

Parish Offerings – 4th Sunday after Pentecost — July 7, 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 (\$2,999.50) YP (\$12)	\$3,011.50
SS. Peter & Paul (\$115) Holy Days (\$13)	128.00
Special Donation (In mem. of Mary O. Culan)	100.00
Peter’s Pence (\$55) Votive Candles (\$85)	140.00
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	\$3,379.50

Holy Ghost Church, Northside

Regular Offering	\$549.00
Improvements	55.00
Votive Candles	60.50
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	\$664.50

Church Attendance Last Week

(MR) Sat, 4:00 p.m. (45)

Sun, (MR) 9:00 a.m. (90); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (37)

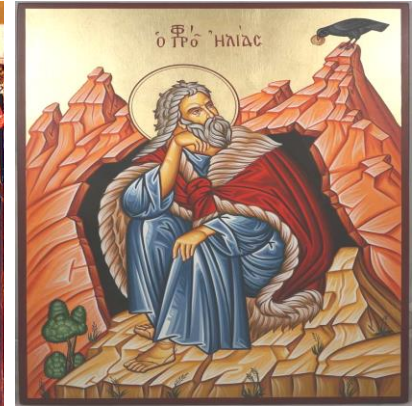
Archieparchial Altar Boy Faith & Fun Day — Tue., Jul 2 Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 a.m. (63)



HOLY GHOST BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH
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 McKEES ROCKS, PA 15136
 PITTSBURGH, PA 15212

THE 5th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Fathers of the 6 Ecumenical Councils — July 14, 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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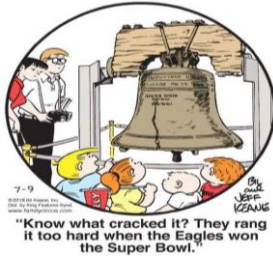
MR School Hall Kitchen: (412) 331-5155

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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: (MR) Contact Tina Burns (412) 859-9597 for membership.

Slavjane Folk Ensemble: (MR) Membership requirements contact Bob Bartko: rebartko@gmail.com.

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!

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).

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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

5th Sunday after Pentecost

Fathers of the first Six Ecumenical Councils

SUN, Jul 14 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Anna + George Skalyo Joyce & James Walsh
11:00 a.m. (NS) For the Parishioners of Both Parishioners

Commemoration of the Holy Vladimir the Great, Equal to the Apostles

Mon, Jul 15 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Mary + Charles Kundrat Theresa Kundrat

Tue, Jul 16 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Carol Schaner M/M Steve Lisko

Feast of the Blessed Bishop-Martyr Paul P. Gojdich, O.S.B.M.

Wed, Jul 17 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Mike Palahunik Ann & Ted Talkowski
(40th day of passing 7/13)

Thrs, Jul 18 8:00 a.m. (MR) Health & Welfare of Margie Masilunas Deb Charochak



REQUIRED SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat) or EQUIVALENT PENANCE (your choice) for our Nation
Fri, Jul 19 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Andrew J. Drukalsky Barb & Denny Finnegan
(40th day of passing 7/13)

Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Holy Prophet Elijah — Blessing of Vehicles

6:00 p.m. (NS) + Marian G. Weigand Maurein C. Vereb

Feast of the Holy Glorious Prophet Elijah the Tishbite

Blessing of Vehicles — Simple Holy Day

Sat, Jul 20 9:00 a.m. (MR) For the Parishioners of both Parishes

Sunday anticipated Divine Liturgy of the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

4:00 p.m. (MR) + Helen P. Petak Dgtr: Marilyn Furman & Family
(5th ann of passing)

6th Sunday after Pentecost

SUN, Jul 21 9:00 a.m. (MR) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes
11:00 a.m. (NS) + Andrew Latta Norman Nezelkewicz

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
Jul 14 – OLGA MANFREDO; Jul 16 – Teresa Harsh

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

HOME: Margaret Belionas, Helen Best, Irene Bordas, Florence Charochak, Margaret Cifrulak, MARY ANN CONTI, Ilona Goyda, Beverly Harsh, MILAN JUGAN, MARTHA LUCAS, OLGA MANFREDO, Irene Palahunik, MARLENE PFEIFFER, Lisa Plutto, Betty Spisak, EVELYN VENTO, 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 Hopye.

Public questions on Catholic spirituality, moral & spiritual problems

Q. I frequently bump into beggars on the street who ask me for small change. Is it okay to refuse to give them money? A. **Catholic Answers Apologist:** There is no obligation to give money to panhandlers, especially those who do not appear to need it or who appear as though they would waste it. If your personal safety is not at risk, you could politely offer them information on the nearest homeless shelter. Since you regularly meet panhandlers, you might ask a nearby shelter for business cards with contact information that you could distribute instead of money. In any event, if you meet your obligation to support the Church and you give to reputable charities, you need have no qualms about gently refusing to give spare change to panhandlers.

This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

July 14 — July 20, 2019

(MR): In memory of the Hubal Family

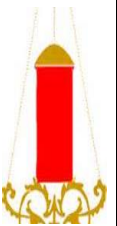
offered by the Hubal Family

(NS): In memory of Dorothy Sotak

(MR) NONE AVAILABLE FOR 2019

offered by Jane R. Sotak

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McKees Rocks Announcements

CHURCH BASEMENT LIBRARY FLOODED THIS PAST WEEK — With the torrential downpour of rain over the past several weeks, our library area had been flooded several times. The water arrives through the floor sewer. The convent building next door also gets flooded at the same time since the sewer pipes are connected. Another costly project to resolve and placed on the chalk board. Once again, thank you for your continual weekly donations to the Church. Your sacrificial donations help us meet the needs of the Church!



PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING THIS WEEK — A PAC Meeting will be conducted on **Monday, July 29, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.** All appointed members are encouraged to be in attendance in the parish office. Please mark your calendar.

Holy Ghost, Northside

FORMER PASTOR EXPRESSES GRATITUDE — Monsignor Peter Tay, retired priest of our Archeparchy, and former pastor, wishes to thank each of you for your cards and pledges of prayers as he celebrated his 94th birthday on July 7! God Bless you!

*I've
So much to be
THANKFUL
for*

PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING THIS WEEK — A PAC Meeting will be conducted following the Sunday Divine Liturgy in the Rectory on **Sunday, July 28, 2019.** All appointed members are encouraged to be in attendance in the parish office. Please mark your calendar.

REGISTER FOR A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE — The Archeparchy wishes to honor those who are celebrating their 10, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70 etc. anniversary of marriage this year. This celebration has been extended on a new format. It will take place on **Sunday, September 8, 2019 @ 3:00 p.m. at St. Elias Church, Munhall.** If you are observing one of the above milestones, *please contact the Church office if you plan or DO NOT plan to attend!* All anniversaries submitted will be published in a September issue of the SOT. *The final day of registration is July 28.*



SUMMER IS NOT A TIME TO VACATION FROM WORSHIPPING GOD — Now that Summer is here many will be vacationing. Please remember to keep the worship of God in your plans. The first Precept of the Church is to participate in the Divine Liturgy on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. *This does not exclude vacation time!* The place to worship God is at the Divine Liturgy. He is most kind and merciful, sustaining and gifting us in all that we have and need. *A voluntarily absence without serious reason makes one guilty of mortal sin, and unable to approach Holy Communion until the sinful neglect is confessed in the Holy Mystery of*

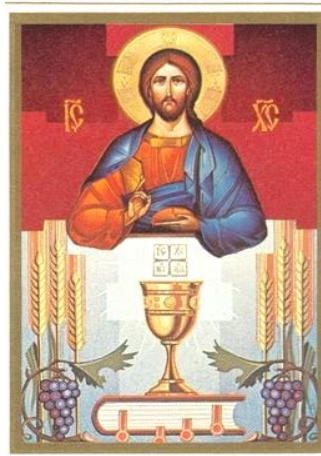


Reconciliation. If you know that where you are traveling that there is no Catholic Church, please inform the Pastor so that a dispensation may be considered. *You can download an app on your cell phone called "Mass Times" and find the nearest Byzantine, Roman, Maronite Rite, etc. Catholic Church to where you are staying.*

5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Fathers of the First 6 Ecumenical Councils — (John 17: 1-13)

Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils *Catholic Encyclopedia -- HISTORICAL SKETCH OF ECUMENICAL COUNCILS* --- The present article deals chiefly with the theological and canonical questions concerning councils which are Ecumenical in the



strict sense above defined. Special articles give the history of each important synod under the head of the city or see where it was held. In order, however, to supply the reader with a basis of fact for the discussion of principles of six of the twenty-one Ecumenical councils with a brief statement of the purpose of each.

First Ecumenical Council: Nicea I (325) – The Council of Nicea lasted two months and twelve days. Three hundred and eighteen bishops were present. Hosius, Bishop of Cordova, assisted as legate of Pope Sylvester I. The Emperor Constantine was also present. To this council we owe The Creed of Nicea, defining against Arius the true Divinity of the Son of God, and the fixing of the date for keeping Easter.

Second Ecumenical Council: Constantinople I (381) – The First General Council of Constantinople, under Pope Damasus and the Emperor Theodosius I, was attended by 150 bishops. It was directed against the followers of Macedonius, who impugned the Divinity of the Holy Ghost. To the above-mentioned Nicene Creed it added the clauses referring to the Holy Ghost and all that follows to the end.

Third Ecumenical Council: Ephesus (431) — The Council of Ephesus, of more than 200 bishops, presided over by St. Cyril of Alexandria representing Pope Celestine I, defined the true personal unity of Christ, declared Mary the Mother of God (*Theotokos*) against Nestorius, Bishop of Constantinople, and renewed the condemnation of Pelagius.

Fourth Ecumenical Council: Chalcedon (451) — The Council of Chalcedon -- 150 bishops under Pope Leo the Great and the Emperor Marcian -- defined the two natures (Divine and human) in Christ against Eutyches, who was excommunicated.

Fifth Ecumenical Council: Constantinople II (553) — The Second General Council of Constantinople, of 165 bishops under Pope Vigilius and Emperor Justinian I, condemned the errors of Origen and certain writings (The Three Chapters) of Theodoret, of Theodore, Bishop of Mopsuestia and of Ibas, Bishop of Edessa; it further confirmed the first four general councils, especially that of Chalcedon whose authority was contested by some heretics.

Sixth Ecumenical Council: Constantinople III (680-681) — The Third General Council of Constantinople, under Pope Agatho and the Emperor Constantine Pogonatus, was attended by the Patriarchs of Constantinople and of Antioch, 174 bishops, and the emperor. It put an end to Monothelism by defining two wills in Christ, the Divine and the human, as two distinct principles of operation. It anathematized Sergius, Pyrrhus, Paul, Macarius, and all their followers.

“The preaching of the Apostles and the teachings of the Fathers have confirmed the one faith of the Church, which she wears as a garment of truth, woven from the theology on high, as she faithfully imparts and glorifies the great mystery of devotion” (Kondakion of the Feast).

Calendar of Upcoming Events

July 19 ... Vigil Divine Liturgy of the Holy Prophet Elijah — Blessing of vehicles: (NS) 6:00 pm.
 July 20 Feast of the Holy Prophet Elijah — Blessing of vehicles: (MR) 9:00 am.
 July 28 NS Parish Advisory/Financial Council Meeting following the Divine Liturgy.
 July 29 MR Parish Advisory/Financial Council Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
 August 1 - 14 Commencement of the Savorial Fast (Spasovka).
 August 5 Vigil of the Feast (**Note well**): (NS) 6:00 p.m. Blessing of grapes and fruits.
 August 6 Feast of the Holy Transfiguration – (**Note well**): (MR) 9:00 a.m. Blessing of grapes and fruits.
 August 10-11 Blessing of Students and Teachers for the new Academic School Year following weekend DL.
August 14 Vigil of the Feast of the Dormition – Blessing of Herbs & Flowers – (MR) 7:00 pm — **Holy Day of Obligation**.
August 15 ... Feast of the Dormition – Blessing of Herbs & Flowers – (MR) 9:00 am; (NS) 6:00 p.m. — **Holy Day of Obligation**.
August 18 **Annual Parish Picnic, Robinson Clever Road, beginning @ 1:00 pm.**

Saint of the Week

The Holy Prophet Elijah the Tishbite — July 20 Simple Holy Day — Faithful are encouraged to attend the Divine Liturgy

Of all the Old Testament prophets it was St. Elijah (Greek: Elias) the Tishbite who, in a special way, captured the imagination of our Byzantine Slav people in Eastern

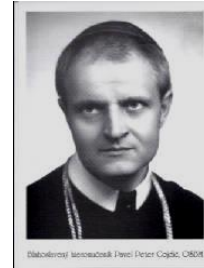


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General Announcements

FEAST OF BLESSED BISHOP-MARTYR PAUL P. GOJDICH, OSBM — Tuesday, **July 17** marks his Martyrdom Feast. He excelled in knowing, loving and serving God. While in prison he excelled in holiness, and was reportedly gifted with bilocation, levitation and the stigmata of the Lord. He prayed for only two favors: (1) to pass peacefully to the Lord on his birthday, and (2) to have a priest near his side to anoint him with the Sacrament. Both requests were answered on July 17, 1960 just after 12:00 midnight. He was buried quickly in an uncommon grave with only a number to signify the placement of his mortal remains. He was beatified by the late Pope John Paul II on November 4, 2001. His relics were transferred to the Presov Cathedral where they remain for veneration to this day. He was posthumously awarded with the prestigious decree "*Righteous Among the Nations*" by the Hebraic Community due to his role in saving thousands of Jewish people from extermination during World War II. Let us whole-heartedly resolve to pray daily for his immediate Canonization. The meaning of the O.S.B.M. is "The **Order of St. Basil Monastery**



HOLY DAY & BLESSING OF VEHICLES — This Saturday, **July 20**, is the **Feast of the Holy Prophet. Elijah the Tishbite**. It is an annual custom of our Byzantine Catholic Church to bless vehicles on this day. This beautiful memorial arose from the fact that near the end of his life the Lord sent a fiery chariot from heaven to take Elijah away. This happened in the presence of his disciple Elisha to whom was given double the power of his mentor to carry on the ministry. Since our vehicles are "as fast as the wind" as indicated in the prayer blessing, we pray that God will protect us from harm, and at the same time praise and thank God for this gift to be able to glorify Him by assisting us in the service of God and neighbor. Please come for the blessing following each Divine Liturgy on **(NS) Friday, July 19 @ 6:00 p.m. & (MR) Saturday, July 20 (MR) 9:00 a.m.**



GCU LODGE 390 LENDS A HELPING HAND TO FISHER HOUSE — Once again this year, our local GCU Northwest Pittsburgh Lodge is to collect items to help Pittsburgh's VA Fisher



House. The Pittsburgh Fisher House is a 10-bedroom "home away from home" and provides a place for visiting families to stay, free of charge, while their loved ones receive inpatient medical care at VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System. The Pittsburgh Fisher House is professionally furnished and features a common kitchen, laundry facilities, spacious dining room, living room with a library, and toys for children. They are requesting assistance in keeping these areas stocked with supplies. Boxes will be placed at the side vestibule and narthex areas of both parishes for the

collection that will extend to **August 4**. Needed items are listed on a stationery sheet near these boxes. Let's help our afflicted veterans and their families by supporting the Lodge in this collection!

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 parish picnic. It will be held once again in Robinson Township. Please plan to join us as a member of our parish family. Tickets for Catered Lunch: Adults (\$13) Children (\$6). You do not have to purchase a ticket. Just bring your own picnic basket and favorite portable chair too.