

**Parish Offerings – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost — July 19, 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 (\$1,704) YP (\$25) .....	\$1,729.00
Holy Days (\$61) YP (\$2) Christmas (\$1) .....	64.00
Votive Candles .....	64.50
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	\$1,857.50

**Holy Ghost Church, Northside**

Regular Offering .....	\$1,097.00
Holy Days .....	25.00
Candles .....	47.50
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	\$1,169.50

**Church Attendance Last Week**

Sat., 4:00 p.m. (33)

Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (39); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (30)

*The Holy Prophet Elijah, Jul. 20 — (MR) 9:00 a.m. (13); (NS) 6:00 p.m. (12)*



Thanks to Jim Ellis 04-07-2009  
DON'T MAKE ME COME DOWN THERE!



(See Matthew 14:14-21) 08-05-2011  
I'M ON A NO-CARB, VEGETARIAN DIET

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**Happy 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Michael Maslaney! May God grant you many happy & blessed years! Na Mnohaja l Blahaja l'ital! From: Christine & Al**

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**THE 8<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

July 26, 2020



**Catholics of the Ruthenian – Byzantine Rite in full communion with the Pope of Rome**

**The Very Reverend Father Frank A. Firko, Pastor**

**Pastor, Administrator & Protopresbyter**

**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](http://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.
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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.

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

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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!

# 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 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, 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.

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### Public questions on Catholic spirituality, moral & spiritual problems

**Q.** Does the Church believe in life on other planets? **A. Answer by Catholic Answers:** The Church does not officially teach on the matter. There is no biblical evidence for or against life on other planets. However, if there is life “out there,” our God is the God of whatever life exists, for there is only one God (Is. 45:5; CCC 290, 300, 2085). Because God has given us no revelation on this matter in the Bible or Sacred Tradition, many speculative questions can be raised regarding life on other planets. Here are a few: (1) What type of beings are they? (2) Did they fall through sin, or are they still in a pristine, unfallen state? (3) Has God revealed Himself to them?; Do they have a Bible? (4) What kind of soul would extraterrestrial beings have? There are many other questions we may ask, but remember: It is entirely possible that human beings are the only intelligent beings in the universe. God could have created things this way. Focus on this: The Catholic Faith is true, and regardless of what lies “out there,” we need to pursue holiness and truth “down here.”

# 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).

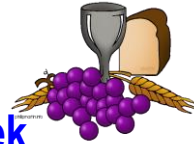
July 26, 2020

Seasonal Greeting

Volume X, Number 30



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



## Liturgical Services for the Week

Date Time Intention Requested By

### 8<sup>th</sup> 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

#### The Holy Great-Martyr & Healer Panteleimon

Mon, Jul 27 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Steven Muska Wife: Gladys & Family  
 (5<sup>th</sup> ann of passing)

Tue, Jul 28 8:00 a.m. (MR) Commendation Grandparents: Martha & Bob Maletz  
 of the Infant: + Baylee Wroten

Wed, Jul 29 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Eleanor + John Kulka (wed ann) Children: Kathy & John

Thrs, Jul 30 8:00 a.m. (MR) Health & Welfare Nypaver Family  
 of Thomas Nypaver (birthday)

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

Fri, Jul 31 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Mary Pyda Son: Bill  
 (7<sup>th</sup> ann of passing 7/25)



#### Commencement of the 14-day Savorial Fast (Spasovka)

First Saturday of Month —Reparation for the blasphemies against the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Sat, Aug 1 9:00 a.m. (NS) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes

#### Sunday anticipated Divine Liturgy of the 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

4:00 p.m. (MR) + Elizabeth Petruna Daughters  
 (1<sup>st</sup> ann of passing 8/2)

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

**SUN., Aug 2** 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Andrew Nazak Children & Grandchildren  
 (1<sup>st</sup> ann of passing 8/5)

11:00 a.m. (NS) + Alice Smoley (birthday) Dgtr: Mary Ann

## This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

**July 26 — Aug 1, 2020**

(MR): In memory of Helen & Carl Wincalow

offered by Tomchak & Bilak Families

(NS): In memory of Alphonse A. Siglow (birthday 7/28)

(MR) All reserved for 2020 offered by Dgtr: Kathryn & William Kress (NS) All reserved for 2020



# General Announcements

## McKees Rocks

**NEWLY ORDAINED DEACON ASSIGNED TO OUR PARISH** — This past week, we were made aware that Deacon Robert Jones has been assigned for weekend detail here at Holy Ghost Church. He was ordained a Deacon by Archbishop Skurla on Sunday, July 12, 2020 at the Cathedral. Deacon Jones' home parish is St. Gregory Nazianzus Church, Upper St. Clair, PA. He is in the last year of Theological Formation at Saints Cyril and Methodius Seminary, Pittsburgh. His wife's name is Elizabeth. For the next four weeks, Deacon Jones will be assisting at the Divine Liturgies until classes resume during the third week of August. May God grant to Deacon Robert and Elizabeth, health and happiness for many happy and blessed years.



**AIR-CONDITION UNIT IS BEING REPAIRED** — This passed week, the Gravener Heating & Air Conditioning, a family owned HVAC Pittsburgh Company since 1882, was called to locate and repair the Church's Dual Air Conditioning Units. This Company installed the new heating and cooling dual units in our Gym app. Several months ago. This company also services our Byzantine Catholic Seminary and Chancery Office on the North Side. It was discovered that one of the outdoor A/C units has a burned out motor which has to be replaced and currently on order. Also, the electrical system was faulty, and at the time of this report is hopefully fixed. We should have AIR from the one unit by this weekend.



## Northside

**SYMPATHIES EXTENDED** — The *Spirit of Truth* announces the passing of **John A. Conti, Jr, 60**, of Ohara Township,, who passed away suddenly at UPMC St. Margaret on Friday, July 17, 2020. The Perman Funeral Home, Saxonburg Boulevard, Pittsburgh, handled the arrangements. He is survived by his mother, Mary Ann. A Panachida was offered at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 21. Interment will be at a later date;. Our Parish extends its most sincere sympathies to the Conti & Vereb Families. In blessed repose, grant O Lord, eternal rest to your servant, John, and remember him forever. Vicnaja Jemu Pamjat'!

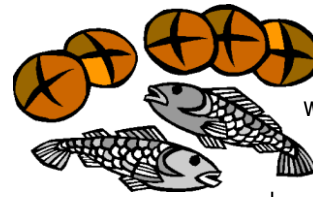


**FINAL DAY FOR REGISTERING FOR A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE** — The Archeparchy wishes to honor those who are celebrating their 10, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70 etc. anniversary of marriage this year. This celebration has been extended on a new format. It will take place on **Sunday, September 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 today, July 26.*



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

## Christ's Compassion: Feeding the Multitude *(Matthew 14: 14-22)*



The great New Testament miracle of the multiplication of the loaves reminds us of another miracle, the one performed by God's Prophet Elijah. Elijah had told King Ahab and his wife Jezebel that God would punish the apostasy of Israel and its ruler for worshipping the heathen sun-god Baal. This punishment would be in the form of a long drought and famine. During the drought, Elijah went to Zerephath, where he was hospitably received by a poor widow and her son, who offered him their last meal. He rewarded their charity by miraculously increasing their flour and oil - just enough each day to feed them - throughout the three-and-a-half years the famine lasted.

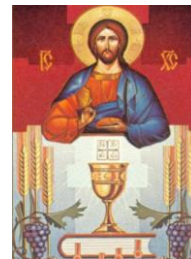
In the churches of our metropolitan province, we are reminded of this great miracle every time that there is festive anointing - '**mirovanije**' - on the occasion of special holydays. During the Vesper Service preceding the feast day, the priest blesses five loaves of bread, and the prayer of blessing mentions the miracle of the feeding of over 5,000 people.

**Sacramental Bread** — Why did Our Lord Jesus perform this great miracle of feeding over 5,000 people? He wanted to prepare them for still another miracle, an even greater one, the one that He performed at the Last Supper, when He changed the substance of bread into His own Body. This He did when He blessed the bread, saying : "**Take and eat: this is My Body,**" and changed the wine into His Precious Blood. He thus instituted the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, through which we today receive the spiritual nourishment necessary for our souls. Jesus Himself said: **I am the Bread of Life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.**" In order to unite us with Him spiritually, Our Lord enables us to receive Him every time the Divine Liturgy is celebrated, for the nourishment and salvation of our souls. May we always approach Him worthily and thank Him, collectively and personally, for this Most Precious Gift!

**Christos Posred'i Nas — Christ is Among Us!  
Jest' I Budet — He is and Shall Be!**

## The Catechism on the EUCHARIST

"The Eucharist is the heart and the summit of the Church's life, for in it Christ associates his Church and all her members with his sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving offered once for all on the cross to his Father; by this sacrifice he pours out the graces of salvation on his Body which is the Church" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1407). "It is Christ himself, the eternal high priest of the New Covenant who, acting through the ministry of the priests, offers the Eucharistic sacrifice. And it is the same Christ, really present under the species of bread and wine, Who is the offering of the Eucharistic sacrifice" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1410).



# Calendar of Upcoming Events

August 1 - 14 ..... Commencement of the Saviorial 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 23 ..... GCU Northwest Pgh Lodge 3<sup>rd</sup> quarterly meeting @ 2:00 p.m. in MR.  
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.  
September 1 ..... Commencement of the New Ecclesiastical (Church) Year.

## Saint of the Week — July 27

### The Holy Great-Martyr Panteleimon the Healer

The Great Martyr and Healer Panteleimon was born in the city of Nicomedia into the family of the illustrious pagan Eustorgius, and he was named Pantoleon. His mother Saint Euboula (March 30) was a Christian. She wanted to raise her son in the Christian Faith, but she died when the future martyr was just a young child. His father sent Pantoleon to a pagan school, after which the young man studied medicine at Nicomedia under the renowned physician Euphrosynus. Pantoleon came to the attention of the emperor Maximian (284-305), who wished to appoint him as royal physician when he finished his schooling. The hieromartyrs Hermolaus, Hermippus and Hermocrates, survivors of the massacre of 20,000 Christians in 303 (December 28), were living secretly in Nicomedia at that time. Saint Hermolaus saw Pantoleon time and again when he came to the house where they were hiding. Once, the priest invited the youth to the house and spoke about the Christian Faith. After this Pantoleon visited Saint Hermolaus every day. One day the saint found a dead child on the street. He had been bitten by a great snake, which was still beside the child's body. Pantoleon began to pray to the Lord Jesus Christ to revive the dead child and to destroy the venomous reptile. He firmly resolved that if his prayer were fulfilled, he would become a follower of Christ and receive Baptism. The child rose up alive, and the snake died before Pantoleon's eyes. After this miracle, **Pantoleon was baptized by Saint Hermolaus with the name Panteleimon (meaning "all-merciful").** Speaking with Eustorgius, Saint Panteleimon prepared him to accept Christianity. When the father saw how his son healed a blind man by invoking Jesus Christ, he then believed in Christ and was baptized by Saint Hermolaus together with the man whose sight was restored. After the death of his father, Saint Panteleimon dedicated his life to the suffering, the sick, the unfortunate and the needy. He was arrested, tortured and was beheaded. An olive tree to which the saint was tied became covered with fruit. Many who were present at the execution believed in Christ. The saint's body was thrown into a fire, but remained unharmed, and was buried by Christians.



# General Announcements

**PENITENTIAL PERIOD IN PREPARATION FOR THE DORMITION FEAST** — Each year the Byzantine Catholic Church sets aside the first fourteen days of August in honor of the Virgin Mary. On August 15th, the faithful then gather to celebrate the Great Feast of the Dormition (Falling-Asleep) of the Theotokos. During this fourteen-day penitential period, the Church prescribes the Paraklis Service be held in honor of the Mother of God. The word "paraklis" has two different meanings: the first is "consolation," from which the Holy Spirit is called the "Paraclete," or "Consoler"; the second is "supplication" or "petition". The Paraklis Service consists of supplication hymns to obtain consolation and courage. It should be recited in times of temptation, discouragement or sickness. It is used more particularly during the two weeks before the Dormition of the Theotokos, from **August 1 to August 14**. The theme of this Paraklis Services centers around the petition. "Most Holy Mother of God, save us." *Following each of the daily Divine Liturgies we will offer a portion of this service for all our family, relatives and friends who have left our church so that they may return for the sake of their salvation.*



**GCU NORTHWEST PITTSBURGH LODGE CONTINUES AID TO FISHER HOUSE** — 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!



**COMBINED LIVING WILL AND HEALTH CARE POWER OF ATTORNEY** — Two very important documents are available to you regarding a Catholic approach to Health Care. Many Catholics are unaware of how our Faith directs us to respond in critical life situations. Perhaps, you may have been presented by a health care institution with a form to mark off the care you wish to receive if you could not answer yourself. You may have even marked that you do not want *hydration and nutrition* to be given due to your illness. **Be advised that hydration and nutrition are not necessarily extraordinary means but Ordinary Means in most cases! It is ERRONEOUS to accept the statement that we are not to feed or hydrate human life since it is a process of dying! If we are going to succumb to biological death it must be due to the disease and not from a lack of hydration and nutrition.** **This is why Catholic Health Services forms were drawn up and given the blessing of our hierarchy. USE THIS FORM WHEN ASKED!** This form was developed by Pennsylvania's Conference of Catholic Bishops to offer ethical and religious guidance. It is the Catholic approach to life issues. Additional complimentary copies are available in the vestibule or by contacting the Church Office. You may, also, make copies and give it to others even if not of our Faith.

