

Parish Offerings – Sunday of Meat-Fare – Feb. 24, 2019

“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 (\$1,961.75) YP (\$15)	\$1,976.75
Holy Days	15.00
Eastern European Churches (\$100) B.C.W. (\$14)	114.00
Votive Candles	198.50
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Holy Ghost Church, Northside

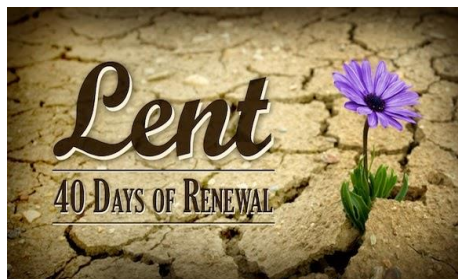
Regular Offering (\$585) Holy Days (\$10)	\$595.00
Eastern European Churches (\$10) B.C.W. (\$14)	24.00
Utilities (\$70) Improvements (\$10) Initial (\$5)	85.00
Candles	44.50
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	\$748.50

Church Attendance Last Week

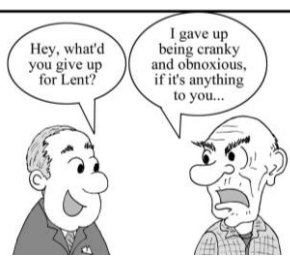
Sat., 4:00 p.m. (43)

Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (75); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (24)

1st All Souls Comm. — Fri, Feb 22 (NS) @ 6:00 pm (3); Sat, Feb 23 (MR) @ 9:00 am (13)



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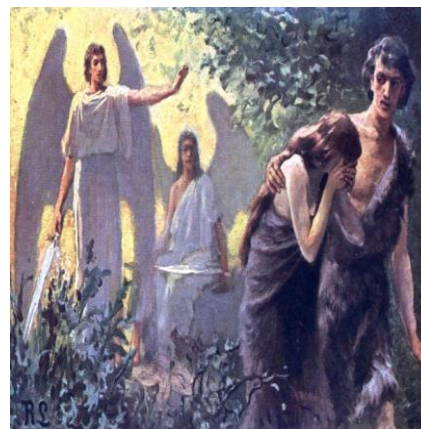
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THE SUNDAY OF CHEESE-FARE

The 5th & Final Pregreat Fast Sunday — March 3, 2019



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

Liturgical Services LIVE: www.Youtube.com then type: Holy Ghost Church Live Stream

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: (412) 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!

THE 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).

Mar 3, 2019

Christian Greeting

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



Liturgical Services for the Week

Date Time Intention Requested By



The Sunday of Cheese-Fare



The 5th & Final Pregreat Fast Sunday
The Expulsion from the Garden of Eden

SUN, Mar 3 9:00 a.m. (MR) Health & Welfare of Julia Haluska (birthday) M/M Rihn
11:00 a.m. (NS) + Esther M. Kallop (birthday 3/7) Valeriano & Kallop Fam.
2:00 p.m. (MR) Forgiveness Vespers w/anointing of Oil of Gladness Initiating The Great Fast.

BEGINNING THE HOLY & GREAT 40 DAYS FAST

REQUIRED Day of STRICT ABSTINENCE — NO MEAT OR DAIRY PRODUCTS PERMITTED

PURE MON, Mar 4, (1) 9:00 a.m. (MR) 1st & 3rd Penitential Greatfast Hours
6:00 p.m. (NS) Great Penitential Canon of St. Andrew with Great Metanies
PURE TUE, Mar 5 (2) 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Dimitri Gramata (54th ann of pass. 3/9) Son: Basil & Eleanor

PURE WED, Mar 6 (3) 8:00 a.m. (MR) 1st & 3rd Penitential Greatfast Hours
6:30 p.m. (MR) Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary
7:00 p.m. (MR) Presanctified Divine Liturgy
PURE THRS, Mar 7 (4) 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Ann Kundrat (6th ann of pass 3/8) Theresa Kundrat

PURE FRI, Mar 8 (5) 8:00 a.m. (MR) 6th & 9th Penitential Greatfast Hours
6:00 p.m. (NS) Presanctified Divine Liturgy

Commemoration of the Miracle of the Holy Great-Martyr Theodore Tyro

PURE SAT, Mar 9 (6) 9:00 a.m. (NS) + Stefan + Maria +Stefan, +Josef + Michael
Commendation of Infant + Stone Mary Ann & Tom Kaylor

Sunday anticipated Divine Liturgy of the Triumph of True Worship — First Sunday of The Great Fast

4:00 p.m. (MR) + Loretta Yakubik (11th ann of pass 3/13) Dgtr: Evelyn

THE SUNDAY OF THE TRIUMPH OF TRUE WORSHIP

1st Sunday of The Great Fast — St. Basil Divine Liturgy

SUN., Mar 5 (7) 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Vrabel Family George & Julia Ann Mosko
11:00 a.m. (NS) + Michael Pungas (30th ann of pass. 3/4) Dgtr: Anna Pungas Demianczyk
4:00 p.m. Deanery Penitential Vespers at St. Pius X Church, Carrick

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

Birthdays: Mar 4 – Leyte Tomchak; Mar 5 – Mary Elizabeth Stashkevych; Mar 7 – Andrew Hrishenko, WILLIAM POLOKA, Madelyn Usouski.

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

HOME: Margaret Beliunas, Irene Bordas, Andrew Drukalsky, Ilona Goyda, Beverly Harsh, MILAN JUGAN, MARTHA LUCAS, OLGA MANFREDO, Irene Palahunik, Elizabeth Petruna, MARLENE PFEIFFER, Lisa Plutto, Betty Spisak, EVELYN VENTO, Anita Wolsko, 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): 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.
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VETERANS HOSPITAL (1010 Delafield St., Pittsburgh, PA 15215): JOHN VEREB.
CONCORDIA AT REBECCA RESIDENCE (3746 Cedar Ridge Rd., Allison Park, PA 15101): MARY ANN CONTI.
NEW HOPE ASSISTED LIVING (300 Union Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15202): Helen Hopey.

Public questions on Catholic spirituality, moral & spiritual problems

Q. Does the Bible teach the sacrament of extreme unction? A. Answer by a Catholic Apologist: Yes. Extreme Unction, which is more commonly known today as the anointing of the sick, has its biblical foundation in James 5:14-16: "Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint [him] with oil in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise him up. If he has committed any sins he will be forgiven." This sacrament, in addition to remitting sin and strengthening the soul (and often the body) through an infusion of sanctifying grace, helps us unite our physical sufferings with those of Jesus. For additional insight you might read Matthew 10:1, Mark 6:13, Romans 8:17, and Colossians 1:24.

This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

March 3, 2019 — March 9, 2019

(MR): In memory of Mary & Charles Porter

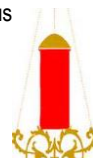
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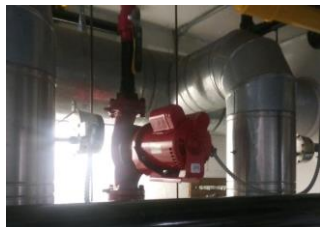


Holy Ghost, McKees Rocks

GREAT FAST PIROHI SALES BEGIN THIS WEEK — We are commencing our six week Pirohi Project this Friday for The Great Fast Season. The remaining dates for sales are March 8, 15, 22, 29 — April 5 & 12. Orders must be placed on the sheet at the Church entrances following the weekend Divine Liturgies, 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. If you can spend an hour or two helping this project it would greatly be appreciated. Thanks to all who came to clean the kitchen!

Place your Order

SCHOOL CIRCULATING PUMP REPLACED THIS PAST WEEK — Although the boiler system was up and running, it was still cold in the building over a week ago. Since the Church now has a HVAC bi-annual Service Agreement with *Tudi Mechanical Systems*, McKees Rocks, they were contacted to search out the problem. A commercial circulating pump near the boilers had malfunctioned and needed to be replaced. The cost \$1,200.00. All is now back in order. Also worthy of mentioning is the school roof on the Olivia Street side of the building was leaking water into one of the A.I.U. Classrooms. *Triangle Roofing of Pittsburgh* was contacted to patch the problem thus far successfully. They had mentioned the roof should really be replaced since it is at least 30 years old.



Holy Ghost, Northside

TOUGH FINANCIAL MONTHS AHEAD (CONT.) — Additional major bills have arrived at the Church which includes all buildings. The following are due by March 31, 2019:



County Taxes	\$1,254.78
Peoples Gas	2,052.85
Property & Liability Ins. (monthly)	<u>872.12</u>
	\$4,179.75

Our invoice for the 2019 contribution envelopes must be paid: \$339.13. Contribution towards envelopes totaled \$145.00. A deficit of \$194.13. Unless we hit the lotto, we will have to take out these amounts from our Parish Savings and Share Account which will dwindle our savings.

ATTACHED GREAT FAST CALENDAR — This Great Fast Calendar page has been prepared by illustrator Lydia Grace Kadar-Kallen (found on Facebook). It begins at the bottom of the page. The idea is to color one space each day as we get closer to Pascha. Parishes can print it out for their parishioners. Also, additional title of days have been alternately applied as a didactic understanding of the catechesis to our particular parishes in MR & NS. We are grateful to Lydia.

TODAY'S GOSPEL MEDITATION

The 5th & Final Pregreat Fast Sunday — Beginning the Penitential Journey with the right Attitude & Disposition (Matthew 6: 14-21)

What do we mean by “Cheese-fare” and to “Give Up”?

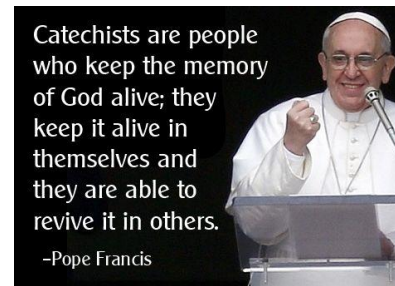
Cheese-fare Sunday indicates a farewell to dairy products just as last week's Meat-Fare said farewell to meat products until Resurrection Sunday. As in the early Christian Church dairy products and meat were no longer eaten throughout The Great Fast Season and throughout Holy Week. Although mandatory Church laws have been abrogated as to its obligatory nature, it still encourages us to do penance on the days prescribed (Pure Monday & Great Friday); and NO MEAT on Wednesdays and Fridays. Most importantly, we are all called to Fast from SIN and GIVE UP negativity by PUTTING ON virtue and being positive. Today, the Church invokes us to remember what participation in sin did — expelling Adam and Eve from Paradise. It will also keep us from entering the heavenly kingdom.



Our Holy Father's General Audience

Vatican City State on the ‘OUR FATHER’— January 27, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters: In our continuing catechesis on the “Our Father”, we now turn to the first of the seven invocations, “**hallowed by thy name**”. Here we see the pattern of all prayer, which is always made, on the one hand, in contemplation of God, and on the other, in a sincere supplication for our needs. When we speak to God, he already knows us better than we know ourselves, for even if God is a mystery to us, we are not an enigma in his eyes. He is like a mother for whom a simple glance enables her immediately to perceive the condition of her children. A first step in prayer, then, is to entrust ourselves to God and his providence. This leads us to pray: “Hallowed be thy name”, where we not only express our trust in God's greatness, but also ask that his name be sanctified in us, in our families, our communities and the whole world. We can do this because it is God who sanctifies and transforms us by his love. Prayer casts out every fear, since the Father loves us, the Son lifts up his arms to support ours, and the Spirit works in a hidden way for the redemption of the world.



ST. BASIL THE GREAT ON FASTING: There is both a physical and a spiritual fast. In the physical fast the body abstains from food and drink. In the spiritual fast, the faster abstains from evil intentions, words and deeds. One who truly fasts abstains from anger, rage, malice, and vengeance. One who truly fasts abstains from idle and foul talk, empty rhetoric, slander, condemnation, flattery, lying and all manner of spiteful talk. In a word, a real faster is one who withdraws from all evil. As much as you subtract from the body, so much will you add to the strength of the soul. By fasting it is possible both to be delivered from future evils and to enjoy the good things to come.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

March 3 (MR) Forgiveness Vespers initiating The Great Fast Season @ 2:00 p.m.
 Monthly Coffee Social following the Divine Liturgy.
 March 4 **PURE MONDAY: The Beginning of the Holy 40 Days Fast — NO MEAT AND DAIRY PRODUCTS.**
 (MR) 1st & 3rd Greatfast Hours @ 9:00 a.m. (NS) Great Penitential Canon of St.
 Andrew of Crete with Great Metanies @ 6:00 p.m.
 March 6 ...PURE WEDNESDAY: (MR) 1st & 3rd Greatfast Hours @ 8:00 am; (MR) Rosary @ 6:30 p.m.;
 (MR) Presanctified Divine Liturgy @ 7:00 p.m.
 March 8PURE FRIDAY: (MR) 1st & 3rd Greatfast Hours @ 8:00 am;
 (NS) Presanctified Divine Liturgy @ 6:00 p.m.
 March 10 Daylight Savings Time returns; Clocks SPRING AHEAD an hour.

Saint of the Week

The Holy Martyr Conon of Isauria

March 5

The Holy Martyr Conon of Isauria was born in Bethany, a village near the Asia Minor city of Isauria, whose inhabitants had accepted Christianity from the Apostle Paul.

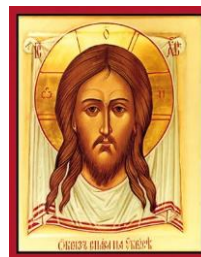


From his youth, Saint Conon was accorded the special protection of the "Archistrategos" ("Leader of the Heavenly Hosts") Michael, who appeared to him and assisted him in many difficult circumstances in life. At the insistence of his parents, Conon was betrothed to a maiden named Anna. He persuaded her to live with him in virginity after the wedding. The young couple lived as brother and sister, devoting themselves entirely to God. Saint Conon brought also his parents to the Christian Faith. His father, Saint Nestor, received a martyr's death for denouncing idol-worshippers. After burying both his mother and wife, Saint Conon continued his service to God, devoting himself entirely to monastic works, fasting and prayer. In his declining years the holy ascetic was glorified with the gift of wonderworking. By virtue of his

preaching and miracles many pagans were converted to Christ. It is said that even the evil spirits were forced to serve him. When a persecution against Christians broke out in Isauria, one of the first to suffer was Saint Conon. He was subjected to fierce torments for his refusal to offer sacrifice to idols. When the people of Isauria learned of the tortures to which the saint was being subjected, they came forth bearing arms to defend the martyr. Frightened by the people's wrath, the torturers fled, and the Isaurians found the martyr wounded and bloodied at the place of torture. Saint Conon wished to endure martyrdom for the Lord, but he lived two more years. Saint Conon died in the second century and was buried beside his parents and wife.

General Announcements

LENTEN REGULATION FOR THE BYZANTINE METROPOLITAN CHURCH — The



following are the Lenten Regulations for The Archeparchy.: The fasts of the liturgical year are to be kept....: **SIMPLE ABSTINENCE:** All the faithful of the Archeparchy who receive the Eucharist are bound to abstain from meat. **Simple Abstinence (no meat) is obligatory on all WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS of The Great Fast. STRICT ABSTINENCE** (No Meat or Dairy Products) is to be observed on the first day of The Great Fast — **PURE MONDAY, March 4 and on Holy & Great Friday, April 19.** If you are unable to keep either abstinence for a just cause, you are to **seek a dispensation** from the pastor.

FORGIVENESS VESPERS TODAY — This Afternoon, **March 3, 2019 @ 2:00 p.m.** in McKees Rocks, we will gather to bring in the Penitential Season of The Great Fast. **Anointing with blessed oil will be administered** (this is not the sacrament of Anointing) rather it's a sacramental to strengthen us on the Lenten Journey. Oil is a symbol of strength. Please set aside this time and join us as we embark in this season of penance.



COMMENCES NEXT SUNDAY: DEANERY PENITENTIAL VESPERS SCHEDULE — At this past week's Deanery Meeting, the schedule had been revised and will be submitted to The B.C.W. for publication: *The Great Fast Deanery Vespers* will be celebrated, each Sunday during **The Great Fast Season at 4:00 p.m.** preceded by **The Holy Mystery of Reconciliation @ 3:30 p.m.** This year's theme is: **"Whose sins you shall forgive will be forgiven..."** (Jn.20:22-23).



The following churches have been selected to host a different week: (1) **March 10 — St. Pius X Church, Carrick — Homilist: Fr. Adam Hortsman;** (2) **March 17 — Saints Peter & Paul Church, Tarentum — Homilist: Fr. Radko Blichar;** (3) **March 24 — St. John Chrysostom Church, Greenfield — Homilist: Fr. John Cuccaro;** (4) **March 31 — St. Gregory Church, Upper St. Clair — Homilist: Fr. Andrew Deskevich;** and (5) **April 7 — St. John the Baptist Church, Lyndora — Homilist: Monsignor Russell Duker** This will be a great penitential practice of prayer & self-denial if you wish to take it upon yourselves. Please make an effort to join us. Fellowship of meatless soups and bread will be served following the liturgical services.

CALCULATING 40 DAYS OF LENT IN THE BYZANTINE RITE — From Pure



Monday, March 4 to Palm Friday, April 12 constitute the 40 days of the Great Fast. Holy Week is not part of the Great Fast Season. The 40 days prepare us to cleanse our souls and bodies from sin so that from Lazarus Saturday (April 13) we are made worthy to walk vicariously with Our Lord in the remaining 8 days (especially through the special liturgical church services) we may comfort our Lord through His salutary Passion, Death,

Entombment and Radiant Resurrection. Let us all individually and collectively take a more serious approach in this part of our relationship to our Awesome Triune God.