Parish Offerings – 18th Sunday after Pentecost — September 23, 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)

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Regular Offering (\$1,560.00) YP (\$30)	\$1,590.00
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Votive Candles	
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Regular Offering	\$408.00
Utilities	65.00
Votive Candles	65.00
	\$538.00

Church Attendance Last Week

(MR) Sat., 4:00 p.m. (48) Visit of Serra Club & Seminarians Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (109); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (33)





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THE 19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 30, 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.

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: (724) 779-0915. 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 30, 2018

Seasonal Greeting

Volume VIII, Number 39



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



Liturgical Services for the Week

Date Time Requested By

19th Sunday after Pentecost

SUN., Sept 30

9:00 a.m. (MR) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes **11:00 a.m.** (NS) + John Spontak Son: Robert & Jovce

Intention

(15th ann of passing 10/2)

The Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos

Patroness of the Metropolitan Providence — Solemn Holy Day — Mirovanije

9:00 a.m. (MR) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes MON., OCT 1

6:00 p.m. (NS) + Michael Sotak, Jr.

Wife: Jane

8:00 a.m. (MR) Special Intention Tue. Oct 2

Wed, Oct. 3 8:00 a.m. (MR) + John J. Straskulic (memorial)

Anonymous

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

Thrs, Oct 4 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Fr. David Molczewski, O.F.M. Br. Regis, O.F.M.

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, Oct 5 8:00 a.m. (MR) Health & Welfare of Howard Manns Deb Charochak 6:00 p.m. (MR) Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary

First Saturday of the month in reparation for blasphemies against the Immaculate Heart of Mary Sat. Oct 6 9:00 a.m. (NS) Health & Welfare Jane R. Sotak

Anticipated Divine Liturgy of the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost 4:00 p.m. (MR) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes

20th Sunday after Pentecost

SUN., Oct 7 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Tim Lutter Sister-in-law: Lydia & Charles Sell

11:00 a.m. (NS) + Mary + Frank Firko, Sr. (wed ann 10/2) Grandson: Fr. Firko

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

Oct 1 - Nanine Cifrulak, Frank Grzywinski, Stephen Krempasky, KIMBERLY VALERIANO; Oct 2 - BETTY LORINC; Oct 3 - Helenea Connor, James Eberle, George Verner; Oct 4 -MaryEllen Oslick, Hayden Spisak, Steven Usouski; Oct 6 - Marcia Babin, Erin Bates.

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

HOME: Margaret Beliunas, Irene Bordas, MARY ANN CONTI, Andrew Drukalsky, Ilona Goyda, Beverly Harsh, Helen Hopey, MARTHA LUCAS, OLGA MANFREDO, John Marks, 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 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.

Public questions on Catholic spirituality, moral & spiritual problems

Q. If the Eucharist is really Christ, shouldn't it heal sick or wounded people who receive it? A. Catholic Answers Apologist: Not necessarily. By that reasoning, the sacrament of baptism should accomplish the same thing, because we receive God in his divinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—in receiving baptism. And while baptism washes away our sins and gives us the gift of sanctifying grace—and there is nothing greater than that—the healing of sick or wounded people typically doesn't accompany reception of baptism. Similarly, in the Eucharist, we receive Jesus Christ in his divinity as well as his glorified body, blood, soul, and divinity, but physical healings don't typically accompany reception of the Eucharist. And yet, again, we receive an increase of sanctifying grace and grow closer to our Lord Jesus, and so we truly experience a foretaste of heaven.

This Week's Sanctuary Lamps Continue to burn before the real presence of our Lord, God & Savior Jesus

September 30, 2018 — October 6, 2018

(MR): In memory of Mildred & Michael Tomchak

offered by Grandson: Mike

(NS): In memory of John Spontak (15th ann of passing 10/2)

/(MR) NOW AVAILABLE FOR 2019

offered by Son: Robert & Joyce

(NS) NOW AVAILABLE FOR 2019

McKees Rocks Announcements

KENNYWOOD WAS A SUCCESS! We sold out at by 4:00 p.m. last Sunday and sold about 200 dozen Pirohi! Many helping hands make a light load. Boy did we have the many hands - from cleaning, shopping, prepping, cooking, phone conferences & meetings, reheating, transporting, working the tent, and clean up! Whew!!! Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this day possible. --- Tam Revtai.

GRATITUDE EXTNDED IN THIS GENESIS PROJECT — A special thanks to All Occasion Party Rental for waiving their rental fee on the warming suitcases. Also, a special thanks to Hanlon's catering and **Lvnn's Café** for lending us their warming suitcases. The day would not have occurred if it wasn't for these vendors' generosity. Please consider patronizing these wonderful vendors should you have a need in the future.



YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES — Our Byzan-TEENS had a small Youth Group meeting recently in the new catechetical year to discuss their activity agenda. Their first bake sale is next Sunday, October 7 which will also be their election of new officers. They discussed having a Fall Season outing. They are looking at October 20 for attendance at the Divine Liturgy, followed by a dinner and a hayride. Alumni, siblings and parents are invited.

PIROHI PROJECT WILL RESUME NEXT MONTH — Since many of you are willing to



participate in the upcoming Pirohi Project for Nov-Dec 2018, we will go ahead with this six week project. Here are the Friday dates: Nov.2, 9, 16 & 30 (no sales the Friday after Thanksgiving); Dec 7 & 14. Due to the Kennywood Event last week, and getting our product and name to a much wider area, we just may be in for a busier. Therefore, we will need more volunteers!

THANKS TO ALL WHO CAME TO CLEAN THE GROUNDS — A special thank you to

the few that came to clean our grounds last Saturday as we head into the Fall Season. Cutting the grass and picking up trash and leaves around the Church and School areas made our grounds look good. Also, thank you to our anonymous painter



who finished painting the fence on Helen Street. God bless all of you for sacrificing a few hours for your Church.

Holy Ghost, Northside

HALLOWEEN 50/50 RAFFLE - Since we no longer have the Turkey Bingo, we hope to



make something to pay the bills for our Church and Social Hall. With the approval of GCU Headquarters we are making this a matching funds event. Tickets will be on sale following all weekend Divine Liturgies. Please help to support this cause so that we don't have to draw from our Parish Savings and Share Savings account to meet all invoices that come our way. Thank

you for your cordial participation.

October Respect-Life Month

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops 3211 FOURTH STREET NE - WASHINGTON DC 20017-1194 - 202-541-3103 - FAX 202-541-3166

Theme: "Every Life Is Cherished, Chosen, Sent!"

"We proclaim that human life is a precious gift from God; that each person who receives this gift has responsibilities toward God, self and others; and that society, through its laws and social institutions, must protect and nurture human life at every stage of its existence". U.S. Catholic Bishops, Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities, November 2001

The Respect Life Program begins anew each year on Respect Life Sunday, the first Sunday in October.

Pope Francis has captivated the world with his humility, warmth and compassion for each person.

Vivid accounts of his tenderness for "the least of these"—the elderly, the imprisoned, those with disfiguring disabilities, the unborn, and many more—seize our attention. Why? At the heart of each of these interactions is a truth which resonates in our hearts, revealing to us something essential to understanding ourselves and our purpose. Our mission is to show each person the love of Christ. As uniquely



created individuals, we each have unique gifts which we are called to use to share Christ's love. ... As the 2018 Respect Life Program begins, let us take a moment to reflect on the theme, "Every Life is Cherished, Chosen, Sent" and how this truth affects both our understanding of ourselves and others and the way we live. Pastoral and educational resources of the program can be found at www.usccb.org/respectlife. Although we set aside October to particularly pray for respect for all human life, let us never cease this urgent work. There are many parishes and schools nationwide who participate in the program during October, Respect Life Month, and throughout the year. Love and justice must motivate each of us to work for a transformation of our own hearts so that we can transform the world around us. This is the message of Pope Francis. May the Risen Lord put the Gospel of joy in our hearts so that we may bear witness to the greatest love story ever told.

CATECHESIS OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS Pope's General Wednesday Audience — August 19, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters: Today we come to the Commandment on the father and mother. It speaks of the honor owed to parents. What is this 'honor'? The Hebrew term



indicates glory, value, literally 'importance', consistent with reality. It is not a question of external forms but of truth. To honor God, in the Scriptures, means recognizing his reality, acknowledging his presence; but above all it means giving God his proper place in life. Thus, honoring our father and mother also means recognizing their importance with practical actions, which express dedication, affection and care. Honor parents: they gave us life! If you are distant from your parents, make an effort and return, go back to them; perhaps they are elderly.... They gave you life.

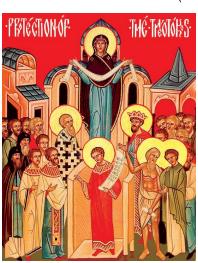
Then, there is a habit among us to say bad things, even to curse.... Please, never, never ever insult other people's parents. Never! One should never insult a mother, never insult a father. Never! Never! Take this interior decision yourselves: from now on I will never insult anyone's mother or father. They gave life! They must never be insulted.

CALENDAR OF LIPCOMING EVENTS

October 1	Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos – (MR) 9:00 a.m.; (NS) 6:00 p.m.
October 5	(MR) The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary @ 6:00 p.m.
October 6-7	Coffee & Doughnut Social following each of the weekend Divine Liturgies.
Oct 7-11	Annual Archieparchial Clergy Retreat at Antiochean Retreat Center, Ligonier.
October 12	(MR) The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary @ 6:00 p.m.
October 15	(MR) PAC/PFC Meeting in Church Office @ 7:00 p.m.
October 16	(NS) PAC/PFC Meeting in Church Social Center @ 6:00 p.m.
	(MR) The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary @ 6:00 p.m.
October 21	Freewill Pasta Dinner, St. Elias Church, Munhall, PA from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.
October 26	(MR) The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary @ 6:00 p.m.

SOLEMN HOLY DAY THIS WEFK Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos

Tomorrow, Oct. 1, we celebrate the feast day of the appearance of the Mother of God at Blachernae (Vlaherna) in the tenth century. At the end of St.



Andrew also known as a "fool for Christ," along with his disciple St. Epiphanius, and a group of people, saw the Mother of God, St. John the Baptist, and several other saints and angels during a vigil in the Church of Blachernae, nearby the city gates. The Blachernae Palace church was where several of her relics were kept. The relics were her robe, veil, and part of her belt that had been transferred from Palestine during the fifth century. The Theotokos approached the center of the church, knelt down and remained in prayer for a long time. Her face was drowned in tears. Then she took her veil off and spread it over the people as a sign of protection. During the time, the people in the city were threatened by

a barbarian invasion. After the appearance of the Mother of God, the danger was averted and the city was spared from bloodshed and suffering. The Protection is commemorated most fervently in Slavic churches, probably because St. Andrew was a Slav. The first celebration of the Theotokos's Protection in the Eastern Slavic Churches dates back from the 12th century and today is celebrated throughout the Byzantine Catholic Church. The feast day commemorating the miracle is celebrated with an All-Night Vigil, with many of the same elements as occur on Great Feasts of the Theotokos. However, this feast has no post-festive. This feast is of particular importance to the Metropolitan Province of Pittsburgh because 44 years ago October 1974), Metropolitan Archbishop Stephen J. Kocisko along with the bishops of Passaic and Parma consecrated the entire metropolitan province to her heavenly protection at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC.

General Announcements

MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY — At the request of several parishioners to honor Our Blessed Mother in this special month of October, the Rosarv according to our Byzantine-Ruthenian (Rusyn) tradition will be prayed each Friday throughout the month @ 6:00 p.m. at our Parish in McKees Rocks. This sacred devotion has been a part of our Church since it's founding over 100 years ago which our Founders and Benefactors brought with them from Subcarpathian Homeland. Come and join us!



PITTSBURGH DEANERY CLERGY TO SERVE PASTA DINNER — Mark your calendars!



The Priests and Deacons in the Pittsburgh Deanery will be again hosting a FREE PASTA DINNER at St. Elias Church, Munhall on Sunday October 21, 2018 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Clergy will be preparing and serving the dinner. A signup list is located in the Church. We must know how many to prepare for! The final day for registration is Sunday, October 14. A freewill offering will be taken to subsidize the project. Any profit that will be made will go to the Archieparchial Priests' Pension

Plan. Come join us; it a bye week for the Steelers!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: COME & SEE WEEKEND — Young men 18-25 are invited to a

FREE weekend retreat, Friday through Sunday, November 2-3-4 at Saints Cyril & Methodius Seminary. The purpose: to see if you might be interested in the possibility of becoming a priest. No pressure, no hype, no boring lectures. Just recreation, relaxation, talking to God (a.k.a. prayer), and the opportunity to really listen to God's voice and to plan for your life. This worthwhile retreat of discovery in no way implies any future commitment other than your commitment to truly be yourself! There is no expense



involved in participating in this retreat. E-mail your reply to: vocations@archeparchy.org. Deadline for registration is Wednesday, October 10.

ANNUAL MOLEBEN FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CAUSES — The yearly prayer



service for the advancement of the Causes of Beatification and Canonization of our four holy Ruthenian Byzantine Catholic Bishops will take place at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Munhall, PA on Sunday, November 4, 2018 @ 3:00 p.m. For the past 30 years faithful through the Pittsburgh Archeparchy have gathered in various archieparchial parishes, monasteries and the seminary to pray for the Canonization of Bishop-Martyr Theodore G. Romzha, Uzhorod (+1947); Bishop-Martyr Paul P. Gojdich, O.S.B.M., Presov (+1960); Bishop-Martyr Basil Hopko, Presov (+1976); and for the beatification of the

Servant of God Bishop Alexander Chira, Uzhorod (+1985). A Marian Moleben is offered seeking the aid of the Holy Mother of God in helping us achieve this end. Please mark your calendar and attend this important prayer for their advancement.

Weekend Divine Liturgy and Sanctuary Lamp Reservations are going quickly. If you are interested in reserving special dates, please submit your request in a regular white envelope along with the \$10.00 each stipend