

**Parish Offerings – 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost — October 21, 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 (\$1,477) YP (\$8) .....	\$1,485.00
Holy Days .....	9.00
Collection for the Poor .....	425.00
Votive Candles .....	109.50
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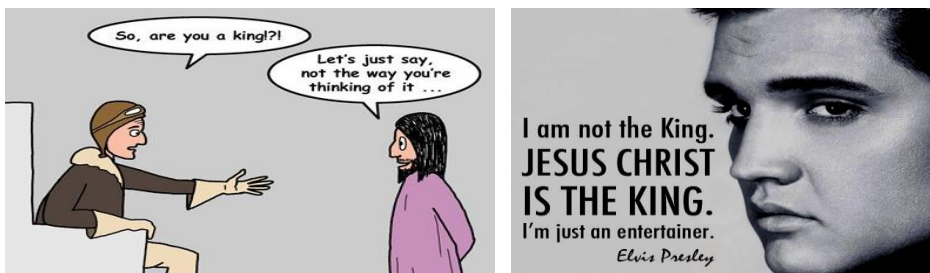
**Holy Ghost Church, Northside**

Regular Offering .....	\$341.00
Holy Days .....	1.00
Utilities (\$25) Collection for the Poor (\$116) .....	141.00
Votive Candles .....	38.00
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	\$521.00

**Church Attendance Last Week**

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

Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (68); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (31)



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**THE 23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Respect-Life Month — October 28, 2018**



**Catholics of the Ruthenian – Byzantine Rite in full communion with the Pope of Rome**

**The Very Reverend Father Frank A. Firko, Pastor**

**The Reverend Deacon Michael Meaders (NS)**

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**SUNDAY RADIO (9:00 am WEDO 810 AM) & INTERNET DIVINE LITURGY**

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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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 A Fraternal Benefit Society  
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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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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 28, 2018

Seasonal Greeting

Volume VIII, Number 43



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







## Liturgical Services for the Week

Date Time Intention Requested By



### 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Sunday of Christ the King

<b>SUN., Oct 28</b> 	<b>9:00 a.m. (MR)</b> + Joe Babin (10 <sup>th</sup> ann of passing 10/27) Wife: Gerry <b>11:00 a.m. (NS)</b> For the Parishioners of Both Parishes		
Mon, Oct 29	8:00 a.m. (MR) + John Hrivnak (birthday)		Nephew: Fr. Firko
Tue, Oct 30	8:00 a.m. (MR) + Ann Ondich		Cyndi Serafin
Wed, Oct 31	8:00 a.m. (MR) + Mary Supack		Niece: Martha & Bob Maletz
<b>Feast of the Blessed Bishop-Martyr Theodore G. Romzha w/ veneration of his relic</b>			
Thrs, Nov 1	8:00 a.m. (MR) + Michael Howitz		Br. Regis, O.F.M.
<b>REQUIRED SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat) or Equivalent Penance (your choice) in remembrance of Our Lord's Crucifixion and Death upon the Precious Cross</b>			
<b>First Friday of the month in reparation for sins against the Sacred Heart of Jesus</b>			
Fri, Nov 2	8:00 a.m. (MR) + Anna Hrebenak		Kim Ruud
<b>First Saturday of the month in reparation for blasphemies against the Immaculate Heart of Mary</b>			
Sat, Nov 3	9:00 a.m. (NS) + Gladys A. Schlott		Anonymous (1 <sup>st</sup> ann of passing 10/23)

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END OF DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME



**Anticipated Divine Liturgy of Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**  
4:00 p.m. (MR) + Budul + Bordas Families Irene Bordas

### 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**SUN., Nov 4 9:00 a.m. (MR)** + Joe Babin (10<sup>th</sup> ann of passing 10/27) Wife: Gerry  
**11:00 a.m. (NS)** For the Parishioners of Both Parishes  
**3:00 p.m.** Beatification & Canonization Moleben, Cathedral, Munhall, PA

## 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 28** – Dolores Boros; **Nov 1** – Mickayla Poloka; **Nov 2** – KATHY MULLEN; **Nov 3** – Caralynn Kassabov, Helen Kriska (102), Michael Palahunik, Dan Pikras, JOAN SENCHYSHYN, John Wovchko.

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

**HOME:** Margaret Beliuнас, 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.  
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**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.  
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**VETERANS HOSPITAL** (1010 Delafield St., Pittsburgh, PA 15215): JOHN VEREB.  
**NEW HOPE ASSISTED LIVING** (300 Union Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15202): Helen Hopey.

### Public questions on Catholic spirituality, moral & spiritual problems

**Q.** Could the Church ever change its position and allow homosexuals to marry? **A. Catholic Answers Apologist:** The answer to both questions is no. The reason homosexual acts are wrong is they are contrary to natural design. For various reasons, both inside and outside of their control, some people have desires that are not in accord with nature. When these desires are acted upon, the result is an unnatural and immoral act. Even if two homosexuals were "married," they would still be having unnatural sex. The Church cannot change its teaching on marriage, which is grounded in natural law. Under natural law a man can marry only whom he was designed to marry: a woman. He cannot validly marry another man any more than he could an animal or a plant. Any attempted marriage between a man and another man would be invalid by definition. It might be recognized by the state as a legitimate marriage, but it would not be so before God. This is a difficult teaching to hear for one struggling with homosexual desires, but it is the truth. To get help, consider contacting Courage, a nationwide Catholic organization set up to help homosexuals lead chaste lives. Their Web address of is: <http://couragec.net>.

### This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

Continue to burn before the real presence of our Lord, God & Savior Jesus  
**October 28, 2018 — November 3, 2018**

(MR): **In memory of Joe Babin**

offered by Wife: Gerry

(NS): **In memory of Thomas Seman**

(MR) STILL AVAILABLE FOR 2019

offered by Sister Velma Seman

(NS) STILL AVAILABLE FOR 2019



# McKees Rocks Announcements

PHILIPPIAN FAST PIROHI SALES WILL BE STARTING THIS WEEK — We will commence our six week Pirohi Project this Friday for The Great Fast Season. The dates for sales are

*Place your Order*

November 2, 9, 16, (NO SALES ON NOVEMBER 23,) 30 — December 7 & 14. Orders must be placed on the sheet at the Church entrances following the weekend Divine Liturgies, and/or by phone on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon @ (412) 331-5155. We will only be making a limited amount under this

continued format. Eat-ins will still be available. Please leave your name, phone number and order on the voice mail if there is no answer. We are going to need everyone's assistance in getting the word out to the public. Please take a few posters and place them where others will notice them. The posters are located at the entrances of the Church.

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER FOOD DRIVE — In our love for the less fortunate, we will be holding our annual non-perishable food drive to be delivered to *Focus On Renewal* in time for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Please bring the non-expired items to the Church and place them at the entrance. For additional information contact Elaine Kurtanich (412) 370-9092. Once again, we are grateful



to her for leading this project

BYZAN-TEEN YOUTH GROUP HAVE NEW OFFICERS — Last Sunday our Byzan-TEEN Youth Group nominated new officers. They are: **President – Ray Rippole; Vice-President: Nina Lecci; and Secretary: Madalyn Nazak.** The monthly fund raisers by this group prepare them for the Metropolitan Youth Rally every two years. This past July they attended the Rally in Latrobe since the Archeparchy hosted this year's event. They next event in two years will be hosted by the Eparchy of Phoenix which will be in San Diego, CA. May God grant to Ray, Nina and Madalyn health and happiness for many happy and blessed years!



## Holy Ghost, Northside



HALLOWEEN 50/50 RAFFLE TODAY — Our Halloween Drawing will take place **today** 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.

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## CATECHESIS OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

**Pope's General Wednesday Audience — August 24, 2018**

Dear brothers and sisters: In our continuing catechesis on the Ten Commandments, we now turn to the **sixth commandment: "You shall not commit adultery"**. The commandment, while inculcating marital fidelity, also speaks to the need for fidelity in every aspect of our affective lives. Fidelity is the sign of a free, mature and responsible relationship which rejects selfishness and is marked by the generous gift of self. Every heart longs for love, and all authentic love is a reflection of God's eternal love. Our vocation to love demands that we grow in the self-knowledge born of mastering our impulses and relating to others with honesty and integrity. This is particularly true of the vocation to conjugal love, as a special participation in Christ's undying love for the Church. The promise of fidelity which spouses make to one another on the day of their marriage is the expression of their commitment to purify their hearts daily of all infidelity and untruth, and to grow in faithful and constant union with one another and with the Lord.

# Meditation on today's Gospel

## Traditional Celebration of Christ the King

John 18:33-37

The name is found in various forms in scripture: King Eternal (1 Timothy 1:17),



King of Israel (John 1:49), King of the Jews (Mt. 27:11), King of kings (1 Tim 6:15; Rev. 19:16), King of the Ages (Book of Revelation 15:3) and Ruler of the Kings of the Earth (Rev. 1:5). Christ's Kingship was addressed in the encyclical *Quas Primas* of Pope Pius XI, published in 1925, which has been called "possibly one of the most misunderstood and ignored encyclicals of all time." The Pontiff's encyclical quotes with approval Cyril of Alexandria, noting that Jesus' Kingship is not obtained by violence: "Christ," he says, "has dominion over all creatures, a dominion not seized by violence nor usurped, by His by essence and by nature."

The late Pope Pius XI instituted the feast of Christ the King in 1925 to remind Christians that their allegiance was to their spiritual ruler in heaven as opposed to earthly supremacy, which was claimed by the Italian Dictator Benito Mussolini. It was originally established to be celebrated on the last Sunday of October. Through the liturgical reforms of the Western Rites, it now is celebrated in November prior to the Advent Season. Pope-Emeritus Benedict XVI has remarked that Christ's Kingship is not based on "human power" but on loving and serving others. The perfect exemplar of that acceptance, he pointed out, is the Virgin Mary. Her humble and unconditional acceptance of God's will in her life, the Pope noted, was the reason that "God exalted her over all other creatures, and Christ crowned her Queen of heaven and earth." *The early Byzantine Catholic Liturgical book (Sluzebnik) printed in the United States in 1945 and revised in 1962 with the Imprimatur of Bishop Nicholas T. Elko lists this feast on pages 297-303 and has never been abrogated.*

## October: Respect-Life Month

### 4<sup>th</sup> WEEK INTENTION OF REPECT LIFE MONTH:

#### Prayer for the Poor, Homeless and Abandoned



**O Lord, make us worthy to serve our fellow men throughout the world that live and die in poverty and hunger. Give them through our hands this day their daily bread, and by our understanding love, give them peace and joy. In this may Your Name be blessed and glorified, Father, Son (+) and Holy Spirit, now and ever**

**and forever. Amen.**

*Due to a lack of interest — Halloween Party was cancelled*

**Don't forget to FALL BACK — TURN BACK your clocks  
1 Hour next Sunday, November 4th!**

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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 – Cast a 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.  
 November 18 ..... G.C.U. Lodge Meeting (election of new officers) @ 2:00 p.m.  
 November 21 .. Solemn HD: Entrance into the Temple of Theotokos (MR) @ 9:00 a.m.; (NS) 6:00 p.m.  
 November 22 ..... Annual Thanksgiving Day — (MR) Divine Liturgy @ 9:00 a.m.

## Saint of the Week

### Blessed Bishop-Martyr Theodore G. Romzha — Nov 1

Theodore Romzha was born in the Subcarpathian region of Austria-Hungary (in the Rusyn village of Velyky Bychkiv (now in Ukraine) on April 14, 1911. Theodore was ordained a priest on Christmas Day, 1936 in the Basilica of St Mary Major, Rome. After completing his compulsory military service he served briefly as a pastor in several Transcarpathian parishes (part of Czechoslovakia since 1918) before being assigned as professor of philosophy at the Eparchial Seminary in Uzhorod in 1939, occupied by Hungary. These were difficult years for the Church in Subcarpathia as it experienced the invasions first by Hungary, one of Axis powers, then direct rule from Nazi Germany and lastly the Soviet Red Army. On September 24, 1944, at the young age of 33, he was consecrated bishop and appointed apostolic administrator of the Eparchy of Mukachevo in the cathedral of Uzhorod by Bishop Miklós Dudás. He had immediately to face the soviet Red Army, which occupied the churches, assigned them to the Orthodox and arrested priests. Bishop Romzha refused in front of General Petrov to break with the Pope. His ministry to the faithful met with many roadblocks, and he could not be tolerated by the Communist officials who now began looking for getting rid of the young bishop. On October 27, 1947, on the way home from a parish visitation celebrating Christ the King Sunday, Bishop Romzha's horse drawn carriage was purposely rammed by a Soviet military truck. The soldiers, who were dressed as civilians, jumped from the truck and beat the bishop and his companions. They were hospitalized. The Bishop was making good progress when a new Soviet nurse was assigned to him. A little after midnight Romzha was found dead. The nurse poisoned him. According to research in Soviet archives by Yevgenia Albats, the Bishop's murder was ordered personally by Nikita Khrushchev. Bishop Romzha was beatified as a Martyr for the Faith by Pope John Paul II in Lviv on June 27, 2001 with November 1 assigned as his feast day. *In most recent times the Mukachevo Eparchy transferred the feast to October 31 since their Country celebrates Memorial Day on November 1<sup>st</sup> the actual day of his martyrdom.*



**Let us continue to Pray  
for his Canonization!**



## General Announcements

**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.



**ARCHIEPARICHAL ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION** — The 61<sup>st</sup> Annual St. Nicholas Celebration will take place at the Cathedral and Cathedral Center on **Sunday, December 9, 2018.** Tickets are priced at \$40.00 per adult and \$18.00 per child ages 12 and under. We'd like to get at least one full table per parish family. Please sign the list in the (MR) Side Vestibule; (NS) Narthex. *Parish deadline is Sunday, November 11.*



**ARCHIEPARICHAL ST. NICHOLAS 50/50 RAFFLE** — Since many will not be able to attend the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual St. Nicholas Celebration at the Cathedral and Cathedral Center on **Sunday, December 9, 2018,** a minimal amount of tickets (15) from GCU Headquarters have been sent to each parish in order to acquire additional capital for the Seminary. Very little profit is made from the dinner tickets themselves. To help subsidize this charity event, please support this worthy cause by purchasing a ticket. **They are \$10.00** and the number based on the Sunday, **December 16, 2018** PA Daily Drawing at 7:00 p.m. Many prizes will be awarded. Tickets are now available.

**MALE ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED** — For both Parishes, this announcement is extended to all young male members (enrolled in our ECF Program); and elderly males wishing to join the *Ministry of Altar Server.* You are asked to come forward and declare your intention. There will be three classes and a practicum! It's an important and fulfilling ministry! Classes will begin in November. If you are interested, please approach Fr. Firko or by calling the church office (412) 771-3324.



**A CHRISTMAS MARKET** — St. Elias Byzantine Catholic Church, 4200 Homestead-Duquesne Road, Munhall, is bringing the European Christmas Markets to the Steel Valley in their Social Hall on **Sunday, November 11, 2018** from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. Start your special Christmas Shopping, enjoy a stuffed cabbage or chicken paprikas lunch/dinner. Stay all day and listen to live Christmas Music. Bring the children to meet St. Nicholas. St. Elias specialties will also be available, such as nut rolls, poppy seed cakes and cold dough cookies along with many other surprises. There will be a special demonstration on pysanky eggs, and a very unusual display of Polish Sophos, which are churches in Poland. For additional information, you may call the Church (412) 461-1712.



**Many thanks to all who attended our Deanery Pasta Dinner last week at St. Elias Church, Munhall, and those who could not attend but contributed a freewill offering to be applied to our Archieparichal Priests' Pension Plan. God Bless all of you!**