

Parish Offerings – 16th Sunday after Pentecost — September 28, 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 (\$1,569.75) YP (\$7)	\$1,638.75
Holy Days	60.00
Votive Candles	68.00
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Holy Ghost Church, Northside

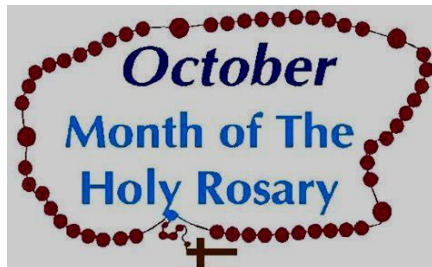
Regular Offering	\$358.00
Holy Days	25.00
Utilities	5.00
Votive Candles	34.50
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Church Attendance Last Week

(MR) Sat, 4:00 p.m. (28)

Sun, (MR) 9:00 a.m. (82); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (30)

Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos— (MR) 9:00 am (13); (NS) 6:00 pm (13)



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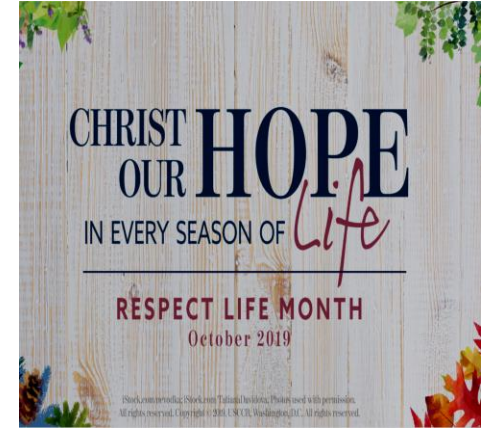
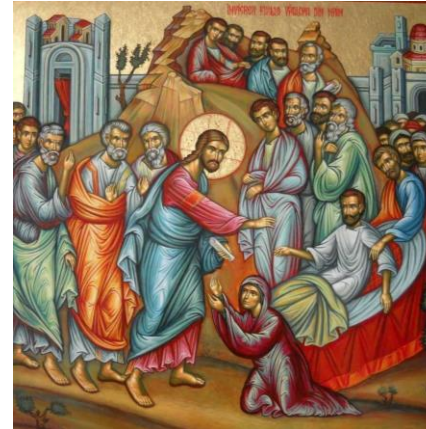
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THE 17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Respect Life Month — October 6, 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.

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: (412) 779-0195.

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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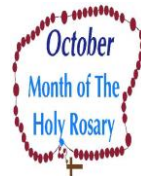
Glory to Jesus Christ! — Glory Forever!
Slava Isusu Christu! — Slava Na Viki!
Liturgical Services for the Week



Date	Time	Intention	Requested By
SUN, Oct 6	9:00 a.m. (MR)	+ Robert Wolsko	Wife: Anita
	11:00 a.m. (NS)	+ William Gogal (40 th day of passing 10/15)	Velma Seman

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Mon, Oct 7	8:00 a.m. (MR)	NO DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULED	
Tue, Oct 8	8:00 a.m. (MR)	NO DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULED	
Wed, Oct 9	8:00 a.m. (MR)	NO DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULED	
Thrs, Oct 10	8:00 a.m. (MR)	NO DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULED	



This week marks the Annual Clergy Retreat at the Antiochean Village, Ligonier, PA. Please keep our Pastor and all clergy in your prayers. Emergency: call office 24/7.

REQUIRED SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat) or Equivalent Penance (your choice) in remembrance of Our Lord's Crucifixion and Death upon the Precious Cross

Fri, Oct 11	8:00 a.m. (MR)	Health & Welfare of Beth Barsh	Deb Charochak
	6:00 p.m. (MR)	Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary	
Sat, Oct 12	9:00 a.m. (NS)	For the Parishioners of Both Parishes	

Anticipated Divine Liturgy of the Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council
4:00 p.m. (MR) + Mike Palahunik M/M Burt Cifrulak

18th Sunday after Pentecost Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council

SUN, Oct 13	9:00 a.m. (MR)	For the Parishioners of Both Parishes	
	11:00 a.m. (NS)	+ Agnes Knoll	Son: William
		(2 nd ann of passing 10/15)	

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

Oct 6 – Marcia Babin, Erin Bates; **Oct 7** – Nicholas Nazak II; **Oct 8** – Mary Ann Goyda; **Oct 10** – SARA HARPER; **Oct 11** – Frank Revtai; **Oct 12** – Jamie Skreptach.

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

HOME: Margaret Beliuнас, Helen Best, Irene Bordas, Florence Charochak, Margaret Cifrulak, MARY ANN CONTI, Ilona Goyda, Beverly Harsh, GEORGE HUDANICK, SR., 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 Hopyey.
MANORCARE HEALTH SERVICES (505 Weyman Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15236): Nancy Wauthier.
HERITAGE VALLEY HEALTH SYSTEM (720 Blackburn Rd, Sewickley, PA 15143): Mike Muska.

Public questions on Catholic spirituality, moral & spiritual problems

Q. A priest told me that those of other faiths who do not believe in purgatory do not have to go to purgatory. How can this be? **A. Answer by Catholic Answers:** All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven (Catechism 1030). **Note that the Catechism uses the word all and not just Catholics. The priest was incorrect.**

This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

Oct. 6 — Oct. 12, 2019

(MR) **In memory of Anna Sejka** (birthday 10/6)

offered by Children

(NS): **In memory of Irene Kittan** (1st ann of passing 10/10)

(MR) NOW AVAILABLE FOR 2020

offered by Sister: Theresa Fitzurka

(NS) NOW AVAILABLE FOR 2020



McKees Rocks Announcements



YOUTH GROUP BAKE SALE — Our Byzan-TEEN first bake sale is today, following the Divine Liturgy. The election of new officers will then follow. Social activities will then be arranged for the upcoming months.

KENNYWOOD PARK PIEROGIE FESTIVAL SALES RESULTS — Here is the capital tally of our participation in the Pierogie Fest which once again sold a record number of PIROHI: Total Income: \$4,983.00, minus Expenses of \$1,313.64 with total proceeds of \$3,669.36; Minus 5% Cathedraticum of \$183.46. Total Profit: \$3,485.90. **GRATITUDE EXTENDED IN THIS GENESIS PROJECT** — A special thanks to **All Occasion Party Rental** for waiving their rental fee on the warming suitcases. Also, a special thanks to **Hanlon's catering** and **Lynn's Café** for lending us their warming suitcases. The day would not have occurred if it wasn't for these vendors' generosity. Please consider patronizing these wonderful vendors should you have a need in the future. Once again, A SPECIAL THANK YOU is extended to all who sacrificed their time in making this a successful mission, especially to Tam and Frank Revtai through their supervision.



PIROHI PROJECT WILL RESUME NEXT MONTH — Since many of you are willing to participate in the upcoming Pirohi Project for Nov-Dec 2019, we will go ahead with this six week project. **Here are the Friday dates: Nov. 1, 8, 15 & 22 (no sales the Friday after Thanksgiving); Dec 6 & 13.** Due to the Kennywood Event that gave our Church name, product and name recognition to a much wider area, we just may be in for another busier season. Therefore, we would appreciate more volunteers!



Holy Ghost, Northside

SYMPATHY EXTENDED — The *Spirit of Truth* announces the passing of **Ethel M. (Karlock) Galida, 90**, of Uniontown, PA on Sunday, September 22, 2019. She is survived by Daughter, parishioner Kathy Mullen, Son: Robert J., and Daughter Cindy (Deacon Tim) Corbett and grandchildren. She was a member of St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church, Uniontown. Funeral arrangements were handled by the Dean C. Whitmarsh Funeral Home, Fairchance, PA. The Funeral Divine Liturgy was at St. John Church on Sept. 26 at 11:00 a.m. Condolences are extended to the Galida, Karlock, Mullen and Corbett Families. In blessed repose, grant O Lord, to your servant, Ethel, and remember her forever! Vicnaja Jej Pamjat'!



Annual Clergy Retreat this week from October 1 through 5 at the Antiochean Village, Ligonier. Please keep all the Priests in your prayers that God may refresh their zeal in the service of the Church. All emergency pastoral situations, please call the MR Rectory (412) 771-3324.



Re-learn to Pray the Rosary especially for the intention: *That God may bless us with peace, that the division in our country may be healed and that the hearts of many will turn back to Our Lord and His Church.* Let's sacrifice this time as Our Country is depending on our prayer! — (MR) OCTOBER FRIDAYS @ 6:00 p.m.

Meditation on God's Word

Jesus' love for the defenseless

TODAY'S GOSPEL Luke 7: 11-16 — The Widow of Naim

In ancient times it was common for a city to be surrounded by a high wall (Josh. 2:15). The wall was designed to provide protection against wild animals, criminals, and foreign armies (Jer. 39:2). The city gate was also a place of business in Jewish cities. Jewish cemeteries were outside the city wall in order to avoid pollution by dead corpses (Josh. 8:29; Matt. 27:52-53). Therefore, it is not surprising that the dead man was being carried through the gate of the city. The Funeral — **According to the ancient Jewish custom in Galilee**, the parents of the dead person would walk in front of the funeral procession. The dead person would follow next, followed by friends and guests. Jewish custom required that the dead person be washed, have his or her nails clipped, his or her hair cut, be anointed, the body wrapped in linen cloth, and his or her eyes closed. In Galilee the mother would walk in front of the funeral procession with the other family members behind her. Then the dead body followed in a cedar coffin, if possible, which was carried on a bier. After the dead person, relatives, friends, and mourners followed. The Mishnah prohibited the bier from being put down on the ground (Mishnah. (Moed Qatan 3.8). It was customary for the mourners to accompany the body to the grave. **Jews did not cremate their dead, believing that cremation was a heathen practice.** We are told that a large crowd followed behind the dead man. He must have been loved by many. Two large crowds came together, one following Jesus and the one that was part of the funeral procession. When Jesus saw the woman in front of the funeral procession with no one behind her and before the coffin, Jesus instantly realized that the woman was a widow and responded with compassion.



October Is Respect Life Month

The Respect Life Program, sponsored by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, started in 1972 and begins anew each October—the month set aside by the U.S. bishops as **"Respect Life Month."** The program promotes respect for human life in light of our intrinsic dignity as having been created in God's image and likeness and likeness. **This year's theme, "Christ Our Hope: In Every Season of Life,"** is particularly suited for our times. While attacks against human life seem to grow ever more numerous and callous, we know that Christ has conquered sin and death. Through our Christian hope in the Resurrection, we are given the grace to persevere in faith. and called to an eternal destiny with him. (U.S.C.C.B. website)



1ST WEEK INTENTION OF REPECT LIFE MONTH:

Prayer for all Unborn Children & their Mothers & Fathers

O God, Who adorn creation with splendor and beauty and fashion human lives in Your Image and Likeness, awaken in every heart reverence for the work of Your Hands, and renew among Your people a readiness to nurture and sustain Your precious gift of Human Life. In this may Your Name be blessed and glorified, Father, Son (+) and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Oct 6-10 Annual Archieparchial Clergy Retreat at Antiochian Retreat Center, Ligonier.
October 11 (MR) The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary @ 6:00 p.m.
October 18 (MR) The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary @ 6:00 p.m.
October 20 Freewill Pasta Dinner, St. Elias Church, Munhall, PA from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.
October 25 (MR) The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary @ 6:00 p.m.
October 27 Sunday of Christ the King.
November 3 Eastern Standard Time Resumes: Clocks FALL BACK one hour.
Moleben for the advancement of the Causes of Our 4 saintly hierarchs (MR) @ 3:00 p.m.

Saint of the Week

Pope St. John XXIII — October 11

Pope John XXIII was born **Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli** on November 25, 1881 – June 3, 1963) and reigned as Pope from October 28, 1958 to his death in 1963 and was canonized on April 27, 2014.

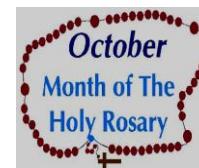


He was the fourth of fourteen children born to a family of sharecroppers who lived in a village in Lombardy. He was ordained to the priesthood on August 10, 1904 and served in a number of posts, including papal nuncio in France and a delegate to Bulgaria, Greece and Turkey. In a consistory on January 12, 1953 Pope Pius XII made Roncalli a cardinal as the Cardinal-Priest of Santa Prisca in addition to naming him as the Patriarch of Venice. Roncalli was elected pope on October 28, 1958 at age 76 after 11 ballots. His selection was unexpected, and Roncalli himself had come to Rome with a return train ticket to Venice. He was the first pope to take the pontifical name of "John" upon election in more than 500 years, and his choice settled the complicated question of official numbering attached to this papal name that arose because of the existence in the Middle Ages of an

antipope of using the name. Pope John XXIII surprised those who expected him to be a caretaker pope by calling the historic Second Vatican Council (1962–1965), the first session opening on 11 October 1962. His passionate views on equality were summed up in his famous statement, **"We were all made in God's image, and thus, we are all Godly alike."** John XXIII made many passionate speeches during his pontificate, one of which was on the day that he opened the Second Vatican Council in the middle of the night to the crowd gathered in St. Peter's Square: **"Dear children, returning home, you will find children: give your children a hug and say: This is a hug from the Pope!"** Pope John XXIII did not live to see the Vatican Council to completion. He died of stomach cancer on June 3, 1963, four and a half years after his election and two months after the completion of his final and famed encyclical, *Pacem in Terris*. He was buried in the Vatican grottoes beneath Saint Peter's Basilica on June 6, 1963 and his cause for canonization was opened on November 18, 1965 by his successor, Pope Paul VI, who declared him a Servant of God. In addition to being named Venerable on December 20, 1999, he was beatified on September 3, 2000 by Pope John Paul II alongside Pope Pius IX and three others. Following his beatification, his body was moved on June 3, 2001 from its original place to the altar of Saint Jerome where it could be seen by the faithful. On July 5, 2013, Pope Francis – bypassing the traditionally required second miracle – declared John XXIII a saint, after unanimous agreement by a consistory, or meeting, of the College of Cardinals, based on the fact that **he was considered to have lived a virtuous, model lifestyle, and because of the good for the Church which had come from his having opened the Second Vatican Council.** He was canonized alongside Pope Saint John Paul II on April 27, 2014. John XXIII today is affectionately known as the "Good Pope" and in Italian, "il Papa buono". The Catholic Church celebrates his feast day not on the date of his death, but on **October 11 – the day of the first session of the Second Vatican Council.**

General Announcements

MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY — At the request of several parishioners to honor Our Blessed Mother in this special month of October, the Rosary according to our Byzantine-Ruthenian (Rusyn) tradition will be prayed **each Friday throughout the month @ 6:00 p.m.** at our Parish in McKees Rocks. This sacred devotion has been a part of our Church since it's founding over 100 years ago which our Founders and Benefactors brought with them from Subcarpathian Homeland. Come and join us!



ARCHIEPARICHAL ST. NICHOLAS 50/50 RAFFLE — Since many will not be able to attend the 63rd Annual St. Nicholas Celebration at the Cathedral and Cathedral Center on **Sunday, December 8, 2019**, a minimal amount of tickets (14) from GCU Headquarters have been sent to each parish in order to acquire additional capital for the Seminary. Very little profit is made from the dinner tickets themselves. To help subsidize this charity event, please support this worthy cause by purchasing a ticket. **They are \$10.00** and the first 3-digit number based on the Sunday, **December 15, 2019** PA Daily Drawing at 7:00 p.m. Many prizes will be awarded. Tickets are now available.

PITTSBURGH DEANERY CLERGY TO SERVE PASTA DINNER — Mark your calendars! The Priests and Deacons in the Pittsburgh Deanery will be again hosting a **FREE PASTA DINNER** at St. Elias Church, Munhall on **Sunday October 20, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** The Clergy will be preparing and serving the dinner. A signup list is located in the Church. We must know how many to prepare for! The final day for registration is next Sunday, *October 13*. A freewill offering will be taken to subsidize the project. Any profit that is made will go to the Archieparchial Priests' Pension Plan. Come join us; it's a bye week for the Steelers!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR: COME & SEE WEEKEND — Young men 18-35 are invited to a Weekend of Discovery retreat, Friday through Sunday, **November 1, 2, & 3, 2019** at Saints Cyril & Methodius Seminary. *The purpose: to see if you might be interested in the possibility of becoming a priest.* No pressure, no hype, no boring lectures. Just recreation, relaxation, talking to God (a.k.a. prayer), and the opportunity to really listen to God's voice and to plan for your life. This worthwhile retreat of discovery in no way implies any future commitment other than your commitment to truly be yourself! There is no expense involved in participating in this retreat. Only men who register online office@bcs.edu by **October 9th** will be eligible.



ANNUAL MOLEBEN FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CAUSES — The yearly prayer service for the advancement of the Causes of Beatification and Canonization of our four holy Ruthenian Byzantine Catholic Bishops will take place at the **Holy Ghost Church, McKees Rocks, PA on Sunday, November 3, 2019 @ 3:00 p.m.** For the past 34 years faithful through the Pittsburgh Archeparchy have gathered in various archieparchial parishes, monasteries and the seminary to pray for the Canonization of *Bishop-Martyr Theodore G. Romzha, Uzhorod (+1947); Bishop-Martyr Paul P. Gojdich, O.S.B.M., Presov (+1960); Bishop-Martyr Basil Hopko, Presov (+1976); and for the beatification of the Servant of God Bishop Alexander Chira, Uzhorod (+1985).* A Marian Moleben is offered seeking the aid of the Holy Mother of God in helping us achieve this end. Please mark your calendar and attend this important prayer for their advancement.

