

Parish Offerings – Sunday of All Saints — May 30, 2021

“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 (\$2,404) YP (\$4)	\$2,408.00
Pentecost (\$885) Holy Days (\$115)	1,000.00
Peter’s Pence	10.00
Votive Candles	172.00
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	\$3,590.00

Holy Ghost Church, North Side

Regular Offering	\$470.00
Holy Days	15.00
Utilities	8.00
Votive Candles	56.75

Church Attendance Last Week \$549.75

(MR) Sat., 4:00 p.m. (38)

Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (58); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (19)

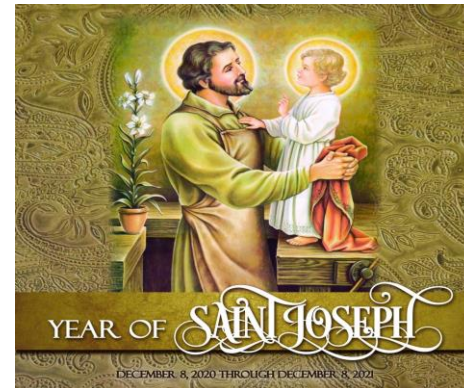
HOLY GHOST BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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THE 2nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

1st Sunday of the Petrine Fast — June 6, 2021



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

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Liturgical Services LIVE: www.Youtube.com then type: Holy Ghost Church Live Stream

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Pray for Vocations

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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: Internet Sunday afternoon: Rusyn.fm at 3:30 pm. Archive: c-rsmedia.org.
New & Returning Parishioners: Welcome! Please register by phoning the Church Office.
Remember the Church in Your Will: *Please be so kind 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

You revealed Your Most Sacred Heart as the abyss of Your love for us, O Christ our God. Let our observance of You're your Commandments in the present age be the return of love for us so that in the age to come we may enjoy in perfect love the contemplation of Your Divinity (Troparion of the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart).

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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

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

1st Sunday of the Petrine Fast




SUN., Jun 6 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Alexander F. Perschy (birthday) Son: Kurt
11:00 a.m. (NS) + Mary Farabaugh (birthday 6/4) Dgtr: Marianne

Mon, Jun 7 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Julia Eisenman Sister: Martha & Bob Maletz

Tue, Jun 8 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Dolores + John Koritsky Dgtr: Chistine & Al Barnash

Recommended SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat) or Equivalent Penance (your choice): for vocations

Wed, Jun 9  8:00 a.m. (MR) + Amelia + Frank T. Firko (wed ann 6/10)

Thrs., June 10 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Andrew J. Drukalsky Sister: Eleanor Masters
(2nd ann. of passing)

Commemoration of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Lover of Mankind

REQUIRED SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat) or Equivalent Penance (your choice): for vocations

Fri, Jun 11  8:00 a.m. (MR) + Archbishop Stephen J. Kocisko (birthday)

Commemoration of the Compassionate Heart of Mary

Sat, June 12 9:00 a.m. (NS) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes

Sunday anticipated Divine Liturgy of the Third Sunday after Pentecost

4:00 p.m. (MR) + Mildred + Michael Tomchak Grandson: Mike

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

2nd Sunday of the Petrine Fast

SUN., Jun 13 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Margaret Kurtanich Children
(17th ann of passing 6/12)

11:00 a.m. (NS) + Olga Senchyshyn (birthday) Dgtr: Joan

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

Jun 7 – Peter Kacsur (90); Jun 10 – Cynthia Saber; Jun 11 – GEORGE FECIK, LEAH KALLOP.

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

HOME: Margaret Beliuнас, Irene Bordas, Debra Charochak, Florence Charochak, Ilona Goyda, TAMARA HARDING, Beverly Harsh, GEORGE HUDANICK, SR., BETTY LORINC, Peggi Lucas, OLGA MANFREDO, Irene Muha, MARLENE PFEIFFER, Lisa Plutto, Betty Spisak, Anita Wolsko, Nancy (Shanta) Wauthier.

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.
VETERANS HOSPITAL (1010 Delafield St., Pittsburgh, PA 15215): JOHN VEREB.
THE RESIDENCE AT WILLOW LANE (30 Heckel Rd., MR, PA 15136): Helen Best, Marge Cifrulak.

Public questions on Catholic spirituality, moral & spiritual problems

Q. My cousin is a lesbian living with another woman. Am I a bigot for feeling uncomfortable around them? A. Answer by a Catholic Apologist: By acting out on their homosexuality, your cousin and her partner are doing something that you know is offensive to God. How can that not make you feel uncomfortable? There is no bigotry in this. It is perfectly OK—even necessary—to judge behavior and to feel uncomfortable around others whose behavior you know to be immoral. The Catechism of the Catholic Church informs us that "homosexual acts are intrinsically disordered" (CCC 2357). And while the Church calls us to accept those who suffer from homosexuality with "respect, compassion, and sensitivity," (CCC 2358) it also clearly teaches that, "under no circumstances, can [homosexual acts] be approved" (CCC 2357).

This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

Jun 6 — Jun 12, 2021

(MR): In memory of Mildred & Michael Tomchak

offered by Grandson: Mike Tomchak

(NS): In memory of Mary Farabaugh (birthday 6/4)

(MR) None available 2021

offered by Dgtr: Marianne

(NS) None available 2021

General Announcements

McKees Rocks

GYM & CHURCH RESTROOM PROJECT SCHEDULED SINCE COVID-19 — The Church was advised from Century Interiors, Inc. of Pittsburgh, that they will be commencing this long-awaited project very shortly. Work will begin **Tuesday morning, June 15, 2021**. We are grateful for your patience in awaiting this reconstruction project!

PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL & FINANCIAL COUNCIL MEETING — Members are advised that our PAC/FAC Meeting is slated for **Tuesday, June 15, 2021** in the Church office. Please place this date on your calendar.

North Side

PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL & FINANCIAL COUNCIL MEETING — Members are advised that our PAC/FAC Meeting is slated for **Sunday, June 13, 2021** following the Divine Liturgy. Please place this date on your calendar.

Prayer of Pope St. John Paul II for Vocations

This prayer is said near the end of the morning Divine Liturgy during the Petrine Fast from June 3 through June 28. As we prepare for the Feast of Saints Peter & Paul, let us unite our voices together daily and pray for an increase of vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life; and to pray for all Priests

O Jesus, Good Shepherd, accept our prayers and our humble thanks for all vocations which, through Your Spirit, You give liberally and continually to our Church. Assist the bishops, priests, missionaries and all consecrated persons; enable them to give example of truly evangelical life. Make strong and persevering in their intentions those who are preparing for the sacred ministry and consecrated life. Multiply the laborers of the Gospel to announce Your name to all peoples. Take care of all the young in our communities; grant them readiness and generosity to follow You. Today, too, turn Your gaze upon them and call them. Grant to all the call, the strength to abandon everything in order to choose only You Who are love. Forgive the non-responses and infidelities of those Whom You have chosen. Listen, O Christ, to our invocations through the intercession of most holy Mary, Your Mother and Queen of the Apostles. She, who, having believed and replied generously, has been the cause of our joy; accompany with her presence and her example those whom You call to total service in Your Kingdom. Amen.



Pope Francis gives Spiritual Direction on Prayer

Jesus, model & soul of all prayer — June 2, 2021

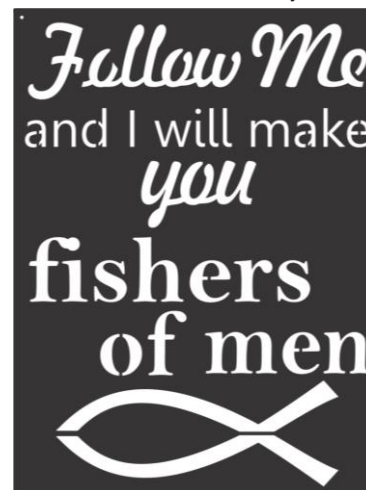
Dear Brothers and Sisters: in our continuing catechesis on prayer, we now consider Jesus as the model of prayer for his disciples. The Gospels show us that the Lord chooses his apostles only after a night of intense prayer. Before every crucial moment in his ministry, Jesus withdraws to pray. Only after long prayer does Jesus question the disciples about their faith in him and then reveal to them his coming passion, death and resurrection. On the mount of the Transfiguration, Peter, James and John then see the Lord in prayer, revealed in his glory as the beloved Son of the Father. At the Last Supper he assures Peter that he has prayed for him, for his conversion and for his future mission. Like the apostles, we too can count on the Lord's prayer to sustain us in our journey of faith and discipleship. The Catechism reminds us that the Risen Jesus, seated at the right hand of the Father, constantly intercedes before him on our behalf (cf. No. 2741). As we strive to persevere in prayer, may we be confident that our petitions will rise to heaven on eagles' wings and, with and in Jesus, always find a hearing before the throne of the Father.



2nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Come, follow me! (Matthew 4:18-23)

The second Sunday after Pentecost shows us the practical application of the



great call to renunciation formulated by Jesus in the gospel for the first Sunday. The gospel read today at the Divine Liturgy tells of the calling of the first apostles. On the shore of Lake Galilee, Jesus sees Simon and Andrew fishing. He says to them: 'Follow me'. He wants to make them fishers of men. 'And they straightway left their nets, and followed him'. Further on Jesus meets James and John, also fishermen, in the company of their father, Zebedee. Jesus calls them. 'They immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him.' The new disciples abandoned their nets and their ships: Jesus sometimes asks us to renounce our profession, our instruments of work, whatever we possess.

But some sons, at the call of Jesus, abandon their father too: sometimes he wants us to abandon family affections, human friendships, created love. This is not a purely negative attitude. Jesus' call has a very positive aspect: one must follow the Master. But the first apostles could not have followed the Master if they had not first of all left their ships, and their nets, and their father. And what have I abandoned in order to follow Jesus? What does he want me to leave?

Special Commemoration this Week

THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

On the Third Friday following Holy Pentecost, the Byzantine-Ruthenian Catholic Church has always commemorated the *Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (Prazdnik Najsvjatijsaha Serdca Isusa)*. On this day, the Church renders a special tribute to our Lord Jesus Christ as **THE LOVER OF MANKIND**. A person's heart is a symbol of love. Just as God loves us, we are to ask to beseech His grace to increase our love for God and neighbor. The founders and benefactors of our Churches have always had a special love for the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Every home had an image hanging on their walls. During the month of June, the Church exhorts us to honor the Lord Jesus because of His un failing love for all. Join us on this festive day honoring Our Lord Jesus.



Calendar of Upcoming Events

June 6 Quarterly meeting of our Local GCU Lodge via virtual participation @ 2:00 p.m.
 June 11 Practice of those preparing for First Reconciliation in MR Church.
 June 12 Renewal of Baptismal Promises and Corporate Communion of 1 child @ 4:00 p.m. DL.
 June 13 NS Parish & Financial Advisory Councils Meeting following the Sunday Divine Liturgy.
 June 14 Annual Flag Day.
 June 15 MR Parish & Financial Advisory Councils Meeting in Church Office @ 7:00 p.m.
 June 20 Annual Father's Day
 June 24 ... Solemn Holy Day: Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist (MR) 9:00 a.m.; (NS) 6:00 pm.
 June 28 Vigil Feast of SS. Peter & Paul (MR) 7:00 p.m.
 June 29 Feast SS. Peter & Paul (MR) 9:00 a.m.; (NS) 6:00 p.m.

Saint of the Week – June 7

Bishop-Martyr Theodotus of Cyrenia, Cyprus

The Hieromartyr Theodotus, a native of Galatia in Asia Minor, was Bishop of Cyrenia in Cyprus. During a time of persecution against Christians under the impious emperor Licinius (311-324), Saint Theodotus openly preached Christ, calling on the pagans to abandon idolatry and turn to the true God.



Sabinus, the governor of Cyprus, ordered that Bishop Theodotus be arrested and brought to trial. When he heard about this order, the saint did not wait for the soldiers to be sent after him, but immediately went to the governor saying, "I, whom you seek, am here. I have shown myself in order to preach Christ my God." The governor ordered that the saint be beaten without mercy, suspended from a tree, raked with sharp implements, and then be taken to prison. Five days later Saint Theodotus was brought to the governor, who presumed

that after his tortures the bishop would prefer to renounce Christ, rather than endure new sufferings. However, **Saint Theodotus did not cease to preach about Christ.** At first they put the saint on an iron grate, under which they lit a fire, and then hammered nails into his feet and let him go. Many witnessed the sufferings of the martyr. Astonished at the saint's endurance and his divinely-inspired speech, they came to believe in Christ. Learning of this, Sabinus gave orders to stop the torture and throw the saint into prison. During the reign of Saint Constantine the Great (May 21), the freedom to confess their faith was given to all Christians, and among those set free from prison was Saint Theodotus. The saint returned to Cyrenia and after two years serving as bishop he peacefully fell asleep in the Lord in about the year 326.

General Announcements

THE COMPASSION OF THE THEOTOKOS

A traditional and optional remembrance of the Most Holy Virgin's role focusing on her presence at the foot of the Cross is celebrated on the Third Saturday after Holy Pentecost. Her title as the *COMPASSIONATE MOTHER* focuses on the suffering she enduring at the crucifixion scene. It was a true and abiding love that moved Mary to willing share in her Divine Son's sufferings which He endured for all mankind. We are called to imitate her love as we see Jesus in the person of our neighbor and be with them in their sufferings.



ANNUAL PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION — The History of the Peter's Pence Collection derives its name from an ancient custom. In ninth-century England. King Alfred the Great collected money, a "pence," from landowners as financial support for the Pope. Today, the Peter's Pence Collection supports the Pope's philanthropy by giving the Holy Father the means to provide emergency assistance to those in need because of natural disaster, war, oppression, and disease. In his address of March 20, 2013, Pope Francis spoke of our responsibility before the world and creation.



"There is much that we can do to benefit the poor, the needy and those who suffer, and to favor justice, promote reconciliation and build peace," he said. The Peter's Pence Collection unites us in solidarity to the Holy See and its works of charity to those in need. Your generosity allows the Pope to respond to our suffering brothers and sisters.

GCU NORTHWEST PITTSBURGH LODGE MEETING NEXT WEEK

— The first quarterly meeting will be VIRTUAL on **Sunday, June 6, 2021 @ 2:00 p.m.** All members are expected to participate by dialing 1 (605) 472-5351. Then type in the Access Code: 451303#. You may direct your questions and/or concerns to Steve Puluka @ (412) 897-4650.



REGISTER FOR A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

— The Archeparchy wishes to honor those who are celebrating their 10, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70 etc. anniversary of marriage this year. This celebration has been extended on a new format. It will take place on **Sunday, September 12, 2021 @ 3:00 p.m. at St. Elias Church, Munhall.** If you are observing one of the above milestones, please contact the Church office if you plan or DO NOT plan to attend! All specially marked anniversaries submitted will be published in a September issue of the SOT. The final day of registration is next Sunday, July 25.

