

Parish Offerings – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost — November 1, 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 (\$3,940) YP (\$10)	\$3,950.00
Holy Days (\$50) Christmas (\$20) Thanksgiving (\$40)	110.00
Archdiocesan Charities (\$354) Christmas Decoration (\$10)	364.00
Votive Candles	106.55
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	\$4,530.55

Holy Ghost Church, Northside

Regular Offering	\$804.00
Utilities (\$2) Improvement (\$37) Collection for the Poor (\$100)	139.00
Archdiocesan Charities	3.00
Votive Candles	34.50
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	\$980.50

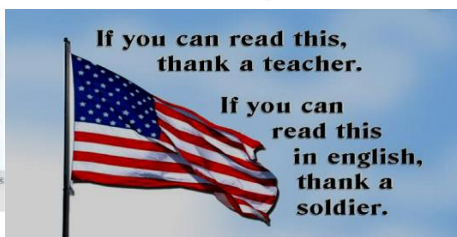
Church Attendance Last Week

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

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

10/30 Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary— (MR) Fri. 6:30 p.m. (12)

Archieparchial Moleben of Canonization — (MR) 3:00 pm (42)



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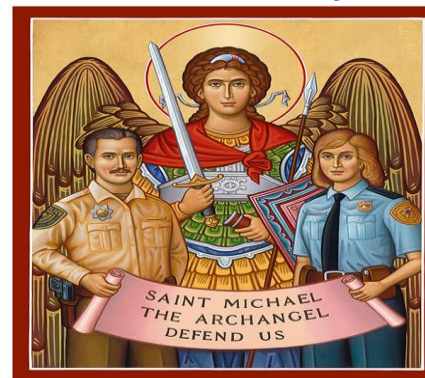
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THE 23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

St. Michael & Holy Angels — November 8, 2020



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

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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.

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-Canas 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).

November 8, 2020

Seasonal Greeting

Volume X, Number 45



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

Liturgical Services for the Week



Date

Time

Intention

Requested By

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Synaxis Feast of St. Michael & All Incorporeal Powers

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

Mon, Nov 9 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Mark A. Cifrutlak Bro: Burt & Nanine



Tue, Nov 10 8:00 a.m. (MR) Special Intention Hubal Family



For the Living Pastors & Cantors of Holy Ghost Church

Annual Veterans Day — Federal Holiday

Wed, Nov 11 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Eleanor Kulka (birthday) Children: Kathy & John

Archbishop-Martyr Josaphat



Thrs, Nov 12 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Josipa Opat Ljubica Gataric

Our Father among the Saints, John Chrysostom

REQUIRED SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat) or **Equivalent Penance** (your choice) in remembrance of
Our Lord's Crucifixion and Death upon the Precious Cross for our Redemption

Fri, Nov 13 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Michael P. Harsh Evelyn Yakubik

Holy Apostle Philip

Sat, Nov 14 9:00 a.m. (NS) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes

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

4:00 p.m. (MR) + Mike J. Sotak Dgtr: Elaine Cassidy
(30th ann of passing)



24th Sunday after Pentecost

Commencement of the Philippian Fast — 40 days before Christmas

1st Sunday of the Philippian Fast

SUN., Nov. 15 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Charles (7th ann) + Julia Wovchko Anonymous
11:00 a.m. (NS) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes

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 8 – Nancy Wurthier; Nov 9 – Tina Burns, Mildred Terrek.

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

HOME: Margaret Belinas, 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. My husband and I married in the Catholic Church, but now I am separated from my husband and in the process of divorce and annulment. Priests have told me that I can date and still receive the sacraments if the relationships are pure and entered into prayerfully. Is this correct? **A. Catholic Answers Apologist:** No. Currently you are not even legally divorced, much less have you received a decree of nullity from the Church. Until the latter happens, you must presume that you are a married woman and may not date anyone. Once you are legally divorced, you will no longer be married in the eyes of the state, but you will be married in the eyes of the Church unless and until you receive an annulment—and there is never any guarantee that an annulment will be granted. If you maintain a life of chastity appropriate to your state as a married woman legally separated from her husband (the Church considers civil divorce the equivalent of a legal separation), and otherwise remain in a state of grace, you may receive the sacraments. Once an annulment is granted, then you will be free to date.

This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

Nov. 8 — Nov. 14, 2020

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

offered by Children: Kathy & John

(NS): **In memory of Helen (Seman) Lucy**

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

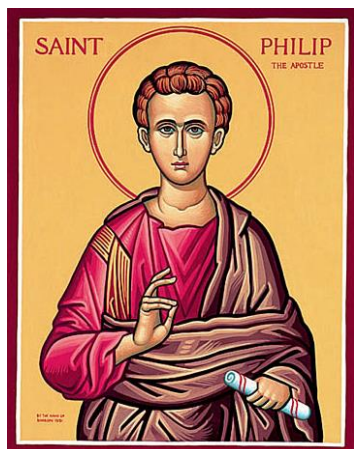
Calendar of Upcoming Events

November 8	Synaxis of St. Michael & All Angels. GCU LODGE MEETING @ 2:00 p.m.
November 15	Commencement of the Philippian (Filipovka) Fast.
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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

The Holy Apostle Philip — November 14

The Holy and All-praised Apostle Philip, was a native of the city of Bethsaida in Galilee. He had a profound depth of knowledge of the Holy Scripture, and rightly



discerning the meaning of the Old Testament prophecies, he awaited the coming of the Messiah. Through the call of the Savior (John 1:43), Philip followed Him. After the Ascension of the Lord, the Apostle Philip preached the Word of God in Galilee, accompanying his preaching with miracles. Thus, he restored to life a dead infant in the arms of its mother. From Galilee he went to Greece, and preached among the Jews that had settled there. Some of them reported the preaching of the Apostle to Jerusalem. In response, some scribes arrived in Greece from Jerusalem, with one of the Jewish chief priests at their head, to interrogate the Apostle Philip. The

Apostle Philip exposed the lie of the chief priest, who said that the disciples of Christ had stolen away and hidden the body of Christ. Philip told instead how the Pharisees had bribed the soldiers on watch, to deliberately spread this rumor. When the Jewish chief priest and his companions began to insult the Lord and lunged at the Apostle Philip, they suddenly were struck blind. By his prayer the Apostle restored everyone's sight. Seeing this miracle, many believed in Christ. The Apostle Philip provided a bishop for them, by the name of Narcissus (one of the Seventy Apostles, January 4). In Phrygian Hieropolis, he healed the wife of the city prefect, Amphipatos. Having learned that his wife had accepted Christianity, the prefect Amphipatos gave orders to arrest St Philip, his sister, and the Apostle Bartholomew traveling with them. At the urging of the pagan priests of the temple of the serpent, Amphipatos ordered the holy Apostles Philip and Bartholomew to be crucified. Mariamne his sister buried his body, and went with the Apostle Bartholomew to preach in Armenia, where the Apostle Bartholomew was crucified (June 11); Mariamne herself then preached until her own death at Lykaonia. **The holy Apostle Philip is not to be confused with St Philip the Deacon (October 11), one of the Seventy.**

General Announcements

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.



PARISH HOSTS THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CAUSES — For the past 34 years faithful through the Pittsburgh Archeparchy have gathered in various Archieparchial parishes, monasteries and the seminary to pray for the Canonizations 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 was offered by the clergy, seminarians Knight of Columbus, Religious Education Byzan-TEENS who carried in the four major icons while beseeching the aid of the Holy Mother of God in helping us achieve this end. What made this celebration a little different was it held during the pandemic Covid-19. The faithful then approached to receive a blessing from the relics. Thank you to all who made the sacrifice to pray for these worthy Causes towards Sainthood. **Pictured: Altar Server: Andrew Petrilla, K of C: Sir Knight Paul Gelesky and our Byzan-Teens (L-R): Nicholas and Ray Rippole, Anita Iyengar and Nina Lecci. Photograph compliments of parishioner, Stephanie Herron.**



BOTH HGCs TO PARTICIPATE IN NOVEMBER-DECEMBER FOOD DRIVE — In our love for the less fortunate, our both parishes will be holding an annual non-perishable food drive to be delivered to the *Inter Faith Churches Food Bank, McKees Rocks* in time for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Please bring the non-expired items to the Church and place them at the entrance. Many places are not taking non-perishable food due to Covid-19. For additional information contact Elaine Kurtanich (412) 370-9092. Once again, we are grateful to her for leading this project.



McKees Rocks Announcements

ANGEL TREE PROJECT FOR LESS FORTUNATE AREA CHILDREN — GCU Pittsburgh Northwest Lodge is, once again, holding a fraternal activity to help area children who may not be getting much for Christmas this year. This project is the ANGEL TREE located near the elevator in the side vestibule. Not too many angels remaining! If you would like to participate and make a child's Christmas a little brighter this year you are asked to take an angel from the tree. It will have a child's age listed on the back. You are asked to purchase a gift and bring it back to the tree **UNWRAPPED with the angel taped on it** no later than **Sunday, December 6**. Holy Family Social Services and Family Foundation will distribute these gifts to the children in time for Christmas.

Let's send this entire tree of angels in the form of gifts to these under-privileged children. You may call to make a donation to the project and we will do the shopping in your name. Call Barb Stecko (412) 334-8245



CHURCH DECORATING FORTHCOMING — We will begin decorating the Church for Christmas on **Sunday, November 29, 2020 following the Divine Liturgy**. This time seems the most appropriate since all will be here already. Please make an effort to give a helping hand. We're going to need muscle power for the heavy work of setting up the trees.



Northside Announcements



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A Brief History of Veterans Day

Veterans Day Facts. Veterans Day originated as "Armistice Day" on **Nov. 11, 1919**, the first anniversary of the end of World War I. Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for an annual observance, and Nov. 11 became a national holiday beginning in 1938. **Armistice Day** was primarily a day set aside to honor **veterans** of World War I, but in 1954, after World War II had required the greatest mobilization of soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen in the Nation's **history**; after



Honoring All Veterans on Veterans Day

We thank you for your service and sacrifices. We are forever grateful!

American forces had fought aggression in Korea, the 83rd Congress, at the urging of the **veterans** service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting in its place the word "Veterans." With the approval of this legislation (Public Law 380) on June 1, 1954, November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

The Message of Today's Gospel

Solemn Holy Day Today — November 8 – Lk 10:16-22
Holy Angelic Commander Michael & All Incorporeal Powers

The angels of God were celebrated by men from earliest times but this celebration was often turned into the divinization of angels (II Kings 23:5). The local Council of Laodicea (four or five years before the First Ecumenical Council) rejected the worship of angels as gods and established the proper veneration of angels in its Thirty-Fifth Canon. The Church celebrates all the bodiless Powers, and is why the same feast is called the Synaxis (Assembly). In the fourth century, during the time of Sylvester, Pope of Rome, and Alexander, Patriarch of Alexandria, the present Feast of Archangel Michael and all the other



Prayer to
**ST. MICHAEL
THE ARCHANGEL**
St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.
Be our defense against the wickedness
and snares of the Devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou,
O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God,
thrust into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits,
who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.
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heavenly powers was instituted for celebration in the month of November. Why precisely in November? Because November is the ninth month after March, and March is considered to be the month in which the world was created. Also, as the ninth month after March, November was chosen for the nine orders of angels who were created first. St. Dionysius the Areopagite, a disciple of the Apostle Paul (who was taken up into the third heaven), described these nine orders of angels in his book, *On the Celestial Hierarchies*, as follows: **six-winged Seraphim, many-eyed Cherubim, God-bearing Thrones, Dominions (also referred to as Dominations), Powers, Virtues, Principalities, Archangels, and Angels**. The leader of all the angelic hosts is the Archangel Michael. When Satan, Lucifer, fell away from God and drew a part of the angels with him to destruction, then Michael stood up and cried out before the faithful angels: "Let us be attentive! Let us stand aright! Let us stand with fear!" and all of the faithful angelic heavenly hosts cried out: "Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God of Sabaoth! Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory!" Concerning the Archangel Michael, see Joshua 5:13-15 and Jude 1:9. Among the angels there reign perfect oneness of mind, oneness of soul, and love. The lower orders also show complete obedience to the higher orders, and all of them together to the holy will of God. Every nation has its guardian angel, as does every Christian. We must always remember that whatever we do, in open or in secret, we do in the presence of our guardian angel. May God protect us and save us by the prayers of the Archangel Michael and all the holy incorporeal powers of heaven.

**Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God of Hosts, Heaven
& earth are filled with Your Glory!**