

Parish Offerings – 19th Sunday after Pentecost — October 20, 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 (\$1,765) YP (\$16)	\$1,781.00
Collection for the Poor (\$463) Radio Ministry (\$25)	488.00
Votive Candles	82.50
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	\$2,351.50

Holy Ghost Church, Northside

Regular Offering	\$935.00
Holy Days (\$10) Thanksgiving (\$10)	20.00
Collection for the Poor	115.00
Votive Candles	50.50
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	\$1,120.50

Church Attendance Last Week

(MR) Sat, 4:00 p.m. (46)

Sun, (MR) 9:00 a.m. (86); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (30)

10/18 Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary— (MR) Fri. 6:00 p.m. (7)

HOLY GHOST BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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THE 20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Respect-Life Month — October 27, 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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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
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Daily Divine Liturgy M-F (MR) 8:00 am Sat. (NS) 9:00 am.
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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



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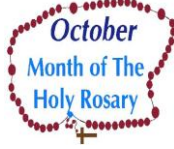
SPIRIT OF TRUTH

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

20th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday of Christ the King

SUN, Oct 27 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Joe Babin (11th ann of passing) Wife: Gerry
11:00 a.m. (NS) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes

Mon, Oct 28 8:00 a.m. (MR) Health & Welfare of Julia & John Kutchmark Kurt Perschy

Anticipated Divine Liturgy for Tuesday (Monday evening) – Special Request
*6:00 p.m. (MR) + Jan (John) Revilak The Singing Revilak Family

Wed, Oct 30 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Mary Supack Niece: Martha & Bob Maletz

Thrs, Oct 31 8:00 a.m. (MR) Mary Kundrat (54th ann of passing) Theresa Kundrat

Feast of the Blessed Bishop-Martyr Theodore G. Romzha w/ veneration of his relic
First Friday of the month in reparation for sins against the Sacred Heart of Jesus
REQUIRED SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat) or Equivalent Penance (your choice) in remembrance of Our Lord's Crucifixion and Death upon the Precious Cross

Fri, Nov 1 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Archpriest Dennis M. Bogda Joseph A. Cehula, T.O. Carm. (40th day of passing 10/30)

First Saturday of the month in reparation for blasphemies against the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Sat, Nov 2 9:00 a.m. (NS) + Bodzenski + Zula + Kraly + Smorey Families Zula Family

Anticipated Divine Liturgy for the 21st Sunday after Pentecost
4:00 p.m. (MR) + Irene Bilak (birthday 11/4) Grandson: Mike Tomchak

1st Sunday after Pentecost

Daylight Savings Times Ends — Clocks FALL BACK 1 hour
SUN, Nov 3 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Budul + Bordas Families Irene Bordas
11:00 a.m. (NS) + Mary Farabaugh (1st ann of passing) Ron & Marianne Farabaugh
3:00 p.m. (MR) Beatification & Canonization Moleben

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 20 – Dolores Boros; Nov 1 – Mickayla Poloka; Nov 2 – KATHY MULLEN

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

HOME: Margaret Beliuinas, Helen Best, Irene Bordas, Florence Charochak, Margaret Cifrulak, MARY ANN CONTI, Ilona Goyda, Beverly Harsh, GEORGE HUDANICK, SR., MARTHA LUCAS, OLGA MANFREDO, Joseph Mitro, Mike Muska, 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 Hopeny.
MANORCARE HEALTH SERVICES (505 Weyman Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15236): Nancy Wauthier.

Public questions on Catholic spirituality, moral & spiritual problems

Q. What is the tabernacle? **A. Catholic Answers Apologist:** The tabernacle is a liturgical furnishing used to house the Eucharist outside of the Divine Liturgy. This provides a location where the Eucharist can be kept for the adoration of the faithful and for later use (e.g., distribution to the sick). The word tabernacle means "dwelling place." Any place someone dwells is a tabernacle. The term is also sometimes used for a temporary dwelling place. Thus, the tent-like sanctuary that the Jews used before the Temple was built was called the Tabernacle, because God dwelt there. Similarly, for the feast of Sukkot the Hebrews erected temporary shelters to live in for the festival, which is often called "the feast of tabernacles" or "the feast of booths" as a result. The tabernacle in Church is so named because it is a place where Christ dwells in the Eucharist.

This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

Oct. 27 — Nov. 2, 2019

(MR) In memory of Joe Babin

offered by Wife: Gerry

(NS): In memory of Michael Lorinc (birthday 10/30)

(MR) NOW AVAILABLE FOR 2020

offered by Wife: Elizabeth

(NS) NOW AVAILABLE FOR 2020



McKees Rocks Announcements

PHILIPPIN FAST PIROHI SALES WILL BE STARTING THIS WEEK — We will commence our six-week Pirohi Project this Friday in preparation of the Christmas Season. The dates for sales are **November 1, 8, 15, 22, (NO SALES ON NOVEMBER 29,)** — December 6 & 13. Orders must be placed on the sheet at the Church entrances

Place your Order

following the weekend Divine Liturgies, and/or by phone on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon @ (412) 331-5155. Eat-ins will still be available. We are going to need everyone's assistance in getting the word out to the public. Please take a few cards and place them where others will notice them. They are located at the entrances of the Church.

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER FOOD DRIVE — In our love for the less fortunate, we will be holding our annual non-perishable food drive to be delivered to *Focus on Renewal* in time for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Please bring the non-expired items to the Church and place them at the entrance. For additional information contact Elaine Kurtanich (412) 370-9092. Once again, we are grateful



to her for leading this project

PARISHIONER REQUESTS TRANSPORTATION — If you are interested in assisting a parishioner from our HGC, here is the submitted request: DRIVER WANTED. WILL PAY. PART-TIME, MUST DRIVE ON SUNDAYS. CALL: (412) 613-7219.

Holy Ghost, Northside

THANKS TO ALL WHO CAME TO CLEAN THE CHURCH & GROUNDS — A special thank you to the few that came to clean our grounds and the Church over the past several weeks. Cutting the grass and picking up trash and leaves around the Church and School areas made our grounds look good; as well as those who came last week to give a thorough cleaning to the inside of the Church. God bless all of you for sacrificing a few hours for your Church.



ARCHIEPARICAL ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION — The 63rd Annual St. Nicholas Celebration will take place at the Cathedral and Cathedral Center on **Sunday, December 8, 2018**. Tickets are priced at \$40.00 per adult and \$18.00 per child ages 12 and under. We'd like to get at least one full table per parish family. Please sign the list in the (MR) Side Vestibule; (NS) Narthex. *Parish deadline is Sunday, November 17.*

BETHLEHEM CHRISTIAN FAMILIES TO DISPLAY ARTIFACTS COMING — *The Christian Catholic Families of Bethlehem* are ready to offer Crucifixes, religious art work, and rosaries **made from olive wood on the weekend of November 23-24**. Christian Families in the Holy Land, who depend on tourists, have been greatly affected. You will have the opportunity to browse and purchase items in time for Christmas. The items will be set up in the MR school gym. Purchase a small manger scene made in Bethlehem! Let's help them keep a Christian presence in the Holy Land.

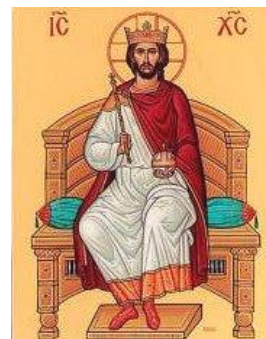


Meditation on today's Gospel

Traditional Celebration of Christ the King

John 18:33-37

The name is found in various forms in scripture: King Eternal (1 Timothy 1:17), King of Israel (John 1:49), King of the Jews (Mt. 27:11), King of kings (1 Tim 6:15; Rev. 19:16), King of the Ages (Book of Revelation 15:3) and Ruler of the Kings of the Earth (Rev. 1:5). Christ's Kingship was addressed in the encyclical Quas Primas of Pope Pius XI, published in 1925, which has been called "possibly one of the most misunderstood and ignored encyclicals of all time." The Pontiff's encyclical quotes with approval Cyril of Alexandria, noting that Jesus' Kingship is not obtained by violence: "'Christ,' he says, 'has dominion over all creatures, a dominion not seized by violence nor usurped, by His by essence and by nature.'"



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October: Respect-Life Month

4th WEEK INTENTION OF REPECT LIFE MONTH:

Prayer for the Poor, Homeless and Abandoned



Lord, make us worthy to serve our fellow men throughout the world that live and die in poverty and hunger. Give them through our hands this day their daily bread, and by our understanding love, give them peace and joy. In this may Your Name be blessed and glorified, Father, Son (+) and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

Don't forget to FALL BACK — TURN BACK your clocks 1 Hour next Sunday, November 3rd!

Calendar of Upcoming Events

October 27	Sunday of Christ the King.
November 1	Commencement of Pirohi Sales.
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.
November 5	General Election Day — Defend the most vulnerable: cast your Pro-Life Vote.
November 8	Synaxis of St. Michael & All Angels (MR) 9:00 a.m.; (NS) 6:00 p.m.
November 15	Commencement of the Philipian (Filipovka) Fast.
November 23-24	Bethlehem Artifacts available for purchase to aid Christians in Holy Land.

Saint of the Week

Blessed Bishop-Martyr Theodore G. Romzha — Nov 1

Theodore Romzha was born in the Subcarpathian region of Austria-Hungary (in the Rusyn village of Velyky Bychkiv, now in Ukraine) on April 14, 1911. Theodore was ordained a priest on Christmas Day, 1936 in the Basilica of St Mary Major, Rome. After completing his compulsory military service he served briefly as a pastor in several Transcarpathian parishes (part of Czechoslovakia since 1918) before being assigned as professor of philosophy at the Eparchial Seminary in Uzhorod in 1939, occupied by Hungary. These were difficult years for the Church in Subcarpathia as it experienced the invasions first by Hungary, one of Axis powers, then direct rule from Nazi Germany and lastly the Soviet Red Army. On September 24, 1944, at the young age of 33, he was consecrated bishop and appointed apostolic administrator of the Eparchy of



Mukachevo in the cathedral of Uzhorod by Bishop Miklós Dudás. He had immediately to face the soviet Red Army, which occupied the churches, assigned them to the Orthodox and arrested priests. Bishop Romzha refused in front of General Petrov to break with the Pope. His ministry to the faithful met with many roadblocks, and he could not be tolerated by the Communist officials who now began looking for getting rid of the young bishop. On October 27, 1947, on the way home from a parish visitation celebrating Christ the King Sunday, Bishop Romzha's horse drawn carriage was purposely rammed by a Soviet military truck. The soldiers, who were dressed as civilians, jumped from the truck and beat the bishop and his companions. They were hospitalized. The Bishop was making good progress when a new Soviet nurse was assigned to him. A little after midnight Romzha was found dead. The nurse poisoned him. According to research in Soviet archives by Yevgenia Albats, the Bishop's murder was ordered personally by Nikita Khrushchev. Bishop Romzha was beatified as a Martyr for the Faith by Pope John Paul II in Lviv on June 27, 2001 with November 1 assigned as his feast day. *In most recent times the Mukachevo Eparchy moved the feast to October 31 since their Country celebrates Memorial Day on November 1st the actual day of his martyrdom.*



**Let us continue to Pray
for his Canonization!**



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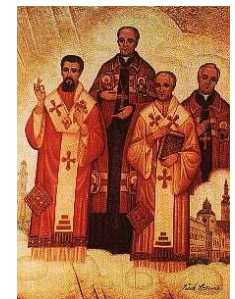
PITTSBURGH DEANERY CLERGY THANKS ALL WHO SUPPORTED THE PASTA DINNER



The Priests and Deacons in the Pittsburgh Protopresbytery (Deanery) wish to extend their gratitude to all who attended last Sunday's Annual Pasta Dinner at St. Elias Church, Munhall. This gesture of gratitude is a small way that the Deanery Clergy wishes to thank all of their parishioners for remaining faithful to our Byzantine Catholic Church each week. The generous free-will offering from the faithful was enough to meet all the expense invoices leaving a profit of \$429.00. This money was sent to the *Archieparchial Priests' Pension Plan* to support our priests who have retired and/or on medical leave. It's a small way to thank them for their loyal and faithful service to the Church in appreciation for their dedication. *Pictured are the Deanery Clergy who participated in this event: (L-R) Deacon: Petrisko & the Priests, Fathers: Schaefer, Deskevich, Stashkevych, Firko (the Protopresbyter (Dean), Kappes, Wroblicky and Karl.*

ANNUAL MOLEBEN FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CAUSES NEXT SUNDAY — 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.



PASTRIES NEEDED FOR NEXT WEEK'S MOLEBEN — Since (MR) Holy Ghost Church will be hosting the Annual Marian Moleben for the Beatification & Canonization of our four saintly Byzantine Catholic Hierarchs of Eastern Europe, we will need pastries for the social following. Please sign the sheet located in the side vestibule. if you are willing to bring something, it will be very much appreciated!