

Parish Offerings – 20th Sunday after Pentecost — October 18, 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 (\$2,388) YP (\$4)	\$2,392.00
Holy Days	10.00
Collection for the Poor	417.00
Votive Candles	156.50
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	\$2,975.50

Holy Ghost Church, Northside

Regular Offering	\$426.00
Holy Days	2.00
Improvements (\$5) Utilities (\$2) Collection for the Poor (\$8)	15.00
Votive Candles	37.50
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	\$480.50

Church Attendance Last Week

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

Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (53); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (28)



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THE 21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Christ the King Sunday— October 25, 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).

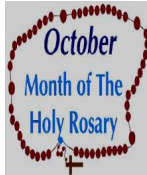
October 25, 2020

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
 SUN., Oct 25	9:00 a.m. (MR) + Patricia Petruna (7 th ann. of passing 10/27) Sisters 11:00 a.m. (NS) + Mitchell Bodnarchuk (birthday 10/20) Son: Paul & Leslie	The Holy Great-Martyr Demetrius	
Mon, Oct 26	8:00 a.m. (MR) + William J. Hrivnak (2 nd ann of passing 10/28)	Wife: Joyce & Family	
Tue, Oct 27	8:00 a.m. (MR) + Mary Kundrat (55 th ann. of passing 10/31)	 Theresa Kundrat	
Wed, Oct 28	8:00 a.m. (MR) + Dolly + Michael Safranko (wed ann)	Grad-Dgtr: Zizi	
Thrs, Oct 29	8:00 a.m. (MR) + John Hrivnak (birthday)	Nephew: Fr. Firko	
REQUIRED SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat) or Equivalent Penance (your choice)			
Fri, Oct 30	8:00 a.m. (MR) + Mary Supack *** 6:30 p.m. (MR) Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary	Niece: Martha & Bob Maletz	
Sat, Oct 31	9:00 a.m. (NS) + Mary Farabaugh (2 nd ann of passing 10/28)	Dgtr: Marianne Farabaugh	

Sunday anticipated Divine Liturgy of the Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
4:00 p.m. (MR) + Evelyn Squires Brother: Steve & Dolores Kosko



The 22nd Sunday after Pentecost Feast of the Holy Bishop-Martyr Theodore G. Romzha

SUN., Nov 1 9:00 a.m. (MR) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes
11:00 a.m. (NS) + Peter P. Smoley Sister: Mary Ann (60th ann of passing 11/4)
3:00 p.m. (MR) Advancement & Canonization Moleben for our 4 holy hierarchs

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 25 – Gregory Stilwell, Emma Joy Usouski; Oct 28 – Dolores Boros; Oct 30 – Elias Wenger.

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

HOME: Margaret Beliunas, 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. My fiancé and I want to live together for the next year to save money. My mom is upset about this and says this is wrong. But if we both honor our commitment to live chastely until marriage, why would it be wrong? **A. Catholic Answers Apologist:** Even if you and your fiancé don't have sexual relations for the entire time of your living together, your actions give scandal. The Catechism warns: The person who gives scandal becomes his neighbor's tempter. He damages virtue and integrity; he may even draw his brother into spiritual death. Scandal is a grave offense if by deed or omission another is deliberately led into a grave offense. (CCC 2284). And remember Jesus' warning in Luke 17:1: "Temptations to sin are sure to come; but woe to him by whom they come!" Saving money for your future life together is commendable, but moving in with your fiancé is not the only way in which you can do so. You could also find a roommate of your own sex or move in with your parents until your wedding day. Surely, saving a few bucks is not worth the dishonor your parents will suffer if you follow through with your decision. Nor is it worth sacrificing your commitment to live according to the teachings of Christ and his Church in your preparation for marriage. Trust God for his grace to see you through.

This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

Oct. 25 — Oct. 31, 2020

(MR): **In memory of Dolly & Michael Safranko**

offered by Grand-Dgtr: Zizi

(NS): **In memory of Frances & Walter Grzywinski**

(MR) Now available for 2021 offered by Frank, Karen & Matthew (NS) Now available for 2021

General Announcements

McKees Rocks

SUBJECT MATTER DISCUSSED AT LAST WEEK'S PAC MEETING — At the October 19, 2020



Parish & Financial Advisory Councils Meeting, the following agenda was discussed: (1) E.C.F. Religious Education is working on their annual St. Nicholas Celebration. This year's theme will include St. Nicholas visiting a Covid-19 setting; (2) Awaiting Catholic Mutual Insurance, we will be having the Church Basement side molding and paneling replaced affected by the flood.; (3) Awaiting word from Matt Mertz Plumbing as to their solution to correct future flooding since the pipes run under the rectory which has no basement for access; (4) Century Interiors, Ince will commence the renovation project on the Gym Restrooms on Nov. 16. The Pirohi Project has made it possible for this task to commence; and (5) National Byzantine Catholic Convention commences on Sunday, Nov. 1 with a live event on Nov. 14. Parishioners highly recommended to participate via internet.

GYM RESTROOMS PROJECT COMMENCES IN A FEW WEEKS — Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, this project was originally to begin last Spring. We recently received word from Century Interior, Inc, North Hills, that we are scheduled for the commencement of this project on **Nov. 16**. Our Pirohi Project has made it possible for this task.

ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU AGAIN FOR THE FLOWERS — For the fourth straight week, an anonymous donor(s) has sent 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 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.

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 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.

UPCOMING VIRTUAL N.B.C.C. — The National Byzantine Catholic Convention is an event for



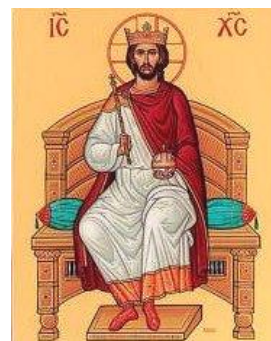
Catholic clergy, monastics, religious and laity of the Byzantine tradition with the purpose of prayer, fellowship, formation and mission as Eastern Catholics. The theme for the 2020 Convention is "Growing a Vibrant Byzantine Church." All are welcome! **Virtual Convention: byzantineconvention.com**. Register today!

Meditation on today's Gospel

Traditional Celebration of Christ the King

John 18:33-37

The name is found in various forms in scripture: King Eternal (1 Timothy 1:17), King of Israel (John 1:49), King of the Jews (Mt. 27:11), King of kings (1 Tim 6:15; Rev.



19:16), King of the Ages (Book of Revelation 15:3) and Ruler of the Kings of the Earth (Rev. 1:5). Christ's Kingship was addressed in the encyclical Quas Primas of Pope Pius XI, published in 1925, which has been called "possibly one of the most misunderstood and ignored encyclicals of all time." The Pontiff's encyclical quotes with approval Cyril of Alexandria, noting that Jesus' Kingship is not obtained by violence: "'Christ,' he says, 'has dominion over all creatures, a dominion not seized by violence nor usurped, by His by essence and by nature.'" The late Pope Pius XI instituted the feast of Christ the King in 1925 to remind Christians that

their allegiance was to their spiritual ruler in heaven as opposed to earthly supremacy, which was claimed by the Italian Dictator Benito Mussolini. It was originally established to be celebrated on the last Sunday of October. Through the liturgical reforms of the Western Rites, it now is celebrated in November prior to the Advent Season. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI has remarked that Christ's Kingship is not based on "human power" but on loving and serving others. The perfect exemplar of that acceptance, he pointed out, is the Virgin Mary. Her humble and unconditional acceptance of God's will in her life, the Pope noted, was the reason that "God exalted her over all other creatures, and Christ crowned her Queen of heaven and earth." *The early Byzantine Catholic Liturgical book (Sluzebnik) printed in the United States in 1945 and revised in 1962 with the Imprimatur of Bishop Nicholas T. Elko lists this feast on pages 297-303 and has never been abrogated.*

October: Respect-Life Month

4th WEEK INTENTION OF REPECT LIFE MONTH:

Prayer for the Poor, Homeless and Abandoned



O Lord, make us worthy to serve our fellow men throughout the world that live and die in poverty and hunger. Give them through our hands this day their daily bread, and by our understanding love, give them peace and joy. In this may Your Name be blessed and glorified, Father, Son (+) and Holy Spirit, now and ever

and forever. Amen.

**Don't forget to FALL BACK — TURN BACK your clocks
1 Hour next Sunday, November 1st!**

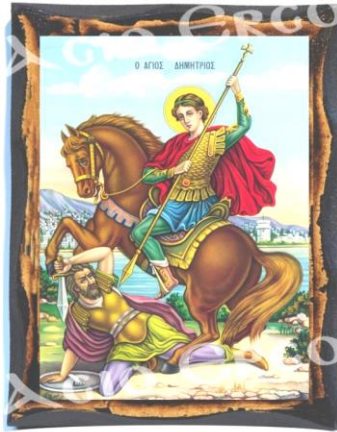
Calendar of Upcoming Events

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.
 GCU LODGE MEETING @ 2:00 p.m.
 November 15 Commencement of the Philippian (Filipovka) Fast.

Saint of the Week — October 26

The Holy & Glorious Demetrius of Thessalonica

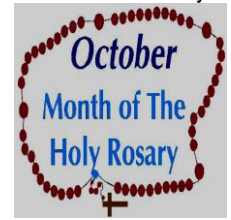
The Great Martyr Demetrius of Thessalonica was the son of a Roman proconsul in Thessalonica. Three centuries had elapsed and Roman paganism, spiritually shattered and defeated by the multitude of martyrs and confessors of the Savior, intensified its persecutions. The parents of St Demetrius were secretly Christians, and he was baptized and raised in the Christian Faith in a secret church in his father's home. By the time Demetrius had reached maturity and his father had died, the emperor Galerius Maximian had ascended the throne (305). Maximian, confident in Demetrius' education as well as his administrative and military abilities, appointed him to his father's position as proconsul of the Thessalonica district. The main tasks of this young commander were to defend the city from barbarians and to eradicate Christianity.



The emperor's policy regarding Christians was expressed simply, "Put to death anyone who calls on the name of Christ." The emperor did not suspect that by appointing Demetrius he had provided a way for him to lead many people to Christ. Accepting the appointment, Demetrius returned to Thessalonica and immediately confessed and glorified our Lord Jesus Christ. Instead of persecuting and executing Christians, he began to teach the Christian Faith openly to the inhabitants of the city and to overthrow pagan customs and idolatry. The compiler of his Life, St Simeon Metaphrastes, says that because of his teaching zeal he became "a second Apostle Paul" for Thessalonica, particularly since "the Apostle to the Gentiles" once founded at this city the first community of believers (1 Thess. and 2 Thess.). The Lord also destined St Demetrius to follow the holy Apostle Paul as a martyr..." He began to pray and fast, preparing himself for martyrdom. When the emperor came into the city, he summoned Demetrius, who boldly confessed himself a Christian and denounced the falsehood and futility of Roman polytheism. Maximian gave orders to lock up the confessor in prison. At dawn on **October 26, 306** soldiers appeared in the saint's underground prison and ran him through with lances. The body of the holy Great Martyr Demetrius was cast out for wild animals to devour, but the Christians took it and secretly buried it in the earth.

General Announcements

FINAL GATHERING FOR THE OCTOBER HOLY ROSARY — This will be the final Friday to honor Our Blessed Mother in this special month of October, by reciting the Rosary according to our Byzantine-Ruthenian (Rusyn) tradition @ **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.



GCU NORTHWEST PITTSBURGH LODGE MEETING IN TWO WEEKS — The fourth quarter meeting will be VIRTUAL on **Sunday, November 8, 2020 @ 2:00 p.m.** All members are expected to participate by dialing 1 (605) 472-5352. Then type in the Access Code: 451303#. You may direct your questions

and/or concerns to Steve Puluka @ (412) 897-4650.

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 Archieparchial 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!

