

Parish Offerings – 19th Sunday after Pentecost — October 11, 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 (\$2,363) YP (\$6)	\$2,369.00
Holy Days	27.00
Votive Candles	62.00
	\$2,458.00

Holy Ghost Church, Northside

Regular Offering	\$288.00
Holy Days	10.00
Improvements (\$25) Collection for the Poor (\$65)	90.00
Votive Candles	79.50
	\$467.50

Church Attendance Last Week

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

Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (53); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (34)



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THE 20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Respect Life Month — October 18, 2020



Live the Gospel of *Life*
RESPECT LIFE MONTH
 October 2020

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

The Very Reverend Father Frank A. Firko

Pastor, Administrator & Protopresbyter

The Reverend Deacon Michael E. 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

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.
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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 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).

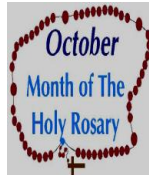
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Seasonal Greeting

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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
SUN., Oct 18	9:00 a.m. (MR)	+ Eleanor Kapko <i>(3rd ann. of passing 10/22)</i>	Elizabeth Prostudy
	11:00 a.m. (NS)	+ Agnes Knoll <i>(3rd ann. of passing 10/15)</i>	Son: William
Mon, Oct 19	8:00 a.m. (MR)	+ Herbert Eisenman	Dgtr: Martha & Bob Maletz
Tue, Oct 20	8:00 a.m. (MR)	+ Elsie Eberle <i>(4th ann. of passing)</i>	Son: James
Wed, Oct 21	8:00 a.m. (MR)	+ Glee Hart <i>(birthday 10/22)</i>	Family
		Feast of Pope St. John Paul II	
Thrs, OCT 22	8:00 a.m. (MR)	+ John Kulka	Children: Kathy & John
		Holy Apostle James the Less — Relative of the Lord	
		REQUIRED SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat) or Equivalent Penance (your choice)	
Fri, Oct 23	8:00 a.m. (MR)	+ Joyce D. Ray <i>(4th ann. of passing)</i>	+ Athena Vojtecky
	*** 6:30 p.m. (MR)	Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary	
Sat, Oct 24	9:00 a.m. (NS)	For the Parishioners of Both Parishes	

Sunday anticipated Divine Liturgy of the Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

4:00 p.m. (MR) + Deceased Members of the Herczak Family Sister: Irene Burik



The 21st Sunday after Pentecost Sunday of Christ the King

SUN., Oct 25	9:00 a.m. (MR)	+ Patricia Petruna <i>(7th ann. of passing 10/27)</i>	Sisters
	11:00 a.m. (NS)	+ Mitchell Bodnarchuk <i>(birthday 10/20)</i>	Son: Paul & Leslie

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 18 – Jeno Lecci, Paul Zubritzky; Oct 20 – Patricia Ference; Oct 21 – Charles McCusker; Oct 22 – Zizi Vo Safranko; Oct 24 – Anastasia Bedard, Theresa Kundrat.

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

HOME: Margaret Beliuinas, Helen Best, Richard Billy, Irene Bordas, Florence Charochak, Margaret Cifrulak, 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. If the Eucharist is really Christ, shouldn't it heal sick or wounded people who receive it? **A. Catholic Answers Apologist:** Not necessarily. By that reasoning, the sacrament of baptism should accomplish the same thing, because we receive God in his divinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—in receiving baptism. And while baptism washes away our sins and gives us the gift of sanctifying grace—and there is nothing greater than that—the healing of sick or wounded people typically doesn't accompany reception of baptism. Similarly, in the Eucharist, we receive Jesus Christ in his divinity as well as his glorified body, blood, soul, and divinity, but physical healings don't typically accompany reception of the Eucharist. And yet, again, we receive an increase of sanctifying grace and grow closer to our Lord Jesus, and so we truly experience a foretaste of heaven.

This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

Oct. 18 — Oct. 24, 2020

(MR): **In memory of Eleanor & John Kulka**

offered by Children: Kathy & John

(NS): **In memory of Veronica Bauch**

(MR) Now available for 2021 offered by Sister Velma Seman (NS) Now available for 2021

General Announcements

McKees Rocks

UPCOMING PARISH ADVISORY/FINANCIAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING — A PAC/FAC Meeting will be conducted on **Monday, October 19, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m.** All appointed members are encouraged to be in attendance. Wear your masks. Please mark your calendar.



THANK YOU AGAIN FOR THE FLOWERS — Once again for the past three weeks, an anonymous donor(s) has been sending flowers to be placed at the feet of our Blessed Mother located on the iconostasis. We are grateful to whoever you are for this noble expression of love for the Holy Virgin whom we especially extol this month of October. May she be comforted seeing the expression of your heart.

Northside

EXTRA ASSISTANCE FOR NS BAKELESS BAKE SALE — Once again this year, our parish will be conducting a Bakeless Bake Sale. Since it is more expensive, laborious and really no area to set it up, this project seems to be the most beneficial way to reach the full amount of the GCU matching Expansion matching funds. We would be grateful if our McKees Rocks parish will join with us as they graciously did last year. Next week, special envelopes will be attached to the S.O.T. Church Bulletin for both parishes. We are praying that you will help us. Final day is Sunday, Nov. 22.



DEACON MEADERS CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY — A belated Congratulations and Best



Wishes are extended to our Deacon Michael Meaders on the occasion of his anniversary to the Diaconate! It's hard to believe that nine years ago on **October 9, 2011**, he was ordained to the Holy Order of the Diaconate.

We offer him our most sincere congratulations and prayerful best wishes on his anniversary as he continues his sacred ministry here at his home parish! May God grant to Deacon Michael, health and happiness for many blessed years! Mnohaja I Blahaja L'ita!!!!

UPCOMING VIRTUAL N.B.C.C. — The National Byzantine Catholic Convention is an event for Catholic clergy, monastics, religious and laity of the Byzantine tradition with the purpose of prayer, fellowship, formation and mission as Eastern Catholics. The theme for the 2020 Convention is "Growing a Vibrant Byzantine Church" where presentations will be focused on ways to grow as missionary disciples in Churches where Christ is encountered and worshipped. All are welcome!



Virtual Convention Starts Nov 1st — Live Event

Nov 14th — Virtual Convention Presentations Available Online Sunday, November 1st
Convention Website Live Event Panel Discussions Saturday, November 14th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Zoom Webinar **WORD – WORSHIP – CHARITY – UNITY – MISSION – LEADERSHIP** byzantineconvention.com. REGISTRATION IN PROGRESS.

Today's Gospel Proclamation

Parable of the Sower — Luke 8: 5-15

The different ways of receiving the word of God. The sower is our Lord Jesus Christ, Who, through the apostles and their successors, proclaims the word of God. The field is the heart of man, for which the divine seed is destined. The chief lesson contained in the parable



is that the effect of God's word upon the soul depends entirely on the preparation and disposition of him who hears it, just as the fruitfulness of the natural seed depends on the cultivation and quality of the earth in which it is sown. The three cases mentioned in which the seed brought forth no fruit, point out the chief hindrances which man puts in the way of the efficacy of God's word. **The first class** are those in whom there is wanting a good will to receive God's word with faith. They hear it indeed, but they will not open their hearts to it, because the devil and his human agents have succeeded by scorn,

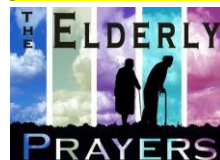
prejudice and false explanations in so setting them against everything supernatural, that they utterly refuse to believe. Take, for instance, the Pharisees in our Lord's time, and also the so-called "enlightened" men of the present day. **The second class** have a good will and are religious-minded people, but they are shallow and weak in character. They receive the word of God eagerly, but their faith does not penetrate to the depths of their heart and will, and lacks firmness and steadfastness. Therefore they fall away as soon as trials and persecution put their faith to the test. Remember the Israelites in the desert! **The third class** are those who have faith and hold fast to it, but who do not live up to it, being quite absorbed in the things of this world. They give themselves up to the concupiscence of the eyes, the concupiscence of the flesh, and the pride of life, and bring forth no fruits worthy of faith. They have faith, but it is dead. The word of God bears fruit in those only who, besides accepting it willingly, cherish it in a heart purified by faith, and patiently and perseveringly live up to their faith. Religion and grace are, therefore, affairs, not of reason, but chiefly of the heart and will. **APPLICATION:** You see by this parable how necessary it is that your heart should be well prepared for receiving the word of God. Have you always had a desire to hear God's word? Have you kept what you have heard in your heart, and made corresponding resolutions? Have you thought your religious instruction tedious? To which of the four classes described by our Lord do you think you belong? Pray fervently to the Holy Ghost before you hear any sermon, and listen attentively to it, with the resolve to take to heart and carry out what you hear.

October Respect-Life Month

3rd WEEK INTENTION OF REPECT LIFE MONTH:

Prayer for the Elderly

O Lord of Life, grant that the Elderly may lovingly accept Your will, and place themselves each day in Your merciful hands. When the moment of their passing comes, grant that they may face it with serenity, without regret for what they shall leave behind. For in meeting You after having sought You for so long, they shall find once more every authentic good which they have known here on earth in the company of all who have gone before them marked with the sign of faith and hope. Grace the Elderly with this wisdom so that they and we may bless and glorify Your Great Name Father, Son (+) and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.



Calendar of Upcoming Events

October 19 (MR) PAC/FAC Councils Meeting @ 7:00 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.
 November 1 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 3 General Election Day — Defend the most vulnerable: cast your Pro-Life Vote.
 November 8 Synaxis of St. Michael & All Angels.
 November 15 Commencement of the Philippian (Filipovka) Fast.

Saints of the Week

Venerable Father Hilarion the Great October 21

Saint Hilarion the Great was born in the year 291 in the Palestinian village of Tabatha. He was sent to Alexandria to study. There he became acquainted with Christianity and was baptized. After hearing an account of the angelic life of St Anthony the Great (January 17), Hilarion went to meet him, desiring to study with him and learn what is pleasing to God. Hilarion soon returned to his native land to find that his parents had died. After distributing his family's inheritance to the poor, Hilarion set out into the desert surrounding the city of Maium. In the desert the monk struggled intensely with impure thoughts, vexations of the mind and the burning passions of the flesh, but he defeated them with heavy labor, fasting and fervent prayer. The devil sought to frighten the saint with phantoms and apparitions. During prayer St Hilarion heard children crying, women wailing, the roaring of lions and other wild beasts. The monk perceived that it was the demons causing these terrors in order to drive him away from the wilderness. He overcame his fear with the help of fervent prayer. Once, robbers fell upon St Hilarion, and he persuaded them to forsake their life of crime through the power of his words. Soon all of Palestine learned about the holy ascetic. The Lord granted to St Hilarion the power to cast out unclean spirits. With this gift of grace he loosed the bonds of many of the afflicted. The sick came for healing, and the monk cured them free of charge, saying that the grace of God is not for sale (MT 10:8). Such was the grace that he received from God that he could tell by the smell of someone's body or clothing which passion afflicted his soul. They came to St Hilarion wanting to save their soul under his guidance. With the blessing of St Hilarion, monasteries began to spring up throughout Palestine. Going from one monastery to another, he instituted a strict ascetic manner of life. About seven years before his death (+ 371-372) St Hilarion moved back to Cyprus, where the ascetic lived in a solitary place until the Lord summoned him to Himself.

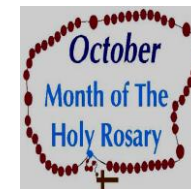


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MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY — We are continuing to honor Our Blessed Mother in this special month of October, by reciting the Rosary according to our Byzantine-Ruthenian (Rusyn) tradition **each Friday throughout the month @ 6:30 p.m.** at our Parish 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.

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.



YOUTH GROUP TAKING CANDY ORDERS THE VIRTUAL WAY — Every two years our Youth Group attends the **Byzan-TEEN Rally.** It is a wonderful chance for our youth to meet

other Byzantine Catholics from across the country. In 2021 we are hoping to send 7 teens and 2 chaperones to Mt. St. Mary's University in Maryland. In order to defray the cost, the Holy Ghost Youth Group is holding a virtual fundraiser from Sarris Candies. This is a contactless fundraiser and all purchases will be shipped directly to the buyer free of charge. You can purchase anything from the company and we will receive 25% of the sale. Just follow these steps and candy will be on the way:

1. Go to sarriscandiesfundraising.com
2. Go to the "fundraising" tab.
3. Our group code is 10-3617.
4. You do not have to put in a teen's name unless you want to.
5. Shop!

