

Parish Offerings – 3rd Sunday of Great Fast — Mar. 15, 2020

“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 (\$1,358) YP (\$5)	\$1,363.00
Holy Days (\$3) Easter Décor (\$350)	353.00
Initial (\$5) B.C.W. (\$14)	19.00
Votive Candles	127.00
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	\$1,862.00

Holy Ghost Church, Northside

Regular Offering	\$553.00
Easter Décor (\$21) B.C.W. (\$14)	35.00
Votive Candles	44.00
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	\$632.00

*** Unfortunately, our parishes expenses (utilities, insurance, etc.) will continue through this period of confinement. Thank you for your thoughtfulness in mailing your donation to the parish.

Church Attendance Last Week

Sat (MR), 4:00 p.m. (19); Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (52); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (27)

Presanctified Divine Liturgy: IV Lenten: Wednesday — (MR) 7:00 pm (5); Friday — (NS) 6:00 pm (n/a)



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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

The Sunday of St. John Climacus — March 31, 2019



Lent IS A TIME TO
GROW
CLOSER TO JESUS

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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 - Vigil
Holy Days (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.

GOU Northwest Pittsburgh Lodge: (MR) Contact Randy Baden (412) 973-1085 for membership requirements.

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: (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!

THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH

All Public Liturgical Services have been suspended for gatherings of more than 10 individuals (cf. Pastor's Pastoral Letter). However, since the McKees Rocks Parish has access to the internet and Sundays to the WEDO RADIO Station that outreaches the homebound, all listed are considered Private Liturgical Services which will be offered. Until further notice, the (MR) Saturday afternoon Divine Liturgy has been temporarily suspended. Confessions are available at anytime by phoning the rectory. This schedule is published for transparency in which the Pastor will privately offer the intentions stated and lists the times to participate via MR's internet.

March 22, 2020

Seasonal Greeting

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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

ST. JOHN CLIMASCUS SUNDAY

4th Sunday of The Great Fast — St. Basil Divine Liturgy

SUN, Mar 22 (28) 9:00 a.m. (MR) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes
11:00 a.m. (NS) + Joseph R. Shamonsky Lecci Family

Mon, Mar 23 (29) 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Frank Mazur  Jana Sinewy

Penitential Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

Tue, Mar 24 (30) 8:00 a.m. (MR) Matins with Great Metanias
1:00 p.m. (MR) + Jennifer M. McKinley Aunt: Patricia Porter



FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Solemn Holy Day REQUIRED SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat)

Wed, Mar 25 (31) 9:00 a.m. (MR) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes

Thrs, Mar 26 (32) 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Joyce Buchko (birthday) + Mary Frissora

REQUIRED SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat)

Fri, Mar 27 (33) 8:00 a.m. (MR) 6th & 9th Penitential Greatfast Hours
*** 7:00 p.m. (MR) Presanctified Divine Liturgy



AKATHISTOS SATURDAY

Sat, Mar 28 (34) *** 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Mary Pyda Son: Bill



Sunday anticipated St. Basil the Great Divine Liturgy of Mary of Egypt

4:00 p.m. (MR) This Divine Liturgy has been temporarily suspended

The Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

5th Sunday of The Great Fast — St. Basil Divine Liturgy

SUN., Mar 29 (35) 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Vrabel Family Julia Ann & George F. Mosko
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 date not be published.

Note: Capitalized Names designate North Side parishioners.

Birthdays: Mar 22 – Margaret Belionas; Nicholas Rippole Mar 24 – Richard Billy; Mar 25 – Wallace Michalism, RUTH YANOSKO; Mar 26 – James Gunkel, AIMEE HELMS; Mar 28 – LEAH TRAPL.

STATEMENT FROM THE PASTOR

Recently, all pastors and administrators of the Archeparchy received a directive from Archbishop Skurla concerning liturgical services during our nation's crisis of the COVID-19 Virus. It states in part, "Regarding Liturgical Worship in our Churches, we will be adhering to the national guidelines set forth ... (That is) to avoid gatherings of more than 10 people, effectively immediately. **All Public Liturgical celebrations are being suspended until further notice.** This includes the Sunday Divine Liturgy, Lenten Services and Holy Days. **The faithful of the Archeparchy are dispensed from the obligation of attending Sunday and Holy Day Divine Liturgies, but you should continue to keep holy the Lord's Day through prayer and support of those in need in your Church ... Religious Education Programs are cancelled ... The priest will celebrate Eucharistic Services in private for their people where already scheduled.**" As a point of clarification: PUBLIC GATHERINGS consist of more than 10 individuals according to the *Center of Disease Control and Archieparchial Directives*. Holy Ghost Church, McKees Rocks will be celebrating all scheduled liturgical services via INTERNET LIVE STREAMING and on Radio Station WEDO 810 am. You may access the internet site at: www.youtube.com then type **Holy Ghost Church Live Stream** Let it be noted that the Catholic Church never turns away anyone who wishes to pray. However, it does exhort extreme caution in hygiene and wellness especially at this time. These are days of prayer and fasting beseeching God through the intercession of the Theotokos for the destruction of the coronavirus and the healing of our nation. Your patience and understanding will truly be appreciated during the days ahead.

This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

Mar. 22, 2020 — Mar. 28, 2020

(MR) **In memory of the Mosko Family**

offered by Julia Ann & George F. Mosko

(NS) **In memory of Andrew Seman**

(MR) NONE AVAILABLE FOR 2020

offered by Sister: Velma

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