

Parish Offerings – Sunday of Christ the King — October 25, 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 (\$1,805) YP (\$16)	\$1,821.00
Holy Days	10.00
Collection for the Poor (\$217) Archdiocesan Charities (\$10)	227.00
Votive Candles	91.50
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	\$2,149.50

Holy Ghost Church, Northside

Regular Offering	\$593.00
Utilities	33.00
Votive Candles	29.50
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	\$675.50

Church Attendance Last Week

Sat., 4:00 p.m. (29)

Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (42); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (26)

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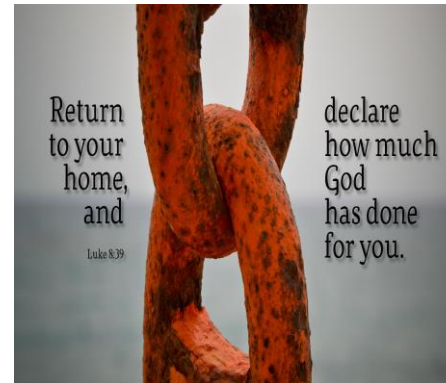
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THE 22nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Feast of Blessed Bishop-Martyr Theodore G. Romzha
November 1, 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.
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Holy Mystery of Reconciliation: Sat (MR): 3:15 to 3:40 pm & Sun (MR) 8:15 to 8:40 a.m.; (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

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).

November 1, 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 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
		(60 th ann of passing 11/4)	
	3:00 p.m. (MR)	Advancement & Canonization Moleben for our 4 holy hierarchs	

Mon, Nov 2 8:00 a.m. (MR) Bodzenski + Zula + Smorey + Kraly Families Zula Family

General (Presidential) Election Day — Be steadfast in your Faith & vote to defend the voiceless and most vulnerable children

Tue, Nov 3 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Marlene Andrascik (1st ann. of passing) Anonymous

Wed, Nov 4 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Irene Bilak (birthday) Dgtr: Leyte, Mike & Son: Mike

Thrs, Nov 5 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Charles Fedorchak Shirley & Ronald Pasowicz

First Friday of the month in reparation for sins against the Sacred Heart of Jesus
REQUIRED SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat) or Equivalent Penance (your choice)

Fri, Nov 6 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Holy Souls in Purgatory Joseph A. Cehula, T.O. Carm

First Saturday of the month in reparation for blasphemies against the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Sat, Nov 7 9:00 a.m. (NS) + Joseph R. Shamonsky (1st ann of passing 11/4) Anonymous

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

4:00 p.m. (MR) + Bordas + Budul Families Irene Bordas

The 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Synaxis of St. Michael & All Angels

SUN., Nov 8 9:00 a.m. (MR) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes

11:00 a.m. (NS) + Helen S. Lubinski (birthday) Nephew: Harry & Cindy Lubinski

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: Nov 1 – Mickayla Poloka; Nov 2 – KATHY MULLEN; Nov 3 – Michael W. Palahunik; Dan Pikras, JOAN SENCHYSHYN, John Wovchko; Nov 5 – Julia Mosko; Nov 6 – Barbara Stecko; Nov 7 – JOHN HELMS, Mark Saber.

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

HOME: Margaret Belionas, 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. Is the power of your prayers lost or diminished if your mind wanders while praying? **A.** **Catholic Answers Apologist:** The more fully we give attention to prayer, the more we are praying. But it is good to remember that praying lies in the will. The will to pray is a prayer in itself. Certainly, it is wrong to deliberately encourage distractions while at prayer. But unwanted distractions do not take away the value of prayer. Mother Teresa's sisters pray the rosary as they walk down busy city streets. They are certainly distracted by the need to navigate, but a part of them is still in prayer.

This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

Nov. 1 — Nov. 7, 2020

(MR): **In memory of Ann & Anthony Zanis,
Patricia Stanko & Robert Zanis**

offered by Marge & James Lautenschlager

(NS): **In memory of Joseph R. Shamonsky**

(MR) Now available for 2021

offered by Anonymous

(NS) Now available for 2021



General Announcements

The First Friday Devotion

(This particular devotion has traditionally been practiced among many faithful of our Byzantine Catholic Church)

“I promise you, in the excessive mercy of my Heart that my all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the first Friday for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance; they shall not die in my disgrace nor without receiving the sacraments; my divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in that last moment.” — Our Lord to St. Margaret Mary

How to complete the First Friday’s Devotion:

1. Receive Holy Communion on each First Friday;
2. The nine Fridays must be consecutive;
3. They must be made in honor and in reparation to His Sacred Heart.

12 Promises of the Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary

1. I will give them all the graces necessary for their state of life.
2. I will give peace in their families.
3. I will console them in all their troubles.
4. I will be their refuge in life and especially in death.
5. I will abundantly bless all their undertakings.
6. Sinners shall find in my Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Tepid souls shall become fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall rise speedily to great perfection.
9. I will bless those places wherein the image of my Sacred Heart shall be exposed and venerated.
10. I will give to priests the power to touch the most hardened hearts.
11. Persons who propagate this devotion shall have their names eternally written in my Heart.
12. In the excess of the mercy of my heart, I promise you that my all powerful love will grant to all those who will receive Communion on the First Fridays, for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance: they will not die in my displeasure, nor without receiving the sacraments; and my Heart will be their secure refuge in that last hour.

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. In this issue of the S.O.T. special envelopes are contained for both parishes. We are praying that you will help us. Credit on your financial statement will be rendered. **Final day is Sunday, Nov. 22.**



Voting our Faith at the Polls

Raymond Cardinal Burke, former Prefect of the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura — “I don’t intend to get involved in recommending any candidate for office, but simply to state that **a Catholic may not support abortion in any shape or form because it is one of the most grievous sins against human life, and has always been considered to be intrinsically evil and therefore to in any way support the act is a mortal sin.**”

Most Rev. Thomas John Paprocki, bishop of the Diocese of Springfield, Illinois — published a column in the Catholic Times titled *Keep in mind abortion remains a ‘preeminent’ issue in the upcoming election.* **“To say that an issue is ‘preeminent’ does not mean that it is the only issue, but that it surpasses all others in importance,”** Bishop Paprocki explains. “It is preeminent in that it is the basic human right on which all other rights depend. After all, if a baby is killed before birth, that person will never be able to exercise any other human rights.” **Objective truth informs our conscience, not personal feelings. “Liberal voices often argue that in rebelling against Church teaching on abortion and homosexuality they are following the dictates of conscience. However, conscience is not the source of morality.”** “The objective norm of morality is God’s law known to us through our rational nature (natural law) and by divine revelation (divine positive law). Therefore, although our conscience perceives the natural moral law and makes it present to us in order to guide our action, it does not create this law.” **May God protect our beloved nation from the evils of the homosexual revolution, abortion, and socialism. Let us pray for America’s true conversion.**

Christianity
is about
Objective Truth
Not Your
Subjective Reality

Most Rev. Samuel J. Aquila, Archbishop of Denver, Colorado — emphasizes that Catholics must consider moral issues as they go to the polls. “Essential for every Catholic to fulfill his or her duty as a citizen is knowing where candidates stand on the issues of life, family and religious freedom. **It is not possible to be a Catholic in good standing and support abortion or assisted suicide, to promote unnatural sexuality, or to seek to push people of faith out of the public square.**”

Most Rev. Joseph E. Strickland, bishop of the Diocese of Tyler, Texas — “Every procured abortion is intrinsically immoral – always and everywhere wrong. Thus, our absolute opposition to legalized abortion must be the first of the preeminent issues we consider in voting. **Any candidate or political party which promotes abortion is precluded from any further consideration for a Catholic voter.**” **“I urge the faithful I ... to realize that anyone who directly promotes abortion is not acceptable for leadership in our society.”**

Calendar of Upcoming Events

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.
 November 20 Solemn HD: Entrance into the Temple of Theotokos - Vigil – (NS) 6:00 p.m.
 November 21 Feast of the Entrance into the Temple of the Theotokos: (MR) 9:00 a.m.
 November 26 Annual Thanksgiving Day — (MR) Divine Liturgy @ 9:00 a.m.

Saint of the Week

Blessed Bishop-Martyr Theodore G. Romzha — Nov 1

Theodore Romzha was born in the Subcarpathian region of Austria-Hungary (in the Rusyn village of Velyky Bychkiv, now in Ukraine) on April 14, 1911. Theodore was ordained a priest on Christmas Day, 1936 in the Basilica of St Mary Major, Rome. After completing his compulsory military service he served briefly as a pastor in several Transcarpathian parishes (part of Czechoslovakia since 1918) before being assigned as professor of philosophy at the Eparchial Seminary in Uzhorod in 1939, occupied by Hungary. These were difficult years for the Church in Subcarpathia as it experienced the invasions first by Hungary, one of Axis powers, then direct rule from Nazi Germany and lastly the Soviet Red Army. On September 24, 1944, at the young age of 33, he was consecrated bishop and appointed apostolic administrator of the Eparchy of Mukachevo in the cathedral of Uzhorod by Bishop Miklós Dudás. He had immediately to face the soviet Red Army, which occupied the churches, assigned them to the Orthodox and arrested priests. Bishop Romzha refused in front of General Petrov to break with the Pope. His ministry to the faithful met with many roadblocks, and he could not be tolerated by the Communist officials who now began looking for getting rid of the young bishop. On October 27, 1947, on the way home from a parish visitation celebrating Christ the King Sunday, Bishop Romzha's horse drawn carriage was purposely rammed by a Soviet military truck. The soldiers, who were dressed as civilians, jumped from the truck and beat the bishop and his companions. They were hospitalized. The Bishop was making good progress when a new Soviet nurse was assigned to him. A little after midnight Romzha was found dead. The nurse poisoned him. According to research in Soviet archives by Yevgenia Albats, the Bishop's murder was ordered personally by Nikita Khrushchev. Romzha was beatified as a Martyr for the Faith by Pope John Paul II in Lviv on June 27, 2001 with November 1 assigned as his feastday. **In most recent years, the Mukachevo Eparchy sought the Vatican's approval to move the celebration to Oct. 31 since the entire Carpathian region celebrates Memorial Day on Nov. 1. Since this is not a holiday for America, many are retaining the date of his actual martyrdom on November 1.**



**Let us Persevere in Praying
 for his Canonization!**



General Announcements

ANNUAL MOLEBEN FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CAUSES TODAY — This

afternoon a Moleben beseeching the Holy Theotokos for the advancement of the Causes of Advancement and Canonization of our four holy Ruthenian Byzantine Catholic Bishops will take place here at **Holy Ghost Church, McKees Rocks, PA** at **@ 3:00 p.m.** For the past 34 years faithful throughout 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)*. This Marian Moleben is offered seeking the aid of the Holy Mother of God in helping us achieve this end. Archbishop Skurla will be the main celebrant. Please mark your calendar and attend this important prayer for their advancement.



NEXT WEEK: GCU NORTHWEST PITTSBURGH LODGE MEETING — 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.

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!**

YOUNG & NOT SO YOUNG ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED — For both Parishes, this



announcement is extended to all young male members (enrolled in our ECF Program); and elderly males wishing to join the *Ministry of Altar Server*. You are asked to come forward and declare your intention. There will be three classes and a practicum! Father needs elderly servers to assist him especially during the week for funerals. It's an important and fulfilling ministry! Classes will begin later this month. If you are interested, please approach Fr. Firko or by calling the church office (412) 771-3324.