

Parish Offerings – 20th Sunday after Pentecost — October 7, 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 (\$2,916) YP (\$10)	\$2,926.00
Holy Days (\$99) YP (\$1)	100.00
Sunday Coffee Social	18.00
Votive Candles	70.50
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	\$3,114.50

Holy Ghost Church, Northside

Regular Offering	\$612.10
Holy Days	38.00
Utilities (\$3) Improvement (\$7)	10.00
Votive Candles	39.00
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	\$699.10

Church Attendance Last Week

(MR) Sat., 4:00 p.m. (41)

Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (78); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (31)



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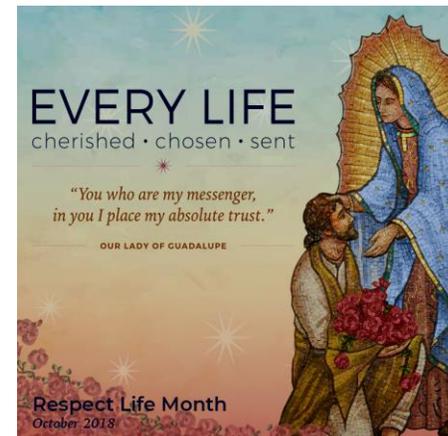
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THE 21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council — October 14, 2018



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The Reverend Deacon Michael Meaders (NS)

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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.

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!

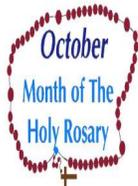
SPIRIT OF TRUTH

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).

October 14, 2018

Seasonal Greeting

Volume VIII, Number 41



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



Liturgical Services for the Week

Date Time Intention Requested By

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council

SUN., Oct 14 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Muska Family Gladys Muska & Family
11:00 a.m. (NS) + Agnes Knoll Son: Bill & Susan
(1st ann of passing 10/15) 

Mon, Oct 15 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Ann Muska Nancy & Michael Ferrell

Tue, Oct 16 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Br. Thomas Sommerfield, C.H.S. Family

Wed, Oct 17 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Mary Frissora Jack W. Blackhurst
(4th ann of passing 10/19)

The Holy Apostle & Evangelist Luke

Thrs, Oct 18 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Joyce D. Ray Ed Juhascik
(3rd ann of passing)

REQUIRED SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat) or **Equivalent Penance** (your choice) in remembrance of Our Lord's Crucifixion and Death upon the Precious Cross

Fri, Oct 19 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Herbert Eisenman Dgtr: Martha & Bob Maletz
 6:00 p.m. (MR) Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary

Sat, Oct 20 9:00 a.m. (NS) + Michael Lorinc (birthday 10/30) Wife: Betty

Anticipated Divine Liturgy of the Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

4:00 p.m. (MR) + Irene + Michael Maslaney Son: Michael



21st Sunday after Pentecost

SUN., Oct 21 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Elsie Eberle Son: James
(4th ann of passing 10/20)

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

Oct 14 – LAURA KALLOP; Oct 16 – Nancy Debranski-Farrell; Oct 18 – Jenő Lecci, Paul Zubritzky; Oct 20 – Patricia Ference.

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

HOME: Margaret Belionas, Irene Bordas, MARY ANN CONTI, Andrew Drukalsky, Ilona Goyda, Beverly Harsh, 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 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.

NEW HOPE ASSISTED LIVING (300 Union Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15202): Helen Hopley.

Public questions on Catholic spirituality, moral & spiritual problems

Q. Do female Anglican priests have the same power to consecrate the Eucharist as do male Anglican priests? **A. Catholic Answers Apologist:** The Catholic Church does not recognize the validity of Anglican orders, whether they are sought by men or women. In the Catholic Church's view, no Anglican priest, man or woman, can validly consecrate the bread and wine. During the reign of King Edward VI the Church of England no longer upheld the Mass (The Divine Liturgy) as a sacrifice. Therefore the form of the sacrament of holy orders was compromised, rendering it invalid.

This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

October 14, 2018 — October 20, 2018

(MR): In memory of Frances & Walter Grzywinski

offered by Son: Frank, Karen & Matthew

(NS): In memory of Vivianne Grace Trapel

(MR) STILL AVAILABLE FOR 2019

offered by Janice & Linda Grosso

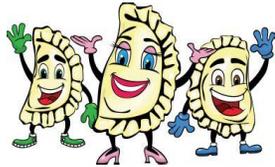
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McKees Rocks Announcements

NEW HOT WATER TANKS FOR OUR SCHOOL BOILER ROOM — On Monday, October 8, two new 40 gallon hot water tanks were replaced in the school's boiler room. They were 20 years old and exhibiting defective wear. Mertz Plumbing installed them at a cost of \$2,761.00 alone with new connective parts that were substantially corroded. They were replaced just in time of our Philipian Fast Pirohi Sales prior to the Christmas Season.



MARK THE DATES: 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 season. Therefore, we would appreciate



more volunteers!

Holy Ghost, Northside

SYMPATHY EXTENDED — The *Spirit of Truth* announces the passing of **A. Robert Spontak, 74**, who passed away at the Community Medical Center, Toms River, NJ on Friday, September 14, 2018. He was the son of our late parishioners, Helen & Andrew Spontak, and brother of Fr. James A. Spontak, pastor of SS. Peter & Paul Church, Portage, PA. He is also a Cousin to our Parish Cantor, Edward (Mary Frances) also Brad and Ed (Kellie) and family. He is survived by his wife: Mariann and family. Funeral arrangements were by the Silverton Memorial Funeral Home, Toms River. The Funeral Divine Liturgy was at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Byzantine Catholic Church, Toms River. A Memorial Funeral Divine Liturgy will be celebrated by Fr. Spontak at Holy Ghost Church on Friday, October 26, 2018 with interment in Highwood Cemetery, Our parish offers its prayerful solicitude for his immortal soul and most sincere condolences to the Spontak Families. In blessed repose, grant O Lord, to your servant Thomas and remember him forever! Vicnaja Jemu Pamjat'!



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. Drawing will be on **Sunday, October 28** following the Divine Liturgy. Price: \$1.00 each; 6 - \$5.00; and 13 - \$10.00. Please help 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.



HOLY GHOST CHURCH HALLOWEEN PARTY — A few parents got together with the blessing of the pastor to have a joint Halloween Party for **all members of both parishes** including their relative and friends on **Saturday, October 27, 2018 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** Pizza, soft drinks and entertainment will be provided. Costumes recommended! There is **NO TICKET CHARGE**, but a freewill offering will be accepted to meet expenses. Please sign the sheet in the (MR) Side Vestibule, and the (NS) Narthex before Oct 21. We need to know how many to prepare for this event.



COMMEMORATING TODAY

The Seventh Ecumenical Council – Nicea II

SITE: Nicea

YEAR: 787 A.D. **POPE:** Hadrian I, 772 - 795

EMPERORS: Constantine VI, 780 - 797 and Empress Irene (797 - 802)

ACTION: This council, called by Empress Irene (widow of Emperor Leo IV and regent for her son Constantine VI), with its doctrinal decree ratified by Pope Hadrian I, condemned **ICONOCLASM**. The Pope's letter here, just as with Pope St. Leo I at Chalcedon, set the tone of the council.

NOTE: Brewing beneath the surface at this time, however, was a rejection of papal authority. The Eastern Bishops, cut off from Rome and receptive to heresy under persecution, were held suspect by Rome. **ALSO:** Iconoclasm had been fostered by Emperor Leo III (717 - 741), who was opposed by Popes Gregory II (715 - 731) and Gregory III (731 - 741) and by St. John Damascene (d.749), priest and Doctor of the Church, who published three discourses in defense of images.

HERESY: ICONOCLASM (Destroyers of Icons) — The Second Council of Nicea, the seventh ecumenical council of the Christian church, was convoked by the Byzantine empress Irene in 787 (on the front cover to the right) to rule on the use of saints' images and icons in religious devotion. At that time a strong movement known as iconoclasm, which opposed the pictorial representation of saints or of the Trinity, existed in the Greek church. At the prompting of Irene the council declared that whereas the veneration of images was legitimate and the intercession of saints efficacious, their veneration must be distinguished from the worship due God alone.



October Respect-Life Month Continues

2nd WEEK INTENTION OF REPECT LIFE MONTH:

Prayer for the Mentally Challenged

Heavenly Father, we have been created in the image of



You. Help us to see Your image more clearly and strongly in all creatures of Your love, and particularly in those which we describe as mentally challenged, though they are whole in Your sight, and have a place and purpose in Your divine plan for all mankind. Help us to enable

them to fully participate in the abundant life which is Your will for all mankind... In this may Your Name be blessed and glorified, Father, Son (+) and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

Join us in praying the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary for world peace on Fridays in October @ 6:00 p.m.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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.
October 19	(MR) The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary @ 6:00 p.m.
October 20	Byzan-Teen Youth Group Dinner outing and Hayride.
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.
October 27	Holy Ghost Halloween Party following the afternoon Divine Liturgy.
October 28	Sunday of Christ the King.
Nov.4	Eastern Standard Time (clocks FALL BACK) & Annual Moleben to our 4 saintly bishops.
November 6	General Election Day — Defend the most vulnerable by cast your Pro-Life Vote..
November 8	Synaxis of St. Michael & All Angels (MR) 9:00 a.m.; (NS) 6:00 p.m.
November 15	Commencement of the Philippian (Filipovka) Fast.

Saint of the Week

The Holy Apostle & Evangelist Luke — October 18

The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke, was a native of Syrian Antioch, a companion of the holy Apostle Paul (Phil.1:24, 2 Tim. 4:10-11), and a physician enlightened in the Greek medical arts. Hearing about Christ, Luke arrived in Palestine and fervently accepted the preaching of salvation from the Lord Himself. As one of the Seventy Apostles, St Luke was sent by the Lord with the others to preach the Kingdom of Heaven during the Savior's earthly life (Luke 10:1-3). After the Resurrection, the Lord Jesus Christ appeared to Saints Luke and Cleopas on the road to Emmaus. Luke accompanied St Paul on his second missionary journey, and from that time they were inseparable. When Paul's coworkers had forsaken him, only Luke remained to assist him in his ministry (2 Tim. 4:10-11). After the martyrdom of the First-Ranked Apostles Peter and Paul, St Luke left Rome to preach in Achaia, Libya, Egypt and the Thebaid. He ended his life by suffering martyrdom in the city of Thebes. **Tradition**

credits St Luke with painting the first icons of the Mother of God. St Luke also painted icons of the First-Ranked Apostles Peter and Paul. St Luke's Gospel was written in the years 62-63 at Rome, under the guidance of the Apostle Paul. In the preliminary verses (1:1-3), St Luke precisely sets forth the purpose of his work. He proposes to record, in chronological order, everything known by Christians about Jesus Christ and His teachings. He made generous use of the oral tradition of the Church and of what the All-Pure Virgin Mary Herself had told him (2:19, 51). In St Luke's Gospel, the message of the salvation made possible by the Lord Jesus Christ, and the preaching of the Gospel, are of primary importance. St Luke also wrote the Acts of the Holy Apostles at Rome around 62-63 A.D. The Book of Acts, which is a continuation of the four Gospels, speaks about the works and the fruits of the holy Apostles after the Ascension of the Savior. The theological focus of the Book of Acts is the coming of the Holy Spirit, Who will guide the Church "into all truth" John 16:13) until the Second Coming of Christ.



General Announcements

MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY CONTINUES — At the request of several parishioners to honor Our Blessed Mother in this special month of October, the Rosary 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 by praying for world peace!

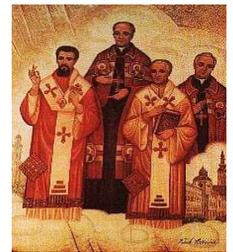


LAST DAY FOR REGISTERING FOR PASTA DINNER— The Priests and Deacons in the Pittsburgh Deanery will be again hosting a FREE PASTA DINNER at St. Elias Church, Munhall on **Sunday October 21, 2018** from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Clergy will be preparing and serving the dinner. A signup list is located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



Come join us; it's a bye week for the Steelers!

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.



2019 ENVELOPES BEING PREPARED FOR DISTRUBUTION — We are in the process of arranging the contribution envelopes for 2019. There are many individuals who have not contributed over the past few years. The assumption is that you are not interested in receiving envelopes. If you have not used your envelopes for two years (since 2016) your name will be eliminated from the list. Should you wish to re-enroll, please contact the Church Office A.S.A.P. Remember, **it is a precept of the Church to support the mission of the local Church so that the Gospel may continue to be proclaimed and that the Holy Mysteries (Sacraments) be dispensed from Holy Ghost Church. It is also one of six requirements necessary to stand as a Sponsor for Baptism and Chrismation.** Our responsibility is to meet our ongoing bills to keep us operational. It is also one requirement to stand as a sponsor for the Sacraments of Initiation. Those who have turned 18 in 2018 will receive adult envelopes if they have been using envelopes.

