

Parish Offerings – 9th Sunday after Pentecost — August 11, 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 (\$1,986) YP (\$11)	\$1,997.00
Holy Days (\$152) YP (\$1)	153.00
Votive Candles (\$104.25) Initial (\$5)	109.25
	\$2,259.25

Holy Ghost Church, Northside

Regular Offering	\$710.20
Holy Days	55.00
Votive Candles	43.00

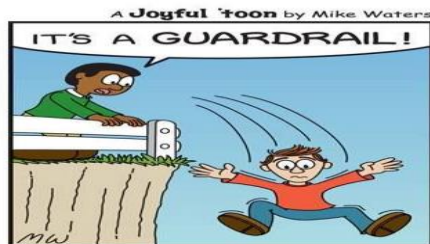
Church Attendance Last Week \$808.20

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

Sun, (MR) 9:00 a.m. (78); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (30)

Dormition of the Theotokos (Obligation) Blessing of flowers & herbs

Wed., Aug. 14, – (MR) 7:00 p.m. (24); Thrs., Aug. 15 – (MR) 9:00 a.m. (18); (NS) 6:00 p.m. (14)

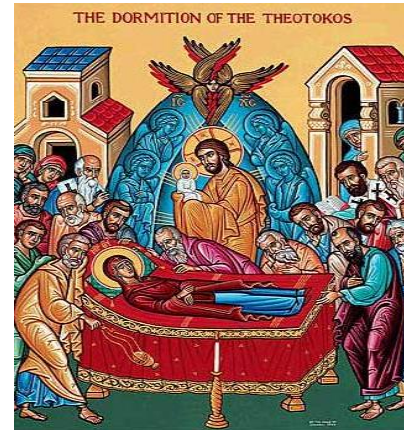


Whoever keeps commandments keeps their life, but whoever shows contempt for their ways will die. — PROVERBS 19:16 NIV

HOLY GHOST BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH
 225 OLIVIA STREET
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 McKEES ROCKS, PA 15136
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THE 10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Postfestival of the Dormition — August 18, 2019



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The Reverend Deacon Michael Meaders (NS)

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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!

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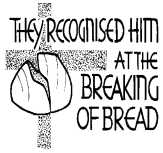
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SPIRIT OF TRUTH

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

10TH Sunday after Pentecost

Postfestive of the Dormition Feast — Annual Parishes Picnic

SUN, Aug 18	9:00 a.m. (MR) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes		
	11:00 a.m. (NS) + Anna Toth (birthday 9/7)		Joan Senchyshyn
Mon, Aug 19	***7:00 a.m. (MR) + Aaron Leshko		Eleanor + Basil P. Gramata
	(5 th ann of passing 8/18)		
	***Fr. Firko will be attending the funeral of Sr. Ann Fedyszak OSBM, Mt. St. Macrina, Uniontown @ 10:30 a.m.		
Tue, Aug 20	8:00 a.m. (MR) + Pauline Wargo Gaydas		Anonymous
Wed, Aug 21	8:00 a.m. (MR) + Ann Ondich		Cyndi Serafin
Thrs, Aug 22	9:00 a.m. (MR) + John J. Straskulic		Family
	(1 st ann of passing 8/18)		
	 <p>Final Day of the Dormition Feast REQUIRED SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat) or Equivalent Penance (your choice) . for the intention of peace and harmony in our Country.</p>		
Fri, Aug 23	8:00 a.m. (MR) + Judy A. Hopey		Family
	(2 nd ann of passing)		
Sat, Aug 24	8:00 a.m. (NS) + Lucy + John Holesh		Dgr: Nancy & Family
	(rescheduled from 8/10 due to a funeral)		

Sunday anticipated Divine Liturgy of the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

4:00 p.m. (MR) + Anna Hrebenak M/M James Lautenschlager

11TH Sunday after Pentecost

SUN, Aug 25	9:00 a.m. (MR) + John Kulka		Children: Kathy & John
	(13 th ann of passing 8/26)		
	11:00 a.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

Aug 18 – Isabella Bedard, Peter Zubritzky; Aug 19 – IRENE JUGAN, Anna Keller; Aug 20 – Nina Lecci; Aug 21 – Carmella Marie Rippole.

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

HOME: Margaret Beliuнас, Helen Best, Irene Bordas, Florence Charochak, Margaret Cifrulak, MARY ANN CONTI, WILLIAM GOGAL, Ilona Goyda, Beverly Harsh, MARTHA LUCAS, OLGA MANFREDO, Irene Palahunik, MARLENE PFEIFFER, Lisa Plutto, Millie Sotak, 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 Hopey.

Public questions on Catholic spirituality, moral & spiritual problems

Q. How can I explain the Church's teaching on homosexuality to my friend in a way that won't make her hate the Church? She thinks it's an issue of the Church being judgmental and exclusionary and that it is wrong to condemn homosexuals to a life of involuntary celibacy .**A.**

Answer by a Catholic Apologist: Persons who suffer from homosexuality are called to chastity—as are we all. The Church recognizes that homosexuality is a disorder (see CCC 2357) and, while the desires are not in themselves sinful, acting out on them is clearly offensive to God (see Rom 1:26-27, 1 Cor 6:9-10). It is appropriate to judge homosexual acts as wrong. But far from being “exclusionary,” the Church teaches that persons suffering from homosexuality “must be accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity. Every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided. These persons are called to fulfill God's will in their lives and, if they are Christians, to unite to the sacrifice of the Lord's cross the difficulties they may encounter from their condition” (CCC 2358).

This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

August 18 — August 24, 2019

(MR) In memory of Claudia C. Verner (birthday 8/22)

offered by Husband: George

(NS): In memory of Dolores & Tony Nee

(MR) NONE AVAILABLE FOR 2019

offered by Alice Slagle & Family

(NS) NONE AVAILABLE FOR 2019



McKees Rocks Announcements

SYMPATHIES EXTENDED — The *Spirit of Truth* announces the passing of **Basilian Nun, Sr. Ann Fedyszak, O.S.B.M.**, at Mount Saint Macrina on Monday, August 12, 2019 following a lengthy illness. Retreat Ministry engaged Sister's energy for seven years until she was called to part-time ministry in both the Archdiocesan Catechetical Office and Holy Ghost Parish in McKees Rocks, PA. This part-time ministry in McKees Rocks developed into full time Pastoral Ministry for ten years. At a time when physical disability would cause many to retire, Sister Ann's strong will stood her in good stead as she continued to give her all to her ministry. Relatives and friends will be received at the Monastery Chapel on Sunday, August 18 from 3:30 pm to the time of the Parastas Service which will be sung at 7:00 pm. The Funeral Divine Liturgy will be celebrated by Archbishop William C. Skurla on Monday, August 19 at 10:30 am. Interment will follow in the Dormition Section of Mount Macrina Cemetery; also the passing of parishioner, **Andrew Nazak, 87**, of McKees Rocks (Stowe Township) at his home on Monday, August 5, 2019. He is survived by daughters: Sherry & Jodi and grandchildren. Arrangements were handled by the Sanvito Funeral Home, McKees Rocks. The Funeral Divine Liturgy was offered on Aug. 8 followed by the interment at St. Mark Cemetery, Kennedy Township; also **Michele (Terrek) Chiavetta, 67**, at her home on Coraopolis Road, Coraopolis, PA on Sunday, August 11, 2019 following a lengthy illness. She is survived by her husband, Richard, and Son: Nicholas (Jessica) and granddaughter, Taylor; and her loving mother, parishioner, Mildred Terrek, and Sisters: Christine and Monica and their families. Arrangements were handled by the McDermott Funeral Home, Kennedy Township. A Mass of Christian Burial was offered at St. Malachy Roman Rite Church, Kennedy Township. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery, Moon Township. In blessed repose grant O Lord eternal rest to your servants, Sr. Ann, Andrew and Michele, and remember them forever! *Vicnaja Jim Pamjat!*



GRATITUDE EXTENDED — Over the past few months our Church has received a fresh coating of paint thanks to our parishioners, Julia Ann Mosko and her brother, George. The entrance to our church basement received a fresh coating of paint, as well as the sides of the new roof at the side entrance of the school; the hand railings and side edges of the roof (adjacent from the rectory office) at the school entrance. Also, to Theresa Hrishenko for assisting the parish secretary with necessary office projects. Thank you for your assistance! To Julia, George and Theresa, may God grant you many happy and blessed years!

Holy Ghost, Northside

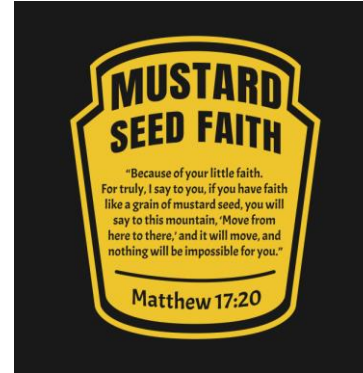
PARISH ADVISORY/FINANCIAL COUNCIL MEETING MOVED TO NEXT WEEK — The PAC/FAC Meeting has been moved to next Monday **Monday, August 26, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.** in the Church Rectory. All appointed members are encouraged to be in attendance. Please make this adjustment on your calendar.

THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED — Many thanks is extended to all who fully participated in the August Holy Days of the Transfiguration of Our Lord and Dormition of the Theotokos by continuing the long-time traditions of brings grapes, fruits, flowers and herbs to be blessed. It may seem like a small gesture, but it is really not. At this time of our parishes history, you have handed on the torch of fidelity and love for our Byzantine Catholic traditions as did those who preceded us during our 114 years of our Churches foundings. God grant you many blessed years!

10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Do You Have A Mustard Seed Size Faith? (Mt 17: 14-23)

Faith that is the size of a mustard seed – even faith the size of the smallest seeds – is faith that can make a tree that can change the world. A person with faith the size of such a



seed can be a full participant in God's plan. There is no minimum amount needed in order to be claimed by Christ. Your faith, no matter how weak and no matter how small is enough. So don't be afraid to use your mustard seed faith, discover what you can do with the faith that you have, and practice using the faith that you have been given. If you do, you just might find that your tiny mustard seed faith will grow into something truly amazing! Faith is to live by entrusting oneself to God's promises. Faith is always God's gift and never our own accomplishment. Faith is ever and only a response empowered by an amazing grace originating from outside of our own

efforts that enables us to entrust ourselves willingly to One we have found trustworthy. It is especially, through word and sacrament that God bestows this faith. The words of Jesus are not meant to emphasize an extraordinary physical phenomenon. Rather the contrast between the mountain and the grain of mustard seed stresses the infinite possibilities which are open to authentic faith. It is evident here that Jesus intends our faith to be something other than a simple intellectual adherence to revealed truth. Jesus speaks of faith as being a humble and total trust in the all-powerful goodness of God. If I have but a grain of authentic faith, I can risk making that faith the basis of my life in all circumstances, confident that God will grant the true and best solutions to all my difficulties. That would be my way of removing mountains.

FROM A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE:

The importance of Sunday and Participating at the Divine Liturgy

The following article was written by a Catholic Apologist, Matt Nelson and taken from Catholic Answers Webpage. This abridges article briefly teaches us the importance of Sunday and worshipping at the Divine Liturgy. Space does not permit the entire article so you may locate it on Catholic.com/magazine.

Every Sunday "the whole Christ" is reunited in and through the Holy Eucharist. Moreover, our choice to participate is salvific: "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you" (John 6:53). Theologian Colin Donovan reminds us that "in the Mass (Divine Liturgy) it is Christ himself who worships the Father, joining our worship to his. In no other way is it possible to adequately give thanks (eucharistia) to God . . . than by uniting our offerings to that of Jesus Christ himself." Christ does with us in the Mass (Divine Liturgy) what we cannot do alone: make a perfect offering to the Father. The key to understanding why Catholics must attend Sunday Mass (Divine Liturgy) lies above all in the essence of the Mass (Divine Liturgy) itself. Our duty to be willing participants **IS NOT rooted in how it makes us feel but in what it is.** As the sacred meeting place of God and man, the Mass (Divine Liturgy) reorients our lives towards God, reunites us with him in love, and thereby communicates the grace of salvation to our souls. In the long run, there can be nothing more productive than that.



Calendar of Upcoming Events

August 18 Annual Parish Picnic, Robinson Clever Road, beginning @ 1:00 pm.
 August 25 ... An afternoon at Narcisi Winery, Gibsonia. Call Elizabeth Harbist (412) 264-4349.
 August 29 Beheading of St. John the Baptist (Simple Holy Day): (MR) 9:00 am & (NS) 6:00 pm.
 August 31-Sept 1 85th Annual Uniontown Pilgrimage at Mount Saint Macrina.
 September 1 Commencement of the New Ecclesiastical (Church) Year.
 September 7 Commencement of a new Slavjane Season at the 4:00 p.m. DL.
 September 7-8 (MR) Coffee Social commences following the weekend Divine Liturgies.
 September 8 Archdiocesan Celebration of Marriage for Jubilarians, St. Elias Church, Munhall @ 3:00 pm
 September 15 Catechetical Sunday & Commissioning of the Catechists. Beginning of ECF school year
 September 28 (NS) Church grounds cleanup from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Saints of the Week

The Holy Martyrs Florus & Laurus – Aug. 18

The Martyrs Florus and Laurus were brothers by birth not only in flesh but in spirit. They lived in the second century at Byzantium, and afterwards they settled in



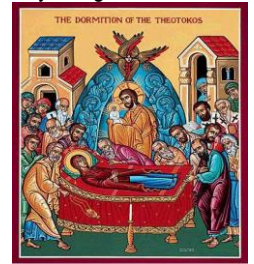
Illyria [now Jugoslavia]. By occupation they were stone-masons (their teachers in this craft were the Christians Proclus and Maximus, from whom also the brothers learned about life pleasing to God). The prefect of Illyria, Likaion, sent the brothers to a nearby district for work on the construction of a pagan temple. The saints toiled at the structure, distributing to the poor the money they

earned, while they kept strict fast and prayed without ceasing. Once, the son of the local pagan-priest Mamertin carelessly approached the structure, and a chip of stone hit him in the eye, severely injuring him. Saints Florus and Laurus assured the upset father, that his son would be healed. They brought the youth to consciousness and told him to have faith in Christ. After this, as the youth confessed Jesus Christ as the true God, the brothers prayed for him, and the eye was healed. In view of such a miracle, even the father of the youth believed in Christ. When the construction of the temple was completed, the brothers gathered the Christians together, and going through the temple, they smashed the idols. In the eastern part of the temple they set up the holy Cross. They spent all night in prayer, illumined with heavenly light. Having learned of this, the head of the district condemned to burning the former pagan priest Mamertin and his son and 300 Christians. The martyrs Florus and Laurus, having been sent back to the prefect Likaion, were thrown down an empty well and covered over with earth. After many years, the relics of the holy martyrs were uncovered incorrupt, and transferred to Constantinople.

Holy Martyrs Florus & Laurus, Pray to God for Us!

General Announcements

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION THIS PAST WEEK — Last Thursday, Aug. 15 was *THE FEAST OF THE DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD* and a Holy Day of Obligation. The Canon Law of our Byzantine Catholic Church states: *“The Christian faithful are bound by the obligation to participate on Sundays and feast days (Holy Days of Obligation) at the Divine Liturgy ...” (Canon 881#1); and “are recommended to receive the Divine Eucharist on these days ...” (Canon 881 #3); “and should abstain from those labors or business matters which impede the worship to be rendered to God” (Canon 881 #4). Neglectful fulfillment of this precept renders one guilty of mortal sin, therefore, unworthy to receive the Holy Eucharist, until one makes a worthy sacramental Confession of this voluntary neglect.*



PARISH PICNIC TODAY IN ROBINSON; BRING A LOUNGE CHAIR — Over 30 tickets have been purchased for today’s annual social gathering and picnic. If you have not purchased a ticket, please feel free to bring a picnic basket like we did in the “olden days!”



We will meet at Robinson Park, Rotary Shelter, 115 Robinson Pool Drive, McKees Rocks 15136 this afternoon at **1:00 p.m.** with various activities. **The food buffet will be served at 1:30 p.m.** At **2:15 p.m.** the wonderful and talented Slavjane Folk Ensemble will entertain us with a half hour performance. Following, games will continue, Parents, please encourage the children to attend the Slavjane show; this performance hopes to solicit new members of all ages. The Church will treat pizza to the Slavjane following the performance. The picnic will extend to 6:00 p.m. It

is a good time to get acquainted with one another as a parish family.

85th ANNUAL UNIONTOWN PILGRIMAGE — Labor Day weekend is just about here. This has always been a time to make an Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help at Mount Saint Macrina. It is there that we present our petitions before Our Blessed Mother for our needs and supplicate her assistance. We all have needs and/or something to be thankful for. Make the sacrifice and attend the Otpust (Pilgrimage) this year on **Saturday, August 31** and/or **Sunday, September 1, 2019**. See the flyer in the narthex of the church!



DISTRICT 15 INVITES ALL TO THE WINERY — GCU District 15 is hosting an Afternoon at the Narcisi Winery, 4578 Gibsonia Road, Gibsonia, PA 15044, on **Sunday, August 26, 2018** from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. Enjoy fraternalism, lunch, wine-tasting, door prizes and acoustic/Italian music of Jamie Wright. Cost: GCU Members: \$15.00 inclusive; non-members: \$25.00 inclusive. Make reservations and check out to GCU DISTRICT 15. Mail them to Elizabeth Harbist, 215 Thornwood Court, Moon Township, PA 15108. You may also phone: (412) 913-1446.



Join us for today’s Picnic!! We would really enjoy seeing you there!!