year on **Saturday, September 1** and/or **Sunday, September 2, 2018**. Make it a point to be a pilgrim and attend for a specific intention (thanksgiving, special intention, health, an act of penance, etc.) See the flyer in the narthex of the church!



RESERVATIONS CONTINUE FOR DL & SANCTUARY LAMPS — Divine Liturgy and Sanctuary Lamp reservation dates continue to be taken on a first come, first serve basis. Due to a high demand of both of these areas only two weekends of each will be accepted. When the demand subsides you will be able to reserve additional weekend dates. Place your intention and \$10.00 stipend (per candle/DL) in a regular white envelope with requested date(s) and place it in the collection basket. You may reserve unlimited weekday DL's! Please don't wait or you'll be late!!!



NEW STUDENT ENROLLMENT FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES — Our *Eastern Christian Formation* Classes will be commencing enrollment for two weeks. This program ranges from Pre-School through Senior High. These sessions are open to students from both parishes. Registration follows all Divine Liturgies today and next week. Catechetical Sunday and the First Day of Classes is slated in the MR Parish on **Sunday, September 16, 2018** following the 9:00 a.m. (MR) DL. Parents, please enroll your children in this important program! Call Coordinator, Steve Puluka (412) 897-4650.



SLAVJANE COMMENCING NEW SEASON — Slavjane will be attending the Divine Liturgy next **Saturday, September 8, 2018** at the 4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy in order to implore God for the Aid of the All-Holy Spirit as they began their new year. This very talented Rusyn Ensemble has been a part of the Pittsburgh Archeparchy with its home at (MR) Holy Ghost Church for several years. It continues to keep alive this cultural dynamic from the Old Country where the founders of our Byzantine-Rusyn (Ruthenian) Catholic Churches had its genesis. We offer special prayers that its legacy will continue and that the joy they manifest through song, instrumental expression and dance may give glory to God, and sustain our cherished heritage. Students wishing to join Slavjane may contact Bob Bartko at rbartko@gmail.com for membership requirements and complete a membership form.

