

Parish Offerings – Pentecost (Rusalja) Sunday — June 9, 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	\$450.00
Pentecost (\$1,608) YP (\$11) Holy Days (\$125) YP (\$5)	1,749.00
Votive Candles	107.50
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	\$2,306.50

Holy Ghost Church, Northside

Regular Offering	\$69.00
Pentecost (\$362) Holy Days (\$35)	417.00
Utilities	20.00
Votive Candles	42.50
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	\$548.50

Church Attendance Last Week

(MR) Sat., 4:00 p.m. (39)

Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (86); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (33)

5th All Souls — Fri. (NS) 6:00 p.m. (5); Sat. (MR) 9:00 a.m. (11)

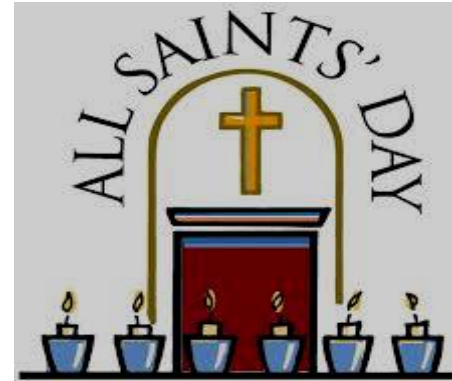
Pentecost Monday — Mon (MR) 9:00 a.m. (3); (NS) 6:00 p.m. (7)

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THE SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS

1st Sunday after Pentecost – Annual Father's Day

June 16, 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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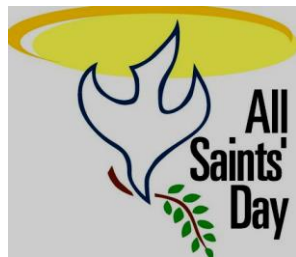
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SUNDAY RADIO (9:00 am WEDO 810 AM) & INTERNET DIVINE LITURGY

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



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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.

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 for Parishioners: (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!*

GCU
 Greek Catholic Union of the USA
 A Fraternal Benefit Society
 Lodge 390 offers Insurance and Annuity Benefits greater than most financial institutions. Info call Tina (412) 859-9597

This space available for ads for wishing someone birthday or anniversary greetings, get-well wishes, etc.
Call the office (412) 771-3324

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THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH

With unity of faith let us celebrate a solemn feast of those who from the ages have found grace before God. Let us remember all the Saints: the Patriarchs, Prophets, and Apostles of Christ, the Martyrs, and Ascetics of all ages. They intercede unceasingly for the peace of the world and for the salvation of our souls! (Great Vespers of All Saints)

June 16, 2019

Seasonal 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


SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS

1st Sunday after Pentecost — Annual Father's Day

SUN., Jun 16 9:00 a.m. (MR) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes
11:00 a.m. (NS) For the Living & Deceased Fathers of Both Parishes


Mon, Jun 17 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Michael Eisenman Sister: Martha & Bob Maletz

Tue, Jun 18 8:00 a.m. (MR) Health & Welfare (Birthday 6/17) Mary Sahayda
10:00 a.m. (MR) Funeral of Andrew J. Drukalsky

Recommended SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat) or Equivalent Penance (your choice): for vocations
Wed, Jun 19  8:00 a.m. (MR) + John J. Jumba Walter Ciok & Family
(5th ann of passing)

Commemoration of the Body of Christ — T'ilo Christovo

Thrs., Jun 20 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Cantor John Fejka Dorothy & Kathy Balog

REQUIRED SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat) or Equivalent Penance (your choice): for vocations
Fri, Jun 21  8:00 a.m. (MR) + Myrona + William Duggan Theresa Kundrat

Sat, Jun 22 9:00 a.m. (NS) + Helen S. Lubinski Nephew: Cindy & Harry Lubinski

Sunday anticipated Divine Liturgy of the Second Sunday after Pentecost

4:00 p.m. (MR) + Mildred + Michael Tomchak Grandson: Mike Tomchak



2nd Sunday after Pentecost

SUN., Jun 23 9:00 a.m. (MR) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes
11:00 a.m. (NS) + Theodore Demianczyk, Jr. (birthday 6/11) Wife: Ann

Vigil Divine Liturgy of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist — Solemn Holy Day

6:00 p.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

Jun 16 – Karen Stebbins; Jun 17 – MARY SAHAYDA (102); Jun 18 – Olivia Harsh, Sandra Rosko; Jun 19 – Eric Ruud; Jun 21 – Nancy Cifrulak.

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

HOME: Margaret Beliunas, Irene Bordas, Margaret Cifrulak, MARY ANN CONTI, Ilona Goyda, Beverly Harsh, MILAN JUGAN, Peter Kacsur, MARTHA LUCAS, OLGA MANFREDO, Irene Palahunik, MARLENE PFEIFFER, Lisa Plutto, Betty Spisak, EVELYN VENTO, Anita Wolsko, 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 Hopyey.

OHIO VALLEY HOSPITAL (25 Heckel Road, McKees Rocks, PA 15136): Elizabeth Petruna.

Public questions on Catholic spirituality, moral & spiritual problems

Q. Did Pope Francis change the Our Father? A. Catholic Answers Apologist, Fr. John Grondin: As of now there are no changes planned for the Our Father. What Pope Francis was referring to was not changing the prayer itself but changing how we translate the prayer in certain languages. Pope Francis was speaking of the words "lead us not into temptation." The Holy Father was merely pointing out that some people mistakenly think that this means it is God who tempts us to sin. In French, the translation of that line had been changed to "let me not fall into temptation," and the Pope was saying that, in his opinion, this is a much better translation than the traditional one. How to translate this line from the Our Father has varied and some have used "do not subject us not to the final test" or "do not bring us to the time of trial." If the translation changed, the prayer itself would not really be changed.

This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

June 16 — June 22, 2019

(MR): In memory of Michael Sejka (birthday 6/17)
offered by Children

(NS): In memory of John Bordas

(MR) All reserved for 2019

offered by Wife: Irene

(NS) All reserved for 2019



McKees Rocks Announcements

SYMPATHY EXTENDED — The *Spirit of Truth* announces the sudden passing of **Mike Palahunik, 91**, of McKees Rocks, PA, at Allegheny General Hospital on Tuesday, June 4, 2019. He is survived his wife: parishioner, Irene; and Son, Michael (Monica). Funeral arrangements were handled by the Musmanno Funeral Home, Kennedy Township. The Funeral Divine Liturgy was offered on Thursday, June 13, 2019. Interment took place at St. Mark Cemetery, Kennedy Township. In blessed repose grant O Lord eternal rest to your servant, Mike, and remember him forever! *Vicnaja Jemu Pamjat'!*



SAVE THE DATE: ALTAR BOY FUN DAY FOURTHCOMING — Mark your calendar for **Tuesday, July 2, 2019** and get ready for another great day of Fun! Open to all Altar Boys (elementary through high school), this exciting day sponsored by the Vocations Office is filled with tons of awesome activities around Pittsburgh to thank you for volunteering your time and service to the Church. Registration will take place at the school gym at 9:15 a.m. followed by the Divine Liturgy. After a lunch we will depart to the Carnegie Museum in the Oakland section of Pittsburgh. We will be attending a Pirate Baseball Game against the Chicago Cubs. Following the end of the game, we will board the buses and head back to Holy Ghost Church for pick up and departure home. Approximate time will be 11:00 p.m. Phone the church office to register (412) 771-3324. **There are forms to be filled out & sent to the Chancery. No extra Museum or Pirate Tickets will be ordered!**



Holy Ghost, Northside

No Particular Announcements this Week

A BRIEF HISTORY OF FATHER'S DAY — Father's Day was the invention of **Sonora Smart Dodd (1892-1978)** of Spokane, Washington, who reportedly came up with the idea while listening to a Mother's Day sermon at the Central Methodist Episcopal Church in 1909. Raised by her widowed father, Sonora felt that her father should be honored in the same way mothers were since Anna Jarvis created Mother's Day four years earlier. The first official "Father's Day" was held in Spokane in 1910. Despite its detractors—and there were many—the idea of a national "Father's Day" picked up steam when it was endorsed in 1924 by President Calvin Coolidge. In 1926 the National Father's Day Committee was formed by a group of New York City merchants who saw the value in yet another day when people would feel obligated to buy things. Once again, the media mocked the concept as just one more example of commercialism at its crudest. It took another 30 years for "Father's Day" to be recognized by a Joint Resolution of Congress, and yet another decade for the holiday to be declared "real" in an official proclamation by President Lyndon Johnson in 1966. It was finally established as a federally recognized holiday by *President Richard Nixon in 1972, who declared it would be celebrated on the third Sunday of June.*



As we commence this short penitential journey through the Petrine Fast, let us offer Simple Abstinence (no meat) or an Equivalent Penance on Recommended Wednesdays & REQUIRED Fridays! Let us offer our prayer & abstinence for the intention of an increase of Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS

Everyone Is Called To Sainthood

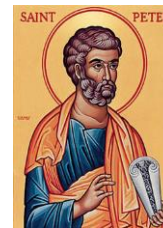
(Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38, & 19:27-30)

Today, we celebrate the **SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS**. Often, we think of Saints as those holy ones who have preceded us in physical death, and have won the crown of the heavenly kingdom. They are the ones whom we should imitate in life for guidance. Many of us think of these Saints as icons beautifully romanticized who always seem to have "a faraway look" in their eyes. Many of us get caught up in the halos and the visions. Great saints were real people with everyday problems. **Baptism calls all of us to sainthood**, not just the extraordinary people but everyday people just like you and me. Throughout history, saints have come from all economic classes and all walks of life. Often, they have been faced with struggles for sanctity that lasted their entire lifetimes. We all have weaknesses, and our knowledge of those weaknesses is vital if we are ever to achieve holiness. Knowing that we're not perfect helps us to love others who aren't perfect. It gives an important sense of humility and the power not to judge. Christianity elevates our human nature by combining it with the supernatural. This life of grace enables us to respond lovingly to the trials and irritations of everyday living. Jesus put it this way, "A good tree does not produce decayed fruit any more than a decayed tree produces good fruit. Each tree is known by its yield" (Luke 6:43-44). Now what is Jesus talking about when He says that we are to "produce good fruit"? What is this "yield" by which we are to be known? He is saying that we will bear signs of God's love if only we put our trust in Him. A heroic acceptance of suffering? Yes. Patience with an irritating person? Yes. Kindness to those that hurt us? Yes, that too. This is why it is so important for us to seek and embrace God's will for us. If you are bearing good fruit, your neighbors will be able to read the Gospel in your life, even if they've never read Scripture or think little of religion or of God. They will know that there is something about you that is different, even if they do not know that "something" is God. Saints are ordinary people like you and me. They knew God's will and they pursued that will in spite of their weakness and their humanness.



PETRINE FAST Begins Tomorrow

The **Petrine Fast (Petrovka – Ruthenian (Rusyn) Language)** is one that was actually engaged in by the disciples of Christ following the Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Having rejoiced throughout the fifty days following Pascha, the Resurrection of our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ, the Apostles began to prepare for their departure from Jerusalem to carry Christ's message to the far corners of the world. As part of their preparation, they began a fast with prayer to ask God to strengthen their resolve and to be with them in their missionary undertakings. It is this fast that we ourselves participate in when we observe the minor Penitential Season of the Petrine Fast. But we do this not only because we honor the Apostles and their sacrifice. We do this by way of preparing ourselves to be sent as missionaries into our world to reflect and radiate Christ to those around us. *As we begin the Petrine Fast (named after the Apostle Peter), let us make a serious effort to abstain from meat or do an equivalent penance not only on the required Fridays until June 29, but also on the recommended Wednesdays for the intention of an increase of vocations to the priesthood & religious life.*



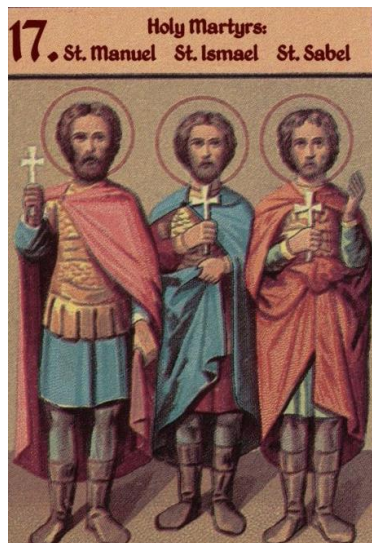
CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Jun 16 Sunday of All Saints & Final Day for fulfilling the Easter Duty Precept.
 Annual Father's Day.
 June 23 **(Note well):** Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist (Solemn Holy Day): (NS) 6:00 p.m.
 June 24 **(Note well):** Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist (Solemn Holy Day): (MR) 7:00 p.m.
 50th Anniversary of the Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh & Archeparchy of Pittsburgh, Cathedral.
 June 28 **(Note well): Holy Day of Obligation:** Vigil Feast of SS. Peter & Paul (NS) 6:00 p.m.
 June 29 **(Note well): Holy Day of Obligation:** Feast SS. Peter & Paul (MR) 9:00 a.m.
 July 2 Archieparchial Altar-Server Faith & Fun Days — Altar Boys asked to contact church office ASAP.

Saints of the Week — June 17

Holy Martyrs Manuel, Sabel & Ishmael

The Holy Martyrs Manuel, Sabel and Ishmael, brothers by birth, were descended from an illustrious Persian family. Their father was a pagan, but their mother was a Christian, who baptized the children and raised them with firm faith in Christ the Savior. When they reached adulthood, the brothers entered military service. Speaking on behalf of the Persian emperor Alamundar, they were his emissaries in concluding a peace treaty with the emperor Julian the Apostate (361-363). Julian received them with due honor and showed them his favor. But when the brothers refused to take part in a pagan sacrifice, Julian became angry. He annulled the treaty and incarcerated the ambassadors of a foreign country like common criminals. At the interrogation he told them that if they scorned the gods he worshipped, it would be impossible to reach any peace or accord between the two sides. The holy brothers answered that they were sent as emissaries of their emperor on matters of state, and not to argue about "gods." Seeing their firmness of faith, the emperor ordered the brothers to be tortured. They beat the holy martyrs, then nailed their hands and feet to trees. Later, they drove iron spikes into their heads, and wedged sharp splinters under their fingernails and toenails. During this time of torment the saints glorified God and prayed as if they did not feel the tortures. Finally, the holy martyrs were beheaded. Julian ordered their bodies to be burned, and suddenly there was an earthquake. The ground opened up and the bodies of the holy martyrs disappeared into the abyss. After two days of fervent prayer by the Christians, the earth returned the bodies of the holy brothers, from which a sweet fragrance issued forth. Many pagans, witnessing the miracle, came to believe in Christ and were baptized. Christians reverently buried the bodies of the holy martyrs Manuel, Sabel and Ishmael in the year 362. Since that time the relics of the holy passion-bearers have been glorified with miracles. When he heard about the murder of his emissaries, and that Julian was marching against him with a vast army, the Persian emperor Alamundar mustered his army and started off toward the border of his domain. The Persians vanquished the Greeks in a great battle, and Julian the Apostate was killed by the holy Great-Martyr Mercurius (November 24). Thirty years later the pious emperor Theodosius the Great (+ 397) built at Constantinople a church in honor of the holy martyrs, and Saint Germanus, Patriarch of Constantinople (May 12)



17. Holy Martyrs: St. Manuel St. Ismael St. Sabel

General Announcements

SPECIAL THANK YOU FOR A SUCCESSFUL PENTECOST DINNER —



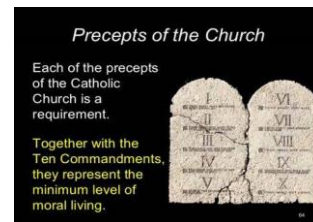
What a beautiful Pentecost Dinner we had last Sunday afternoon! Both of the parishes participated in this our Patronal Feast Day glorifying God the Holy Spirit! Special thanks is extended to Elaine Kurtanich, along with our parish secretary, Velma Seman, have organized this event along with the assistance of several others who made this Dinner possible! Many hours of preparation were spent in book-keeping, cleaning and setting up our gym area to make the day successful. Our pastor extends his

most heartfelt thanks!!!

THE BODY OF CHRIST COMMEMORATION — T'ILO CHRISTOVO — This Thursday, June 20, 2019 our Byzantine-Ruthenian Catholic Church marks a special traditional commemoration of the Holy Eucharist. It falls each year on the Thursday following All Saints Sunday. Join us in expressing gratitude to the Lord Jesus Christ's True Presence — Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Most Holy Eucharist on this special day at the morning Divine Liturgy!



LAST DAY TO FULFILL EASTER DUTY — All Christian Faithful are OBLIGED to



sacramentally CONFESS their Mortal Sins and to receive the Divine Eucharist during the Paschal (Easter) Period (Canon 708). This is traditionally known as the **EASTER DUTY**. Voluntary neglect of this Church precept is a serious (mortal) sin. Not only does it prohibit one from receiving the Eucharist, but also makes one ineligible to stand as Godparent/Sponsor at the Holy Mysteries of Initiation (Baptism/Chrismation/Eucharist). Please take

care of this responsibility with Confession of Serious Sins & a Holy and Worthy Reception of Holy Communion today!

SAVE THE DATE: PARISH PICNIC SLATED FOR AUGUST — Although details will follow in a later edition of the SOT, you are asked to set aside, **Sunday, Aug. 18** for our parishes picnic. It will be held once again in the Robinson Township Picnic Grove off of Cleaver Road. Please plan to join us as a member of our parish family and bring a guest.



KENNYWOOD PARK: 99TH ANNUAL GCU & BYZANTINE CATHOLIC FAMILY DAY — Special discounted tickets are now available from GCU Secretary-Treasurer, Steve Puluka (412) 897-4650. Seniors (55+): \$15.00; for everyone else: \$25.00. Super Senior (70+): \$11.00. All tickets include entry into the Park and All-Day Ride. Byzantine Catholic Family Day is slated for **Thursday, July 25, 2019**. *Deadline for these discounted tickets is JULY 8*. Please make checks payable to "GCU-Kennywood." No Cash, please. Tickets are also available for the Luncheon Buffet at a cost of \$15.00 (ages 11+); Jr. Luncheon \$8.00 (ages 4-10); and no charge ages 3 & under. Come join in the fun and set the day aside.



TWO UPCOMING HOLY DAYS — The Pittsburgh Metropolitan Province will be celebrating its 50th year anniversary next weekend. Due to this event, the Solemn Holy Day of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, our Divine Liturgy schedule will be as follows: **June 23rd – Sunday Vigil (NS) @ 6:00 p.m.; and June 24 – Monday (MR) @ 7:00 p.m. There will be NO MORNING DIVINE LITURGY! For Saints Peter & Paul HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION Vigil: Friday (NS) @ 6:00 p.m.; and June 29 – Saturday morning (MR) @ 9:00 a.m.**