

Parish Offerings – 17th Sunday after Pentecost — September 27, 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 (\$1,521) YP (\$6)	\$1,527.00
Holy Days	70.75
Votive Candles (\$93.50) Radio Ministry (\$25)	118.50
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	\$1,716.50

Holy Ghost Church, Northside

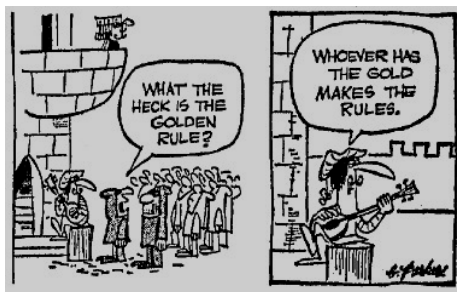
Regular Offering	\$353.00
Holy Days	35.00
Utilities (\$55) Collection for the Poor (\$10)	65.00
Votive Candles	47.00
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	\$500.00

Church Attendance Last Week

Sat., 4:00 p.m. (21)

Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (59); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (29)

Protection of Theotokos (Oct 1) — (MR) 9:00 a.m. (12); (NS) 6:00 p.m. (12)



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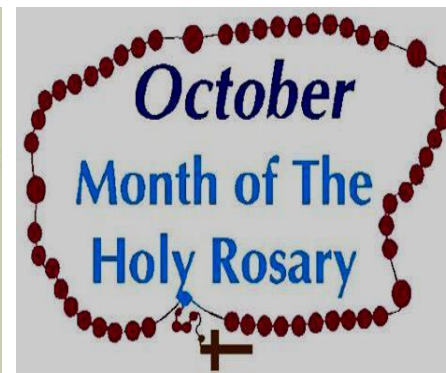
HOLY GHOST BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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THE 18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Respect Life Month — October 4, 2020



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

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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).

October 4, 2020

Seasonal Greeting

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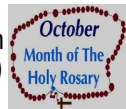


Glory to Jesus Christ! — Glory Forever!
Slava Isusu Christu! — Slava Na Viki!



Liturgical Services for the Week

Date	Time	Intention	Requested By
The 18TH Sunday after Pentecost			
SUN., Oct 4	9:00 a.m. (MR)	+ Jennie + George Timulak (Wed. Ann 10/2.)	Bernadette
	11:00 a.m. (NS)	+ John Spontak (17 th ann of passing 10/2)	Son: Robert & Joyce
Mon, Oct 5	8:00 a.m. (MR)	+ Michele J. (Terrek) Chiavetta	Cousin: Kurt W. Perschy
		Holy Apostle Thomas	
Tue, Oct 6	8:00 a.m. (MR)	Special Intention	Carol & Thomas Nypaver Family
Wed, Oct 7	8:00 a.m. (MR)	+ Alexander C. Alman (1 st ann of passing 9/9)	Anonymous
Thrs, OCT 8	8:00 a.m. (MR)	+ Irene Bednar (40 th day of passing 10/2)	Nancy & Mark Cifrutlak
		Holy Apostle James the Greater, Son of Alphaeus	
		REQUIRED SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat) or Equivalent Penance (your choice)	
Fri, Oct 9	8:00 a.m. (MR)	+ Josipa Opat	Son: Ivan & Family
	*** 6:30 p.m. (MR)	Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary	
Sat, Oct 10	9:00 a.m. (NS)	Special Intention	Kathleen Murphy



Sunday anticipated Divine Liturgy of the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

4:00 p.m. (MR) + John Kundrat
Wife: Theresa
(30th ann of passing 9/23)

The 19TH Sunday after Pentecost Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council

SUN., Oct 11 **9:00 a.m. (MR)** For the Parishioners of Both Parishes
11:00 a.m. (NS) + Marian + Michael Begala Dgtr: Leslie & Paul Bodnarchuk
(Wedding ann 10/13)

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: **Oct 4** – MaryEllen Oslick, Hayden Spisak, Steven Usouski; **Oct 6** – Marcia Babin, Erin Bates; **Oct 7** – Nicholas Nazak, II; **Oct 8** – Mary Ann Goyda

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

HOME: Margaret Beliunas, Helen Best, Richard Billy, Irene Bordas, Florence Charochak, Margaret Cifrutlak, MARY ANN CONTI, Ilona Goyda, TAMARA HARDING, Beverly Harsh, MARTHA LUCAS, Olga Manfredo, Joseph Mitro, Irene Muha, 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.

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 the difference between gossip and venting to a confidant about things people have done? **A. Answer by Catholic Answers:** The Catechism explains when talking about when **Gossip** becomes sinful: Respect for the reputation of persons forbids every attitude and word likely to cause them unjust injury. He becomes guilty: – of rash judgment who, even tacitly, assumes as true, without sufficient foundation, the moral fault of a neighbor; – of detraction who, without objectively valid reason, discloses another's faults and failings to persons who did not know them; – of calumny who, by remarks contrary to the truth, harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgments concerning them (2477). **Venting** in the sense of just getting something "off our chest" does not include any of the things listed above. So if we were to determine some key differences between venting and gossip I would say the former: Has no intention of what is said being spread to anyone else; Takes no joy in exposing someone else's fault(s); Does not carelessly relate false or incomplete information; Seeks no harm to another's reputation; Seeks no harm to another and no exaltation of self; Takes place at an appropriate time and place with someone who can reasonably be trusted.



This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

Oct. 4 — Oct. 10, 2020

(MR): **In memory of Robert Zanis** (2nd ann of passing 9/30)

offered by Margaret & James Lautenschlager

(NS): **In memory of Irene Kittan** (2nd ann of passing 10/10)

(MR) Now available for 2021 offered by Sister: Theresa Fitzurka (NS) Now available for 2021



General Announcements

McKees Rocks

BORN AGAIN OF WATER AND SPIRIT — Augustine Michael Wenger was Reborn of



Water and Spirit and became a full member of the Church through the *Holy Mysteries of Initiation: Baptism, Chrismation and First Eucharist* last week on the Sunday, **September 27, 2020**. His parents are Erick Wenger & Melissa (Naper) Wenger of Gibsonia. Sponsors were Marla Piccolino and Matthew Hoover. The Patron Saint assigned to the child is the Holy Angelic Commander Michael the Archangel since he was born on Sept. 6, the commemoration of the miracle of the archangel at Chonia. May God grant to Augustine Michael, Peace, Health & Salvation for many happy and blessed years! Na Mnohaja I Blahaja L'ita!

SYMPATHY EXTENDED — The *Spirit of Truth* announces the passing of **Florence M.**



"Florrie" Kacsur, 92, of Orchard Street, McKees Rocks (Presston), Stowe Township on Friday, September 25, 2020. The Valerian F. Szal Funeral Home handled the arrangements. She was the mother of parishioners, David (Lynn) and Tim. She was also the grandmother of Brittney (Joseph) DeFazio and Adam Kacsur. A Funeral Divine Liturgy was offered on Sept. 30, 2020. Our Parish extends its most sincere condolences to the Kacsur Family. In blessed repose, grant O Lord, eternal rest to your servant, Florence, and remember her forever. Vicnaja Jej Pamjat'!

PLUMBER CAMERA REVEALS PROBLEMS WITH CHURCH DRAINAGE SYSTEM— Matt Mertz Plumbing completed extensive work with the Convent last week. Now they have started with the Church drainage system investigating why the church basement continues to be flooded. Part of the problem is where the church line ties into the convent line underground. More terra cotta piping is in bad shape with roots going inside the pipe. This is not going to be a quick fix. It was discovered that both sewage and rain water pipes were originally placed into the ground prior to the rectory being built. Access to the lines cannot be determined since the drainage trap is buried several feet below an inside bedroom adjacent to the rectory kitchen. We are still awaiting word from MM Plumbing as to the best solution and how to proceed. It is going to be an expensive fix which insurance will probably not cover.

Northside

LAST WEEK'S PARISH ADVISORY/FINANCIAL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA —

Following last Sunday's Divine Liturgy our meeting commenced in the Church. George Hudanick, Jr. was appointed to the vacancy position. The points covered were: (1) 2019 Financial report reviewed of income and expenditures. Upon review and advisement, this report will be made to donating parishioners. If you have not received a copy, please call the church office; (2) Social Center leasing details to the Tamburitizans were discussed. It is an excellent lease that had been litigated by juris counsel. Holy Ghost Church is now freed from the added burden of and labor and payments accrued from its usage. The Tamburitizas will continue to lease the Social Center at \$2,000.00 per month with the option to purchase during or following 3 three-year increments. They are permitting our parishioners to use the parking facilities; (3) We be having a bake sale again this year for Thanksgiving. GCU Northwest Pittsburgh Lodge will match the funds. Details forthcoming

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Living Beyond the Golden Rule— LK 6:31-36

We see in the gospel today that Jesus teaches us the golden rule, which bids us to do to others, as

CROSS REFERENCES

Do to others **as you would have them do to you.** Luke 6:31

Be indebted to no one, except to one another in love, for **he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the Law.** Romans 13:8

Love does **no wrong to its neighbor.** Therefore love is the fulfillment of the Law. Romans 13:10

The entire Law is fulfilled in a **single decree:** "Love your neighbor as yourself." Galatians 5:14

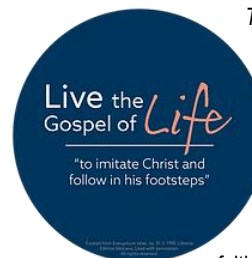
If you really keep **the royal law** stated in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. James 2:8



we would have them do to us. In reflecting upon the golden rule, we perceive that the important fact of **Christian conduct is that it consists not in refraining from bad things, but in doing good things toward our neighbor.** Jesus stresses that we are to do good toward our neighbor even he does not love us in return. No matter what a person does to you, (plots against you or slanders you), you are still called to be kind and good to him or her. Even though we may

never get a "thank you." The Lord God, Who watches from on high, will give rewards to all who follow his golden rule. For Jesus says: "Your reward will be great and you will be the sons of the Most High, because he is kind both to the thankless and to the wicked." The second fact is that the Christian way of life is based on accomplishing extra deeds. There are too many people who desire to be just as good as their neighbors. **Jesus challenges us that we must strive to be better than the ordinary person.** It is not our neighbor with whom we must compare ourselves; it is God with Whom we must compare ourselves. The reason why we compare ourselves to God is that we are created in the image and likeness of God. By doing extra good deeds toward the church and toward our neighbor, we come closer to God. There are indeed many extra deeds that we can do. **We can pray more and attend the Divine Liturgy more often. We could also visit the sick in our hospitals and nursing homes.** So let us today follow Jesus Christ by doing the "extra."

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, "Livjje the Gospel 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. org 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

October 9 (MR) The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary @ 6:30 p.m.
 October 16 (MR) The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary @ 6:30 p.m.
 October 23 (MR) The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary @ 6:30 p.m.
 October 25 Sunday of Christ the King.
 October 30 (MR) The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary @ 6:30 p.m.

Saints of the Day

The Martyrs Eulampius & Eulampia

October 10

Saints Eulampius and Eulampia were brother and sister. They lived at the

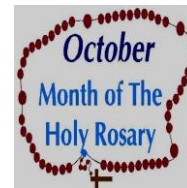


beginning of the fourth century in the city of Nicomedia. Eulampius became upset after reading the decree of the emperor Maximian (284-305) sentencing all Christians to execution. Eulampius was horrified that the emperor was taking up arms against his own subjects rather than fighting the enemies of his country. The youth was brought to trial and commanded to renounce the Christian Faith. When he refused, they first raked him with iron hooks, and then placed him upon a red-hot bed of coals. All of a sudden the sufferer expressed a wish to visit the pagan temple. The judges were delighted, supposing that they had turned him from Christianity. In the pagan temple of Mars the saint approached the idol and cried out, "In the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ I

command you to fall to the floor and crumble into dust!" The idol immediately crashed down to the floor and was destroyed. The people exclaimed, "The Supreme God is the Christian God, Who is great and mighty!" St Eulampius was again taken away for torture. This time his sister, Eulampia, appeared before the judges and declared that she also was a Christian. Eulampius told her, "Sister, do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul" (Mt.10:28). The martyrs were tortured and thrown into a red-hot furnace, but the Lord protected them from the fire. Finally, they beheaded Eulampius, but Eulampia died from her torments before she could be beheaded. **Holy Martyrs Eulampius and Eulampia, pray for us before God's Throne!**

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 @ 6:30 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 as we pray for our Country & for the vanquishing of the coronavirus.



ARCHIEPARICHAL ST. NICHOLAS 50/50 RAFFLE — This year marks the 64th Annual St.



Nicholas Celebration at the Cathedral and Cathedral Center normally to be held on **Sunday, December 6, 2020, Due to the pandemic, there will be NO public celebration.** However, last year's raffle will be extended again. 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 6, 2020 PA Daily Drawing at 7:00 p.m.** Many prizes will be awarded. Tickets are now available. Tickets will be available next weekend.

ANNUAL MOLEBEN FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CAUSES — The yearly prayer

service for the advancement of the Causes of Advancement and Canonization of our four holy Ruthenian Byzantine Catholic Bishops will take place at the **Holy Ghost Church, McKees Rocks, PA** on **Sunday, November 1, 2020 @ 3:00 p.m.** For the past 34 years faithful through the Pittsburgh Archeparchy have gathered in various Archieparichal 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 advancement of 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.



RESERVATIONS CONTINUE FOR DL & SANCTUARY LAMPS — Divine Liturgy and



Sanctuary Lamp reservation dates are still being taken on a first come, first serve basis. Due to a high demand of both of these areas only two weekends of each will be accepted. When the demand subsides, you will be able to reserve additional weekend dates. Place your intention and \$10.00 stipend (per candle/DL) in a regular white envelope with requested date(s) and place it in the collection basket. You may reserve unlimited weekday DL's! Please take care of this matter quickly to acquire your special dates. They are going fast!