

Parish Offerings – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost — June 6, 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 (\$541) YP (\$2)	\$543.00
All Saints (\$2,241) YP (\$2) Holy Days (\$30)	2,273.00
Peter’s Pence	20.00
Votive Candles	149.00
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	\$2,985.00

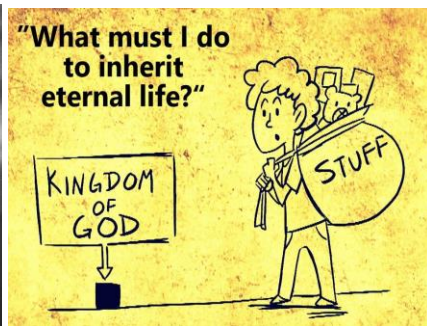
Holy Ghost Church, North Side

Regular Offering	\$1,105.00
Holy Days (\$50) Easter (\$40)	90.00
Utilities (\$10) Improvements (\$65)	75.00
Votive Candles (\$29.50) Peter’s Pence (\$10)	39.50

Church Attendance Last Week \$1,309.50

(MR) Sat., 4:00 p.m. (36)

Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (49); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (24)



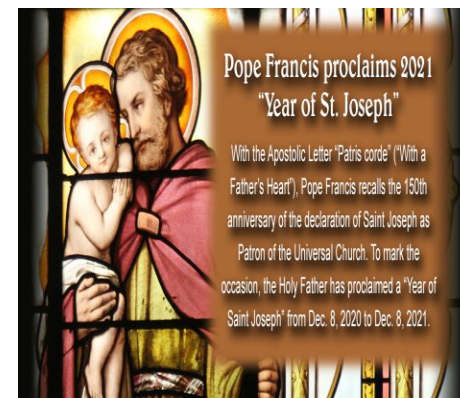
HOLY GHOST BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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THE 3rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

2nd Sunday of the Petrine Fast — June 13, 2021



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

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The Reverend Deacon Michael E. Meaders (NS)

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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!



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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).

Jun 13, 2021

Seasonal Greeting:

Volume XI Number 24



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



Liturgical Services for the Week

Date Time Intention Requested By

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

2nd Sunday of the Petrine Fast

SUN., Jun 13

9:00 a.m. (MR) + Margaret Kurtanich
(17th ann of passing 6/12) Children
11:00 a.m. (NS) + Olga Senchyshyn (birthday) Dgtr: Joan



Annual U.S. Flag Day

Mon, Jun 14 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Julia Wovchko Mike & Michael Muska
(2nd ann of passing 5/31)



6:45 p.m. (MR) G.C.U. 7th Annual Flag Day Ceremony w/ Pledge

Tue, Jun 15 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Mary Susan Dragosh (birthday 6/11) Anonymous

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

Wed, Jun 16 8:00 a.m. (MR) + John J. Straskulic (birthday 5/19) Family



Thrs., Jun 17 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Michael Eisenman Sister: Martha & Bob Maletz

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

Fri, Jun 18 8:00 a.m. (MR) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes



Sat, Jun 19 9:00 a.m. (NS) + Mary Sahayda (birthday 6/17) Son & Daughter

Sunday anticipated Divine Liturgy of the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost — Vigil of Father's Day

4:00 p.m. (MR) + John J. Jumba (7th ann of passing) Burt Cifrulak

4th Sunday after Pentecost

3rd Sunday of the Petrine Fast — Annual Father's Day

SUN., Jun 20 9:00 a.m. (MR) For the Living & Deceased Fathers of the Parish

11:00 a.m. (NS) + Theodore Demianczyk Wife: Anna

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 13 – Susan Fejka, Anita Iyengar; Jun 15 – Kathleen Kulka; Jun 16 – Karen Stebbins; JUN 18 – Olivia Harsh, Sandra Rosko; Jun 19 – Eric Ruud.

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

HOME: Margaret Beliunas, Irene Bordas, Debra Charochak, Florence Charochak, Ilona Goyda, TAMARA HARDING, Beverly Harsh., BETTY LORINC, Peggy 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. Is it OK to work on Sunday? A. **Catholic Answers Apologist:** Rest from work is necessary. We know that even God himself rests: "He rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had done" (Gen. 2:2). In recognition of this, the Church obligates us to rest on the Lord's day. The Code of Canon Law states, "On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are obliged to participate in the Mass (Divine Liturgy). Moreover, they are to abstain from those works and affairs which hinder the worship to be rendered to God, the joy proper to the Lord's Day, or the suitable relaxation of mind and body" (CIC 1247). However, the Church also recognizes that legitimate reasons excuse from this obligation. The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains, "Family needs or important social service can legitimately excuse from the obligation of Sunday rest. The faithful should see to it that legitimate excuses do not lead to habits prejudicial to religion, family life, and health" (CCC 2185).

This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

Jun 13 — Jun 19, 2021

(MR): In memory of Michael Sejak (birthday 6/17)

offered by Children

(NS): In memory of Olga Senchyshyn (birthday 6/13)

(MR) None available 2021

offered by Dgtr: Joan

(NS) None available 2021



General Announcements

McKees Rocks

GYM & CHURCH RESTROOM PROJECT SCHEDULED THIS WEEK —Century Interiors, Inc. of Pittsburgh, will be commencing this project **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

PASTOR-EMERITAS CELEBRATES EXTRA-ORDINARY ANNIVERSARY — This past



Memorial Day, retired priest, Monsignor Peter Tay observed his 67th year milestone of Priesthood Ordination . He was ordained on May 31, 1954 by Bishop Daniel Ivancho. Pictured is Monsignor Tay concelebrating a Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving at his residence with the assistance of the Protospresbyter, Fr. Firko. On July 7th, he will mark his 96th birthday. If you would like to send him an anniversary/birthday card (s), his address is: 1200 San Pedro, Pittsburgh, PA 15212. May God grant to His servant, the priest, Monsignor Tay health and salvation for many happy and blessed years!

SYMPATHY EXTENDED — The *Spirit of Truth* announces the passing of parishioner,



George Hudanick, Sr., 91, of Shaler Township who passed away at Good Samaritan Hospice, on Tuesday, June 8, 2021. The Bock Funeral Home, ,LTD on Mt. Royal Blvd, Shaler Township, handled the arrangements. He is survived by his Wife: Dolores Koeprich) of 68 years of marriage. Children include: George, Jr, Paul (Elaine) and Janet (Ted) Benko. Also, survived by his grandchildren and siblings. A Memorial Divine Liturgy will be offered later this summer at Holy Ghost Church. Our Parish extends its most sincere sympathy to the Hudanick & Benko Families. In blessed repose, grant O Lord, eternal rest to your servant George, and remember him forever! Vicnaja Jemu Pamjat'!

PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL & FINANCIAL COUNCIL MEETING — Members are advised that our PAC/FAC Meeting is slated for today **Sunday, June 13, 2021** following the Divine Liturgy.

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.

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.

3rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Don't Be Anxious — Seek First His Kingship Over You!

(Matthew 6:22-34)

What does “serving two masters” and “anxiety” have in common? They both have the same root problem -- being divided within oneself. The root word for



“anxiety” literally means “being of two minds”. An anxious person is often “tossed to and fro” and paralyzed by indecision. Fear of some bad outcome usually cripples those afflicted with anxiety. It’s also the case with someone who wants to submit to God but also live according to the world’s standards of success and fulfillment. Who is the master in charge of your life? Our “master” is that which governs our thought-life, shapes our ideals, controls the desires of the heart and the values we choose to live by. We can be ruled by many different things -- the love of money or possessions, the power of position, the glamour of wealth and prestige, the driving force of unruly passions and addictions.

Ultimately the choice boils down to two: God and “mammon”. What is mammon? “Mammon” stands for “material wealth or possessions” or whatever tends to “control our appetites and desires”. There is one Master alone who has the power to set us free from the slavery of sin and fear. That Master is the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus uses an illustration from nature — the birds and the flowers — to show how God provides for them in the natural order of his creation. How much more can we, as his children, rely upon God’s providential care? God is utterly reliable. In the Lord’s Prayer we are reminded that God is our provider when we pray: *Give us this day our daily bread*. What is bread, but the very staple of life and symbol of all that we need to live and grow. Anxiety is neither helpful nor necessary. It robs us of faith and confidence in God’s help and it saps our energy for doing good. Jesus admonishes his followers to put away anxiety and preoccupation with material things and instead to seek first the things of God — his kingdom and righteousness. Anxiety robs the heart of trust in the mercy and goodness of God and in his loving care for us. God knows our needs even before we ask and he gives generously to those who trust in him. Who is your master -- God or mammon?

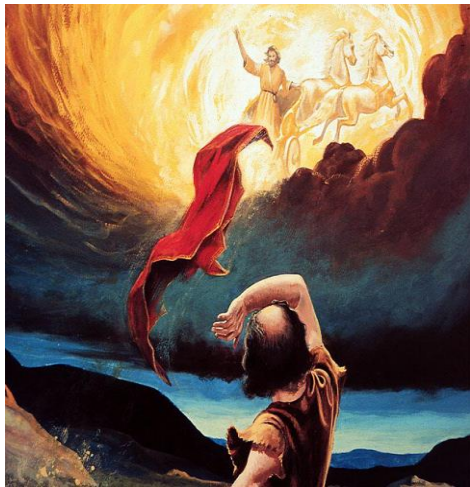
Calendar of Upcoming Events

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 14

The Holy Old Testament Prophet Elisha

The Holy Prophet Elisha lived in the ninth century before the Birth of Christ, and was a native of the village of Abelmaum, near Jordan. By the command of the Lord he



was called to prophetic service by the holy Prophet Elijah (July 20). When it became time for the Prophet Elijah to be taken up to Heaven, he said to Elisha, "Ask what you will and I will do it for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha boldly asked for a double portion of the grace of God. As they went along the way talking, there appeared a fiery chariot and horses and separated them both. ***Picking up the mantle of his teacher which fell from the sky, Elisha received a double power and prophetic gift of Elijah.*** He spent more than 65 years in prophetic

service, under six Israelite kings (from Ahab to Joash). While Elisha lived, he did not tremble before any prince, and no word could overcome him (Sirach 48: 13 "Sirach" is called "Ecclesiasticus" in Catholic Bibles). The holy prophet worked numerous miracles. He divided the waters of the Jordan, having struck it with the mantle of the Prophet Elijah; he made the waters of a Jericho spring fit for drinking; he saved the armies of the kings of Israel and Judah that stood in an arid wilderness by bringing forth abundant water by his prayer; he delivered a poor widow from death by starvation through a miraculous increase of oil in a vessel. The Shunamite woman showing hospitality to the prophet was gladdened by the birth of a son through his prayer, and when the child died, he was raised back to life by the prophet. The Syrian military-commander Namaan was healed from leprosy but the prophet's servant Gehazi was afflicted since he disobeyed the prophet and took money from Namaan on the sly. Elisha predicted to the Israelite King Joash the victory over his enemies, and by the power of his prayer he worked many other miracles (4 Kings 3-13). The holy Prophet Elisha died in old age at Samaria.

General Announcements

FLAG DAY CEREMONY TOMORROW

As a requirement of their fraternal activity, GCU NORTHWEST PITTSBURGH



LODGE will sponsor the 11th Annual Flag Day Ceremony on **Monday, June 14 @ 6:45 p.m.** It will take place at the flag pole located in the front of the MR Church. This short Program will be highlighted by the "Pledge of Allegiance" at 7:00 p.m. when all fraternal groups throughout our nation will salute 'O! Glory. Come and join us! Due to the coronavirus restrictions, there will be NO

refreshments. Please attend and respectfully salute 'O! Glory!. All welcome!!!

GCU NORTHWEST PITTSBURGH LODGE CONTINUES TO LEND A HELPING HAND TO VETERANS FISHER HOUSE — Our local GCU Lodge is continuing to collect items

to help Pittsburgh's VA Fisher House. The Pittsburgh Fisher House is a 10-bedroom "home away from home" and provides a place for visiting families to stay, free of charge, while their loved ones receive inpatient medical care at VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System. The Pittsburgh Fisher House is professionally furnished and features a common kitchen, laundry facilities, spacious dining room, living room with a library, and toys for children. They are requesting assistance in keeping these areas stocked with supplies. Boxes will be placed at the side vestibule and narthex areas of both parishes for the **collection that will extend to August 8.** Further information of needed items will be forthcoming. For additional information, phone Tina (412) 859-9597. Let's help our afflicted veterans and their families by supporting our GCU Lodge in this collection!



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.*

KENNYWOOD PARK: BYZANTINE FUN DAY TICKET — Due to the pandemic, the Annual

Byzantine Catholic Family Day has been suspended. However, Byzantine Fun Day Discounted Tickets are available at a discounted price. This is a substantial savings (Park Price: \$59.99) **The DISCOUNTED PRICE FOR ALL AGES IS: \$22.00.** The ticket is only good at Kennywood Park, and no other theme park. Children 3 years and under are free. Tickets are only available at www.gcuusa.com or Kennywood.com. Not included in the ticket price is a processing fee of \$3.00. Tickets expires Sept. 19, 2021.

