

**Parish Offerings – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost — July 14, 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 (\$1,524) YP (\$8) .....	\$1,532.00
Holy Days .....	30.00
Votive Candles .....	81.50
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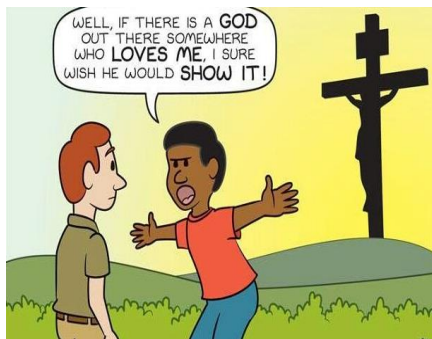
**Holy Ghost Church, Northside**

Regular Offering .....	\$365.00
Holy Days .....	25.00
Votive Candles .....	42.00
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	\$432.00

**Church Attendance Last Week**

(MR) Sat, 4:00 p.m. (42)

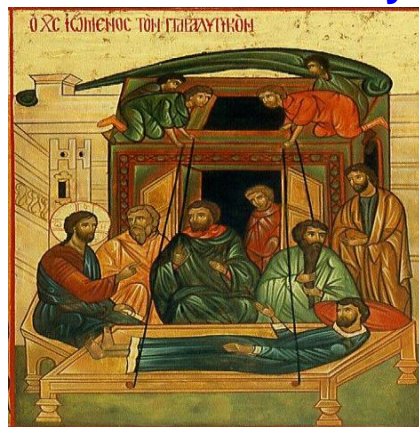
Sun, (MR) 9:00 a.m. (75); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (27)



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**THE 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**July 21, 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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12-8  
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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.

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Holy Mysteries of Initiation: Contact Church Office for Baptism, Chrismation and Eucharist.  
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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).

July 21, 2019

Seasonal Greeting

Volume IX, Number 29



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



## Liturgical Services for the Week

**Date**                      **Time**                      **Intention**                      **Requested By**

### 6<sup>th</sup> 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

#### Commemoration of St. Mary Magdelene, Equal to the Apostles

Mon, Jul 22                      8:00 a.m. (MR) + Irene C. Pikras                      Husband: Dan  
*(9<sup>th</sup> ann of passing)*

#### Feast of the Blessed Bishop-Martyr Basil Hopko

Tue, Jul 23                      8:00 a.m. (MR) + Joyce Buchko                      + Mary Frissora  
*(6<sup>th</sup> ann of passing)* 

#### Commemoration of the Long-Suffering Martyrs, Boris & Gleb

Wed, Jul 24                      8:00 a.m. (MR) + Susan + Michael Baran                      Eleanor & + Basil P. Gramata

#### Dormition of the Righteous & Holy Anne, the mother of the Theotokos

Thrs, Jul 25                      8:00 a.m. (MR) Health & Welfare *(birthday)*                      Paul Siwulich

#### REQUIRED SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat) or EQUIVALENT PENANCE (your choice) for our Nation

Fri, Jul 26  8:00 a.m. (MR) Commendation                      Grandparents: Martha & Bob Maletz  
Child + Baylee Wroten

Sat, Jul 27                      9:00 a.m. (NS) *For the Parishioners of both Parishes*

#### Sunday anticipated Divine Liturgy of the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

4:00 p.m. (MR) + Andrew Wahal *(birthday 7/25)*                      Marks Family



### 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**SUN, Jul 28**                      9:00 a.m. (MR) + Steven Muska                      Wife: Gladys & Family  
*(4<sup>th</sup> ann of passing 7/27)*

11:00 a.m. (NS) + John Kost + Helen Petrancosta                      Kost Family

# 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 21** – Rick Deliman, Nancy Lecci, ROBERT SPONTAK, Andrea Usouski, Loraine (Bunny) Zavidny; **Jul 23** – ALAN VALERIANO; **Jul 24** – Luke Iyengar, Daniel Rosko; **Jul 25** – Elaine Kurtanich; **Jul 26** – Joshua McCusker, SHIRLEY YANOSKO.

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

**HOME:** Margaret Beliuнас, Helen Best, Irene Bordas, Florence Charochak, Margaret Cifrulak, MARY ANN CONTI, Iлона 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.  
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**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.** Is it wrong to receive Communion before committing a mortal sin? Suppose you know that you are going to be in a position where you may fall into committing a mortal sin. **A. Answer by a Catholic Apologist:** The Church teaches that anyone conscious of a mortal sin must receive the sacrament of reconciliation before receiving Holy Communion. If you know you are going to be in a position where you may commit a mortal sin, you need to make a conscious effort to avoid those situations that tempt you. The strength to resist sin and break our disordered attachments comes from 1) frequent reception of the sacraments (e.g., confession, Eucharist) and 2) a disciplined prayer life. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says: As bodily nourishment restores lost strength, so the Eucharist strengthens our charity, which tends to be weakened in daily life; and this living charity wipes away venial sins. By giving himself to us Christ revives our love and enables us to break our disordered attachments to creatures and root ourselves in him. (CCC 1394)

## This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

**July 21 — July 27, 2019**

(MR): **In memory of Stush, Stanley, Jr + Olga + Mary Sulkowski**  
offered by Andy Nazak & Family

(NS): **In memory of Agnes Kacsur**

(MR) NONE AVAILABLE FOR 2019 offered by Niece: Barbara & Peter Stecko (NS) NONE AVAILABLE FOR 2019





## McKees Rocks Announcements

PARISH ADVISORY/FINANCIAL COUNCIL MEETING NEXT WEEK — A PAC/FAC 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

**WATER AUTHORITY REQUIRES A BACK-FLOW VALVE** — The Church recently received word from PWSA that a back-flow valve must be installed in the Church. Matt Mertz Plumbing was contacted to evaluate the situation. They determined that a commercial (not residential) valve must be installed. The total cost will be \$995.00. That's an average of 3 Sunday collections. If you feel that you would like to contribute to this project, please feel free to do so. Otherwise, we will have to take it out of our *Parish Savings & Share Account*. The valve will be installed inside the Church near the water meter located in the women's rest room.



**PARISH ADVISORY/FINANCIAL COUNCIL MEETING HAS TO BE POSTPONED UNTIL AUGUST. Further details are forthcoming.**

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**SUMMER IS NOT A TIME TO VACATION FROM WORSHIPPING GOD** — Now that Summer is here many are 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 and has 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.*

**NEIGHBORING ST. MARY CHURCH MARKS ANNUAL FESTIVAL** — This Thursday through Saturday, **July 24-27, 2019**, St. Mary Ukrainian Orthodox Church, McKees Rocks, will be hosting their yearly social event. We are all cordially invited to attend the festivity. The highlight of each evening will be 4 special Musical Groups including The Marcel's on Saturday. Each day begins at 5:00 p.m.; Also, St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church, Olivia Street, will be having their Super Bingo next Sunday, **July 28, 2019**.

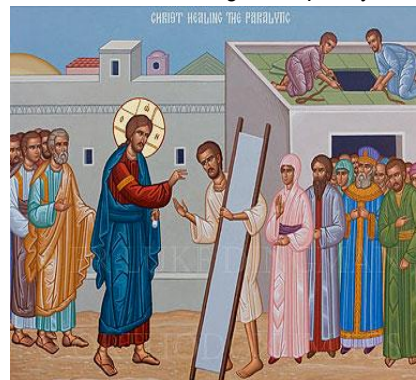
**DISTRICT 15 INVITES ALL TO THE WINERY** — GCU District 15 is inviting everyone to an Afternoon at the Narcisi Winery, 4578 Gibsonia Road, Gibsonia, PA 15044, on **Sunday, August 25, 2019** from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. Cost: GCU Members: \$15.00 inclusive; non-members: \$20.00. The cost includes a great lunch and 2 coupons for wine tasting. 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.



## 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Trust that God will do the best** — Read Matthew 9: 1-8

Those who brought the paralytic to Jesus did so because they believed in Him. It



was faith in Jesus that inspired them to come to Him. It was also love for their paralyzed friend that emboldened them to make their way through the crowd and bring him to Jesus. The carrying of the paralytic to Christ by his friends is an image of the Church. As members of the Body of Christ, we are called to carry our needy brethren to the Lord, through intercession and charity. St Paul says that we are to bear one another's burdens and thus fulfill the law of Christ (Gal. 6:2). At

the same time, we have to accept the fact that we often need others to carry *us*, since we too are afflicted and weak and needy, in constant need of forgiveness and healing. This is how the Lord wants his love to flow within the Church: when we happen to be strong, we are to carry others; when we are weak, others are to carry us. Jesus recognized both their faith in Him and their love for their paralyzed friend, yet what He first granted was not what they had originally come to Him for. They wanted physical healing, but Jesus first granted forgiveness of sins. When we encounter Jesus, we have to be prepared to let go of our presuppositions and expectations. He may manifest Himself in a way that runs counter to the image of Him we may have built up in our own thoughts and prayers. He may do things in our lives, in our souls, that we do not expect, and perhaps that we do not even *like*. He may upset our comfortable piety with a divine wake-up call that will leave us reeling and realizing that we didn't know it all after all, but were blind and ignorant until the light of Christ showed us both our sins and his glory. The paralytic wanted to walk, but Jesus took away his sins. Yet even if the paralytic was initially disappointed, he must have taken courage as Jesus told him to, and put his trust in the Lord. For Jesus did in fact give the man what he wanted, but only after giving him what *He* wanted to give, which was the most important thing. The lesson: Trust that God will do what is best!

**Tip of the day: Jesus does not wait to see the faith of the ignorant ... Yet he does not refuse to help the faith of another, so that by grace alone he confers whatever is proper of the divine will (St. Chrysologus). In other words, bring others to prayer and place them at the feet of Christ! Don't give up!**

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

July 25 ..... Annual Byzantine Catholic Family Day, Kennywood Park.  
 July 29 ..... MR Parish Advisory/Financial Council Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.  
 August 1 - 14 ..... Commencement of the Savorial Fast (Spasovka).  
 August 4 ..... GCU Northwest Pittsburgh Lodge Meeting @ 2:00 p.m. (MR).  
 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

### Dormition of the Holy & Righteous Anne, the Mother of the Most Holy Theotokos — July 25

Saint Anne was the daughter of the priest Matthan and his wife Mary. She was of the tribe of Levi and the lineage of Aaron. According to Tradition, she died peacefully in Jerusalem at age 79, before the Annunciation to the Most Holy Theotokos. During the reign of St Justinian the Emperor (527-565), a church was built in her honor at Deutera. Emperor Justinian II (685-695; 705-711) restored her church, since St Anne had appeared to his pregnant wife. It was at this time that her body and maphorion (veil) were transferred to Constantinople. Portions of St Anne's holy relics may be found on Mount Athos: Stavronikita Monastery (part of her left hand), St Anne's Skete (part of her incorrupt left foot), Koutloumousiou Monastery (part of her incorrupt right foot). Fragments of her relics may also be found in her Monastery at Lygaria, Lamia, and in the Monastery of St John the Theologian at Sourota. Part of the saint's incorrupt flesh is in the collection of Saints' relics of the International Catholic Crusaders. The church of St Paul outside the Walls in Rome has one of the saint's wrists. St Anne is also commemorated with her husband St. Joachim on September 9.



### Troparion of St. Anne's Feast (Tone 4)

**You carried the pure Theotokos in your womb, O righteous Anne, and she gave birth to Life itself. You passed into heavenly glory, rejoicing with those who are rapt in joy. Pray for the remission of the sins of those who keep your memory with faith.**

## General Announcements

**FEAST OF PASSING OF BLESSED BISHOP-MARTYR BASIL HOPKO — Tuesday, July 23,** marks the passing to eternity of this beloved Byzantine Catholic hierarch. On April 28,



1950, the Communist government seized complete control of Czechoslovakia and liquidated the Presov Eparchy. Bishop Hopko was imprisoned and tortured. Many years of imprisonment and harsh treatment took a final toll on his health. In the Spring of 1968, a liberalization of the Communist regime took place and the government agreed to re-establish the Church. He became chaplain to the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate who also took care of him. On **Friday, July 23, 1976** following a light lunch, and being helped in an easy chair, he gave up his spirit to the Lord whom he loved and faithfully served. The late Pope John Paul II beatified him on September 14, 2004. His relics were solemnly transferred to the Presov Cathedral the following week, and rest beneath the altar adjacent to the chapel of Blessed Paul Gojdich. He was 72 years old. **His Feast Day is May 11<sup>th</sup>.** Let us continue to fervently pray for his Canonization. Veneration of his holy relics will follow the Divine Liturgy.

**GCU LODGE LENDS A HELPING HAND TO FISHER HOUSE** — Our local GCU Northwest Pittsburgh Lodge is collecting 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 are 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 fraternal collection!



**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 at the Cleaver Recreation and Sports Complex Pavilion, 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. Slavjane, once again, has graciously extended a complimentary performance to encourage the children of our parishes to join their ensemble.



**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 next Sunday, July 28.*

