

Parish Offerings – Sunday of the Paralytic Man — May 12, 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 (\$1,593.01) YP (\$17)	\$1,610.01
Seminary	215.00
Votive Candles	89.00
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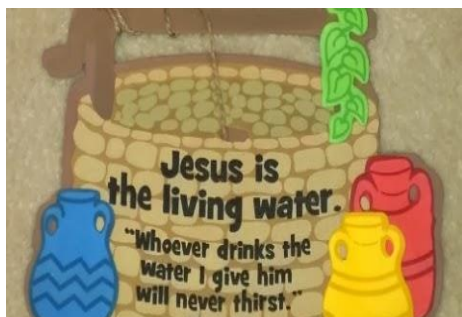
Holy Ghost Church, Northside

Regular Offering	\$460.00
Utilities	5.00
Seminary	5.00
Votive Candles	62.55
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Church Attendance Last Week

(MR) Sat., 4:00 p.m. (58)

Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (78); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (37)



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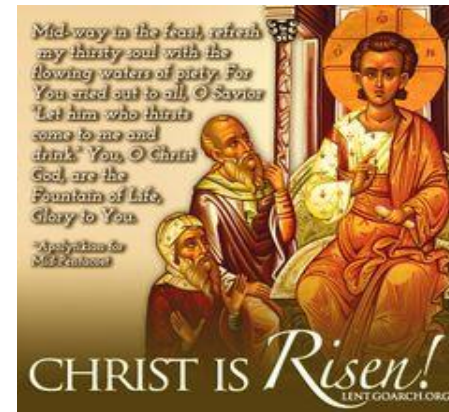
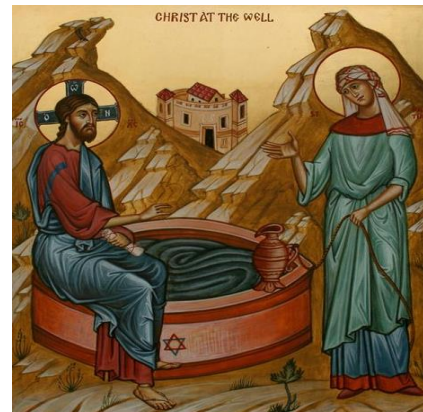
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SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

5th Paschal Sunday – Mid-Pentecost – May 19, 2019



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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

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.
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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 Northwest Pittsburgh Lodge 603: (MR) Contact Tina Burns (412) 859-9597 for membership.

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: (MR) Contact Church Office.

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




The midpoint of the Feast has arrived, the days which begin with the Resurrection of the Savior and are fulfilled in the divine Feast of Pentecost. Truly it unites both Feasts and draws light from their double brightness, giving honor to the Ascension of the Lord, which prefigures our glory! (Great Vespers of Mid-Pentecost)

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Christ is Risen! — Indeed! He is Risen!
Christos Voskresel! — Voistinnu Voskresel!
Liturgical Services for the Week



Date	Time	Intention	Requested By
 SUN., May 19	9:00 a.m. (MR) + Margo Family 11:00 a.m. (NS) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes	Marge & James Lautenschlager	
Mon, May 20	8:00 a.m. (MR) + Amelia + Frank T. Firko <i>(anniversaries of passing)</i>	Firko Family	
Tues, May 21	8:00 a.m. (MR) Thanksgiving <i>(42nd ann of Priesthood Ordination 5/22)</i>	Fr. Firko	
Wed, May 22	8:00 a.m. (MR) + Margaret (Peg) Krulac <i>(3rd ann of passing)</i>	Dgtr: Barbara & Peter Stecko	
Thrs, May 23	8:00 a.m. (MR) + Edward Zotyak <i>(birthday 5/19)</i>	Wife: Florence	
Fri, May 24	8:00 a.m. (MR) + Emory Holowatch <i>(1st ann of passing)</i>	Anna Myers	
Sat, May 25	***10:00 a.m. (MR) Memorial Divine Liturgy of Majorie Preganz I		

Sunday anticipated Divine Liturgy of the Man Born Blind
4:00 p.m. (MR) + Rose A. Debranski *(birthday 5/28)* Dgtr: Nancy



SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND
6th Paschal Sunday — Memorial Weekend

SUN., May 26	9:00 a.m. (MR) + Elizabeth Mross <i>(4th ann of passing 5/27)</i>	Marge & James Lautenschlager
	11:00 a.m. (NS) + Anna Spontak <i>(15th ann of passing 5/22)</i>	Son: Robert & Joyce

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

May 19 – MARYANN CONTI; **May 20** – Alexis Jumba; **May 22** – Theresa Hrishenko, John Kutchmark, Jr., Ray Rippole; **May 23** – Carl Bates, Janet Herczak; **May 25** – George Lucas, Nicholas Rosko.

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

HOME: Margaret Beliunas, Irene Bordas, MARY ANN CONTI, Iлона Goyda, Beverly Harsh, MILAN JUGAN, MARTHA LUCAS, OLGA MANFREDO, Irene Palahunik, Mike 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.

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.
VICTORIA MANOR PERSONAL CARE HOME (100 Rose Ct., Oakdale, PA 15071): Andrew Drukalsky.

Public questions on Catholic spirituality, moral & spiritual problems

Q. My aunt wants to keep her husband's cremated remains on a shelf in her living room. Is this in keeping with Church teaching? **A. Answer by a Catholic Apologist:** No. The (U.S.) Bishops' Committee on Divine Worship says the following: Any catechesis on the subject of cremation should emphasize that the cremated remains of a body should be treated with the same respect given to the corporeal remains of a human body. This includes the use of a worthy vessel to contain the ashes, the manner in which they are carried, the care and attention to appropriate placement and transport, and the final disposition. While cremated remains may be buried in a grave, entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium or even buried at sea, the practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground, or keeping cremated remains in the home of a relative or friend of the deceased are not the reverent disposition that the Church requires. The cremated remains of the body may be properly buried at sea in the urn, coffin, or other container in which they have been carried to the place of committal. ("Cremation and Burial at Sea")

This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

May 19 — May 25, 2019

(MR): **Thanksgiving** *(67th Wed Ann 5/15)*

offered by Dolores & Ted Babin

(NS): **In memory of Margaret (Peg) Krulac** *(3rd ann of passing 5/22)*

(MR) All reserved for 2019 offered by Dgtr: Barbara & Peter Stecko (NS) All reserved for 2019



McKees Rocks Announcements

CHURCH AND SIDE ENTRANCE SCHOOL ROOF REPAIRED AND REPLACED



— A few weeks ago, Kenyon Roofing on Ohio River Boulevard was awarded the contract to Repair the Church Roof which included replacing blown away shingles, replacing worn shingles and securing lose shingles. They also sealed the loose gutters from leaking water. The roof over the garage and the porch area were attended to by securing the flashing and membrane against the wall. Water was coming through the basement area near

the elevator. A completely new roof was replaced at the side school entrance which was in need of replacement resulting in water seeping through the ceiling. Total cost for the entire project which took a week to complete was \$10,775.00. The Parish Advisory Council and Financial Advisory Council approved the project. The chancery accepted the proposal, and the initiative was placed in motion.

CHURCH BASEMENT AND GYM WASHROOM PROJECT ARE AWAITING BIDS

— Our Church and Gym area Wash Room are in the process of being updated the best they can. One Contractor came and took measurements from the submitted plans from the Farkas Architect Firm, Squirrel Hill. We are awaiting the bid. Also another Contractor will be arriving this week to submit a bid. Our Pirohi Project will be financing this project which will be costly due to the aged structure of the areas. Additional details will be forthcoming once we receive them.

Holy Ghost, Northside

KENYON ROOFING TO EXAMINE CHURCH ROOF — We have been receiving water in the nave of the church for the past few rainfalls. This coming week, Kenyon Roofing will be looking to see where the problem is originating.

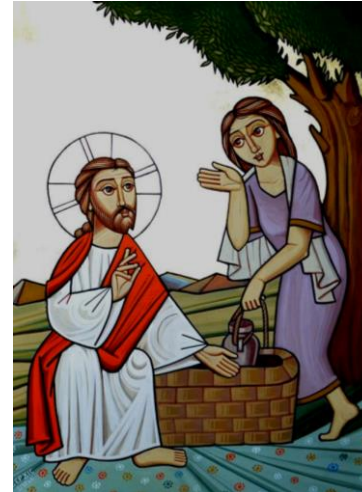
EASTER DUTY PRECEPT — All Christian Faithful are OBLIGED to receive the Divine Eucharist when in danger of death AND during the Paschal (Easter) Period (Canon 708). This was traditionally known as the EASTER DUTY. When one is aware of Mortal (Deadly) Sin, a Sacramental Confession is necessary before receiving Holy Communion. Serious Sins are those fractures especially against the Ten Commandments and 6 Precepts of the Church, but not limited to them and must be confessed at least once a year. If you have not attended to your Easter Duty Precept, the **Sunday of All Saints (June 16)** is the final day to take care of this important spiritual matter without incurring serious sin of omission. Use the special examination of conscience forms located in the vestibule and narthex of the Church to assist you in making a good confession of sins.

THE FIFTH PASCHAL SUNDAY

Why Samaria Was So Controversial To The Jews

(first read John 4: 5-42)

One of the most ancient cities of the Promised Land was Shechem, also called Sikima, located at the foot of Mount Gerazim. There the Israelites had heard the blessings in the days of Moses and Joshua. Near to this town, Jacob, who had come from Mesopotamia in the nineteenth century before Christ, bought a piece of land where there was a well. **This well, preserved even until the time of Christ, was known as Jacob's Well.** Later, before he died in Egypt, he left that piece of land as a special inheritance to his son Joseph (Gen. 49:22). This town, before it was taken into possession by Samaria, was also the leading city of the kingdom of the ten tribes. In the time of the Romans it was called Neapolis, and at present Nablus. It was the first city in Canaan visited by the Patriarch Abraham. Here also, Joshua addressed the tribes of Israel for the last time. Almost three hundred years later, all Israel assembled there to make



Roboam (Rehoboam) king. Concerning the Samaritans we know the following: In the year 721 before Christ, Salmanasar (Shalmaneser), King of the Assyrians, took the ten tribes of the kingdom of Israel into captivity, and relocated all these people to Babylon and the land of the Medes. From there he gathered various nations and sent them to Samaria. These nations had been idolaters from before. Although they were later instructed in the Jewish faith and believed in the one God, they worshipped the idols also. Furthermore, they accepted only the Pentateuch of Moses, and rejected the other books of Holy Scripture. Nonetheless, they thought themselves to be descendants of Abraham and Jacob. Therefore, the pious Jews named these Judaizing and idolatrous peoples Samaritans, since they lived in Samaria, the former leading city of the Israelites, as well as in the other towns thereabout. *The Jews rejected them as heathen and foreigners, and had no communion with them at all, as the Samaritan woman observed, "the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans"* (John 4:9). Therefore, the name Samaritan is used derisively many times in the Gospel narrations.

After the Ascension of the Lord, and the Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the woman of Samaria was baptized by the holy Apostles and became a great preacher and Martyr of Christ; she was called Photine or Photina, and her feast is kept on February 26.

CHRIST IS RISEN In Various Languages:
Chinese: Helisituosi fuhuole! — Qeshi fuhuole!
Japanese: Harisutosu Fukkatsu! — Jitsu Ni Fukkatsu

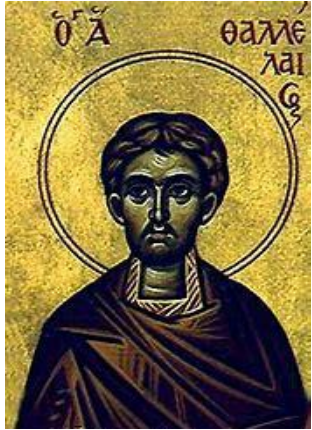
CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

May 26	Memorial Day Weekend observed.
May 29	Great Vespers w/ Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Ascension: (MR) 7:00 p.m.
May 30	Feast of the Ascension: — Holy Day of Obligation — (MR) 9:00 a.m. & (NS) 6:00 p.m.
Jun 7-8	5 th & Final All Souls Saturday: Friday: (NS) 6:00 p.m.; Saturday (MR) 9:00 a.m.
Jun 9	Feast of the Descent of the Holy Spirit — Pentecost Sunday — Patronal Feast. Patronal Dinner Celebration & Honoring all our Parish Graduates @ 1:00 pm.
Jun 10	2 nd Day of Pentecost — Feast of the Most Holy Trinity — (MR) 9:00 a.m. & (NS) 6:00 p.m.
Jun 16	Sunday of All Saints & Final Day for fulfilling the Easter Duty Precept. Annual Father's Day.

The Holy Martyr Thalaleus

at Aegae in Cilicia — May 20

The Martyr Thalaleus, along with Alexander and Asterius lived during the reign of Numerian (283-284). The prefect of the city of Aegea sent soldiers to seek out Christians. They brought to him, Thalaleus an eighteen-year-old blond-haired youth. To the prefect's questions Saint Thalaleus replied, "I am a Christian, a native of Lebanon. My father, Beruchius, was a military commander, and my mother was named Romylia. My brother is a subdeacon. I, however, am studying medicine under the physician Macarius. During a former persecution against Christians in Lebanon, I was brought before the prefect Tiberius, and barely escaped execution. But now that I stand before this court, do with me as you will. I wish to die for Christ my Savior and my God, and hope to endure all torments with His help." The enraged prefect ordered the two



torturers Alexander and Asterius to bore through the knees of the martyr, pass a rope through the bone, and suspend him head downwards. But the executioners, by God's design, bored into a block of wood, which they hung up in place of the martyr. When the prefect saw that they had deceived him, he then ordered that Alexander and Asterius be whipped. They also confessed themselves Christians and glorified God. The prefect immediately gave orders to cut off their heads. Twice he attempted to carry out the execution, and to bore through the saint's knees, but the grace of God prevented him. Then he commanded that Saint Thalaleus be drowned. The returning servants reported to the prefect that they had carried out the execution, but just as they finished their report, Saint Thalaleus appeared in white raiment. For a long time everyone was numbed with terror, but finally the prefect said, "Behold, this sorcerer has bewitched even the sea." Then one of his advisers, the magician Urbician, told the prefect to have the martyr thrown to the wild beasts. But neither the vicious bear, nor the hungry lion and lioness, would touch the saint, all meekly lay down at his feet. Seeing this happen, the people began to shout, "Great is the God of the Christians. O God of Thalaleus, have mercy on us!" The crowd seized Urbician and threw him to the beasts, which did not hesitate to tear the magician apart. Finally, the prefect gave orders to kill the holy martyr with a sword. They led Christ's martyr to the place of execution, called Aegea, where he prayed to God and bent his neck beneath the sword. This occurred in the year 284.

General Announcements

PLANS UNDERWAY FOR PATRONAL PENTECOST DINNER — Our Patronal Feast Day Dinner at the (MR) school hall is being planned for **Pentecost Sunday, June 9, 2019 @ 1:30 p.m.** We will also honor our upcoming high school and college graduates at this time. All Members of both Holy Ghost Parishes of MR & NS are asked to put this day aside so as to glorify God the Holy Ghost (Spirit) during these green holy days! The event will once again be catered this year. Tickets are on sale following the Divine Liturgy or by contacting the Church office (412) 771-3324.



GRADUATES REGISTER TO BE RECOGNIZED — Our Holy Ghost Churches would like to honor all of our High School and College Graduates on the occasion of our Patronal Feast, **June 9, 2019.** All MR & NS graduates will be our guests and only those attending will receive a gift from the parish congratulating them on their milestone achievement as they commence a new chapter in their lives. All graduates must phone the church office to inform us that you are graduating and will be attending the dinner.



TICKETS FOR PATRONAL FEAST PENTECOST DINNER — Our Parish Feast Day Dinner Menu will be provided by Cooked Goose Catering of Imperial. **The menu will be: Stuffed Chicken Breast Dinner, Roast Pork w/Gravy, Red Skin Potatoes, Mixed Vegetable and Tossed Salad.** Ticket prices are: Parishioners 13 and over (\$10.00); Guests (\$13.00); Children (\$5.00) May God's blessing be upon us as we glorify God the Holy Spirit on this special day! Children menu: Mac & Cheese and Chicken Tenders.

BI-PARTISN PRO-LIFE GUIDE NOW AVAILABLE — PA Primary Election Day is this Tuesday, **May 21.** You are encouraged to consider those candidates who are



truly dedicated to the Pro-Life position. Let us defend the most vulnerable of God's children and speak for them by our vote when they cannot speak or act for themselves. Imagine yourself in their position. Wouldn't you want someone to defend you when your life is threatened?! Take the guide with you to the polls. Jesus came so that we may have life and live it

to its fullness! They are located in the narthex and side vestibule.

MARIAN DEVOTIONS EVERY FRIDAY OF MAY — In all Rites of the Catholic Church, the month of May is especially devoted to the Most Holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary. Come join us at the **HGC-MR on Fridays at 6:30 p.m.** for the offering of the Holy Rosary as we commemorate the 102nd anniversary of her appearance in Fatima.

