

Parish Offerings – 6th Sunday after Pentecost — July 12, 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 (\$2,040) YP (\$7)	\$2,047.00
Holy Days (\$157) YP (\$3) Easter (\$20)	180.00
Peter's Pence (\$35) Seminary (\$5)	40.00
Votive Candles	71.00
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	\$2,338.00

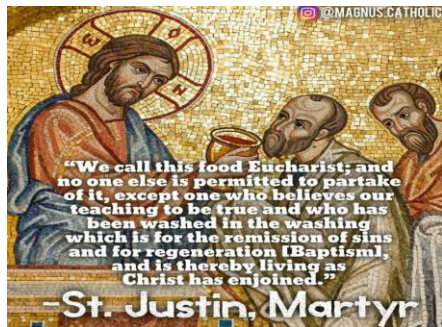
Holy Ghost Church, Northside

Regular Offering	\$748.00
Holy Days	6.00
Christmas	1.00
Candles	47.40
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Church Attendance Last Week

Sat., 4:00 p.m. (36)

Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (36); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (22)



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**Happy 60th Birthday,
Michael Maslaney!**
**May God grant you
many happy & blessed
years! Na Mnohaja I
Blahaja L'ita!**
From: Christine & Al

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THE 7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Fathers of the First 6 Councils — July 19, 2020



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The Very Reverend Father Frank A. Firko, Pastor

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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 Lodge 390: (MR) Contact Tina Burns (412) 859-9597 for membership requirements.

Slavjane Folk Ensemble: (MR) Membership requirements contact Bob Bartko: (412) 779-0915.

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

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 19, 2020

Seasonal Greeting

Volume X, Number 29



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



Liturgical Services for the Week

Date Time Intention Requested By

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Fathers of the first Six Ecumenical Councils

SUN., Jul 19 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Elizabeth Petruna Anita & Russ Sidun & Family
11:00 a.m. (NS) + Mary Frances Pungas Sister: Anna (Pungas) Demianczyk

Feast of the Holy Glorious Prophet Elijah the Tishbite

Blessing of Vehicles following Divine Liturgies — Simple Holy Day

Mon, Jul 20 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Helen P. Petak Dgtr: Marilyn Furman & Family
(6th ann of passing 7/22)
6:00 p.m. (NS) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes

Tue, Jul 21 8:00 a.m. (MR) Special Intention Carol & Thomas Nypaver & Family
For Bernadette Shyrdak & Child

Commemoration of St. Mary Magdalene, Equal to the Apostles

Wed, Jul 22 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Irene C. Parkas (10th ann of passing) Husband: Dan

Feast of the Blessed Bishop-Martyr Basil Hopko

Thrs, Jul 23 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Joyce Buchko Bernadette & Jim Gunkel
(7th ann. of [passing])

Commemoration of the Long-Suffering Martyrs, Boris & Gleb

REQUIRED SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat) or Equivalent Penance (your choice): for vanquishing covid-19

Fri, Jul 24 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Susan + Michael Baran Eleanor & Son: George

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

Sat, Jul 25 9:00 a.m. (NS) + Mike Pungas Dgtr: Anna (Pungas) Demianczyk

Sunday anticipated Divine Liturgy of the 8th Sunday after Pentecost

4:00 p.m. (MR) + Nicholas Terrek Wife: Mildred & Family



8th Sunday after Pentecost

SUN., Jul 26 9:00 a.m. (MR) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes
11:00 a.m. (NS) + Betty & Jay Mowery Dgtr: Barbara "Babs" Mowery

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

Birthdays: Jul 21 – Nancy Lecci, ROBERT SPONTAK, Andrea Usouski, Loraine (Bunny) Zavidny; Jul 23 – ALAN VALERIANO; Jul 24 – Seminarian Luke Iyengar; Jul 25 – Lisa Alman, Elaine Kurtanich.

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

HOME: Margaret Belunas, Helen Best, Irene Bordas, Florence Charochak, Margaret Cifrutlak, MARY ANN CONTI, Ilona Goyda, TAMARA HARDING, Beverly Harsh, MARTHA LUCAS, Olga Manfredo, Irene Muha, Mike Muska, Irene Palahunik, MARLENE PFEIFFER, Lisa Plutto, Anna May Sejka, Betty Spisak, Anita Wolsko, 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.

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.

VANADIUM WOODS VILLAGE (50 Vanadium Rd, # 230, Bridgeville, PA 15017): Helen Hopey.

Public questions on Catholic spirituality, moral & spiritual problems

Q. What is considered a valid Catholic Marriage. A. Answer by Catholic Answers: There are several components that need to be present in order for a marriage to be valid. They are *Compacity, Consent & Form*. **COMPACITY** – is the ability to get married. Impediments that would go against include one's age or already being married (CCC 1625). **CONSENT** – is the act of freely giving oneself to the other. The two people (male & female) must mean the words they are saying in the ceremony. If someone is planning not to allow the children to be raised Catholic or planning to "try out" marriage to see if it works, he or she is not consenting fully, and the marriage would probably be invalid. **FORM** – is the issue of how the marriage is contracted. A marriage of a Catholic before a Justice of the Peace, a non-Catholic minister, etc. is NOT VALID. A marriage without an official representative of the Catholic Church and two witnesses would not be valid (CCC 1630-31).



This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

July 19 — July 25, 2020

(MR): In memory of Stush, Stanley, Jr., Olga & Mary Sulkowski

offered by Nazak Family

(NS): In memory of Martha & George Jupinko (wed. ann 7/27)

(MR) All reserved for 2020 offered by Marianne Farabaugh (NS) All reserved for 2020



General Announcements

GRATITUDE FOR YOUR CONTINUAL WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS — As we continue to experience the effects of Covid-19, many of you still feel hesitant to return to Church for the



Weekly Divine Liturgy, and rightly so. We see our Holy Ghost Church as **ESSENTIAL** whether by returning, participating via social media, and your monetary contributions. Our two parishes are rendering evangelical witness in proclaiming the Gospel and Administering the Holy Mysteries (Sacraments). We, also, continue to pay our utility, taxes and Chancery assessments on time because of your generous sacrificial contributions. We hope that you will be returning soon to

worship with others of the parish. We still highly recommend that you wear masks and practice social distancing. There is still plenty of room for doing so. Again, thank you for your concerns, responsibilities, and love for our Holy Ghost Church. N.B. if you would like our pastor to bring you and your loved one the Sacraments, please contact the Church office and make the request. May God keep you healthy and safe!

BISHOP OF MUKACHEVO PASSES AWAY SUDDENLY — Kindly remember in your prayers + **Most Reverend Milan Sasik CM, 67**, Bishop of the Eparchy of Mukachevo who unexpectedly fell asleep in the Lord yesterday, July 14, 2020. Bishop Milan visited here several times, the last time for the anniversary celebrations of Pittsburgh and Parma, last year. *He was also the bishop of the 8 priests from his Eparchy who are serving in our Archeparchy as well as the ones who are serving in other Eparchies in the United States. We are most grateful for his kindness and generosity in sending them to us.* Please pray for them and for the Church of Mukachevo. In blessed repose, grant O Lord eternal rest to your departed high-priestly servant Bishop Milan and remember him forever. Eternal Memory! Vicnaja Jemu Pamjat!



STILL REGISTERING 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 13, 2020 @ 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 26.*



7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Fathers of the First 6 Ecumenical Councils — (John 17: 1-13)

Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils *Catholic Encyclopedia* --



HISTORICAL SKETCH OF ECUMENICAL COUNCILS --- The present article deals chiefly with the theological and canonical questions concerning councils which are Ecumenical in the strict sense above defined. Special articles give the history of each important synod under the head of the city or see where it was held. In order, however, to supply the reader with a basis of fact for the discussion of principles of six of the twenty-one Ecumenical councils with a brief statement of the purpose of each.

First Ecumenical Council: Nicaea I (325) – The Council of Nicaea lasted two months and twelve

days. Three hundred and eighteen bishops were present. Hosius, Bishop of Cordova, assisted as legate of Pope Sylvester I. The Emperor Constantine was also present. To this council we owe The Creed of Nicaea, defining against Arius the true Divinity of the Son of God, and the fixing of the date for keeping Easter.

Second Ecumenical Council: Constantinople I (381) – The First General Council of Constantinople, under Pope Damasus and the Emperor Theodosius I, was attended by 150 bishops. It was directed against the followers of Macedonius, who impugned the Divinity of the Holy Ghost. To the above-mentioned Nicene Creed it added the clauses referring to the Holy Ghost and all that follows to the end.

Third Ecumenical Council: Ephesus (431) — The Council of Ephesus, of more than 200 bishops, presided over by St. Cyril of Alexandria representing Pope Celestine I, defined the true personal unity of Christ, declared Mary the Mother of God (*Theotokos*) against Nestorius, Bishop of Constantinople, and renewed the condemnation of Pelagius.

Fourth Ecumenical Council: Chalcedon (451) — The Council of Chalcedon -- 150 bishops under Pope Leo the Great and the Emperor Marcian -- defined the two natures (Divine and human) in Christ against Eutyches, who was excommunicated.

Fifth Ecumenical Council: Constantinople II (553) — The Second General Council of Constantinople, of 165 bishops under Pope Vigilius and Emperor Justinian I, condemned the errors of Origen and certain writings (The Three Chapters) of Theodoret, of Theodore, Bishop of Mopsuestia and of Ibas, Bishop of Edessa; it further confirmed the first four general councils, especially that of Chalcedon whose authority was contested by some heretics.

Sixth Ecumenical Council: Constantinople III (680-681) — The Third General Council of Constantinople, under Pope Agatho and the Emperor Constantine Pogonatus, was attended by the Patriarchs of Constantinople and of Antioch, 174 bishops, and the emperor. It put an end to Monothelitism by defining two wills in Christ, the Divine and the human, as two distinct principles of operation. It anathematized Sergius, Pyrrhus, Paul, Macarius, and all their followers.

"The preaching of the Apostles and the teachings of the Fathers have confirmed the one faith of the Church, which she wears as a garment of truth, woven from the theology on high, as she faithfully imparts and glorifies the great mystery of devotion" (Kondakion of the Feast).

Calendar of Upcoming Events

July 20 Simple Holy Day: Feast of the Holy Prophet Elijah — Blessing of Vehicles. (MR) 9:00 a.m. & (NS) 6:00 p.m.

August 1 - 14 Commencement of the Savorial Fast (Spasovka).

August 6 ... Feast of the Holy Transfiguration – (MR) 9:00 a.m. (NS) 6:00 p.m. Blessing of grapes and fruits.

August 14 Vigil of the Feast of the Dormition – Blessing of Herbs & Flowers – (NS) 6:00 pm **Obligation.**

August 15 Feast of the Dormition – Blessing of Herbs & Flowers – (MR) 9:00 am; **Obligation.**

August 28 Vigil of Beheading Feast of St. John Baptist (Simple HD) – (NS) 6:00 p.m.

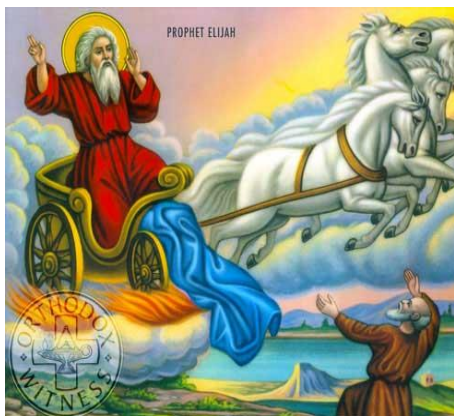
August 29 Feast of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist — (MR) 9:00 a.m.

Saint of the Week

The Holy Prophet Elijah the Tishbite — July 20

Simple Holy Day — Faithful are encouraged to attend the Divine Liturgy

Of all the Old Testament prophets it was St. Elijah (Greek: Elias) the Tishbite



who, in a special way, captured the imagination of our Byzantine Slav people in Eastern Europe. The prophet, whose name means "strength of the Lord" was a man aflame with the fire of the love of God and was uncompromising in his faithfulness to the one true God. He was a powerful and courageous figure who had been given power over the elements: rain, wind, fire, etc. St. Elijah lived during the reign of Ahab, the seventh king of Israel (875-854 B.C.).

The king had married Jezebel, the pagan

daughter of the king of Tyre. She brought with her hundreds of pagan prophets (ritual priests) to Samaria and introduced the worship of the Phoenician deity, Melkart, also known under the general name of Baal. Apart from the sacrifices they offered as part of their priestly function, they observed a special ritual dance accompanied by musical instruments. Every spring they had a ceremony of fire to mark the awakening of their god who had slept through the winter. They enkindled a great fire from which the god was supposed to renew his strength. During this time, the priest-prophets of Baal danced and whirled faster and faster in a frenzy, even to wounding themselves with swords and spears on their arms and legs. Under the influence of Queen Jezebel, the true prophets of Israel were persecuted and the Israelites became divided in their loyalty between Baal and Yahweh. They thought they could worship both, the God of their fathers and the pagan god, Baal, whom the Queen favored. Elijah's strong and determined opposition to this divided loyalty earned for him the hatred of the queen. St. Elijah's loyalty to God and uncompromising faithfulness is a model for those who are straddling between loyalty to God and to the world.

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 11th.** Let us continue to fervently pray for his Canonization. Veneration of his holy relics will follow the Divine Liturgy.



HOLY DAY INCLUDES THE BLESSING OF VEHICLES — This Thursday, July 20, is the

Feast of the Holy Prophet. Elijah the Tishbite. It is an annual custom of our Byzantine Catholic Church to bless vehicles on this day. This beautiful memorial arose from the fact that near the end of his life the Lord sent a fiery chariot from heaven to take Elijah away. This happened in the presence of his disciple Elisha to whom was given double the power of his mentor to carry on the ministry. Since our vehicles are "as fast as the wind" as indicated in the prayer blessing, we pray that God will protect us from harm, and at the same time praise and thank God for this gift to be able to glorify Him by assisting us in the service of God and neighbor. Please come for the blessing following each Divine Liturgy on **July 20 @ 9:00 a.m. (MR) and 6:00 p.m. (NS).**



GCU NORTHWEST PITTSBURGH LODGE CONTINUES AID TO FISHER HOUSE — TAKE

A FLYER — Our local GCU Lodge is currently 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 now placed at the side vestibule and narthex areas of both parishes for the **collection that will extend to August 23 (the day of our 3rd quarterly meeting).** Needed items are listed on the flyer (please take one) near the Churches entrances. Let's help our afflicted veterans and their families by supporting the Lodge in this fraternal collection!

