

Parish Offerings – 6th Sunday after Pentecost — July 4, 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 (\$2,996) YP (\$15)	\$3,011.00
Holy Days (\$293) YP (\$2)	295.00
Peter’s Pence (\$88) B.C.W. (\$14)	102.00
Votive Candles	168.00
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	\$3,576.00

Holy Ghost Church, North Side

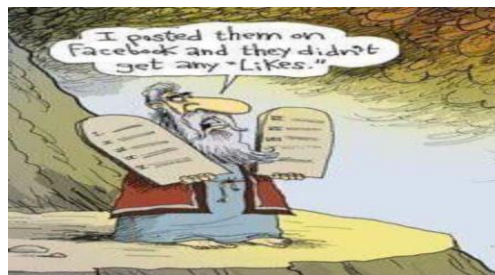
Regular Offering	\$947.45
Holy Days	40.00
Peter’s Pence (\$15) Utilities (\$25) Improvements (\$65)	105.00
Votive Candles	78.80

Church Attendance Last Week \$1,171.25

(MR) Sat., 4:00 p.m. (27)

Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (61); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (29)

Independence Day Observed, Jul. 5 — Mon. (MR) 9:00 am (12)



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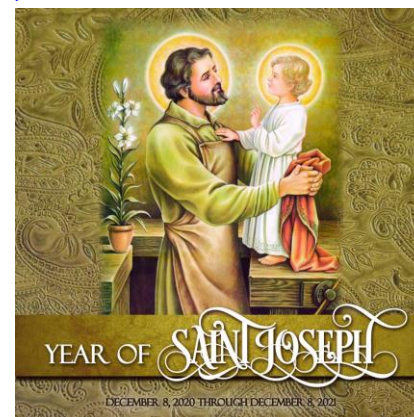
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THE 7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 11, 2021



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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-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

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).

Jul 11, 2021

Seasonal Greeting:

Volume XI Number 28



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




Liturgical Services for the Week

Date Time Intention Requested By

7th Sunday after Pentecost

SUN., Jul 11	9:00 a.m. (MR) + Frank Mazur		Maria Odzga
	11:00 a.m. (NS) Health & Welfare of Anna Demianczyk (Birthday 7/12)		Dgr: Dawn Ringes
Mon, Jul 12	8:00 a.m. (MR) + Emory Holowatch		Anna Meyers
Tue Jul 13	8:00 a.m. (MR) + Darko S. Gataric		Joshua & Anka Gataric
Wed, Jul 14	8:00 a.m. (MR) + Mary + Charles Kundrat		Theresa Kundrat
Commemoration of the Holy Vladimir the Great, Equal to the Apostles			
Thrs, Jul 15	8:00 a.m. (MR) Health & Welfare		Br. Regis, O.F.M.

REQUIRED SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat) or Equivalent Penance

Fri, Jul 16	 ** 7:15 a.m. (MR) + Eleanor Kulka	+ Michael Harsh
	10:00 a.m. + Fr. Schaefer Funeral Divine Liturgy @ Cathedral	

Feast of the Blessed Bishop-Martyr Paul P. Gojdich, O.S.B.M.

Sat, Jul 17	9:00 a.m. (NS) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes
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Sunday anticipated Divine Liturgy of the Fathers of the first Six Ecumenical Councils

4:00 p.m. (MR) + Stephen Malis	Mildred Terrek
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8th Sunday after Pentecost

Fathers of the first Six Ecumenical Councils

SUN., Jul 18	9:00 a.m. (MR) + Forgotten Souls in Purgatory	Joseph A. Cehula, T.O. Carm
	11:00 a.m. (NS) + Susan Jupinko	Grand-Dgr: Marianne Farabaugh
	(41 st ann of passing 7/15)	

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

Jul 11 – Dolores Kosko; **Jul 12** – ANNA MARIE DEMANCZYK, Michael Muska; **Jul 13** – Michael Maslaney, Devin Michalim, Stacie Paronish, **Jul 14** – OLGA MANFREDO; **Jul 15** – George Hundanick, Jr.; **Jul 16** – Teresa Harsh.

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

HOME: Margaret Beliuas, Irene Bordas, Debra Charochak, Florence Charochak, Ilona Goyda, TAMARA HARDING, Beverly Harsh., Kathe Kress, BETTY LORINC, OLGA MANFREDO, Irene Muha, MARLENE PFEIFFER, Lisa Plutto, Betty Spisak, Mildred Terrek, 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 Cifrutak.

Public questions on Catholic spirituality, moral & spiritual problems

Q. Does the Church still teach you have to go to confession before receiving Communion? My pastor says you don't. **A. Answer by a Catholic Apologist:** Your pastor may say you don't, but canon law says you do—at least if you know you're guilty of any unconfessed mortal sin. According to canon law, A person who is conscious of a grave sin is not to celebrate Mass (Divine Liturgy) or to receive the body of Christ without prior sacramental confession unless a grave reason is present and there is no opportunity for confessing; in this case the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make a perfect act of contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible.

This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

Jul 11 — Jul 17, 2021

(MR): **In memory of Helen & Carl Wincalow**

offered by Bilak & Tomchak Families

(NS): **In memory of Elizabeth Seman**

(MR) None available 2021

offered by Dgr: Velma

(NS) None available 2021

General Announcements

SYMPATHY RENDERED — The S.O.T. was informed of the sudden passing of **Fr. Thomas Schaefer, 69**, and an active pastor of our St. John Chrysostom Church (Greenfield) Pittsburgh, and administrator of St. John the Baptist Church, South Side Pittsburgh of a heart-attack while vacationing in California on Saturday, July 3, 2021. He would have turned 70 on July 7th. Fr. Schaefer was also a member of our Greater Pittsburgh Protopresbytery (Deanery), among his many other positions and achievements. He was Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs at La Roche University, (North Hills) Pittsburgh. The Kania Funeral Home is handling arrangements. The scheduling is as follows:



1. **Wednesday, July 14:** Chapel of the Sisters of Divine Providence, 9000 Babcock Boulevard, Allison Park, PA 15101 Viewing from 10:00 am to 11:00 a.m. followed by a Roman Catholic Mass @ 11:00 a.m.
2. **Wednesday, July 14:** St. John Chrysostom Church, 506 Saline Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15207. Viewing from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
3. **Thursday, July 15:** St. John Chrysostom Church, Viewing from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. A Parastas for a Priest @ 7:00 p.m.
4. **Friday, July 16:** St. John Cathedral, 210 Greentree Road, Munhall, PA 15120. Funeral Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 a.m. followed by the interment at St. Mary Cemetery, McKees Rocks, PA

Our Holy Ghost Parishes along with the Pastor extend our deepest condolences to the Schaefer Family, the parishioners of St. John Chrysostom Church, St. John the Baptist Church, La Roche University and the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh. In blessed repose, grant O Lord, eternal rest to your faithful servant, the Priest, Fr. Schaefer, and remember him forever! Vicnaja Jemu Pamjat'!

FORMER PASTOR EXPRESSES GRATITUDE — Monsignor Peter Tay, retired priest of our Archeparchy, and former pastor, wishes to thank each of you for your cards and pledges of prayers as he celebrated his 96th birthday on July 7! God Bless you!



Prayer for Daily Neglects

(A Poor Clare Nun who had just passed away appeared to her Abbess, who was praying for her, and said, "I went straight to heaven, for, by means of this prayer, recited every evening, I paid my debts".) This prayer is not meant to replace Confession.

- (1) Eternal Father, I offer You the Sacred Heart of Jesus, with all its love, and its sufferings and all its merits **to expiate all the sins that I have committed this day and during my entire life.** Glory to the Father and to the Son (+) and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen
- (2) Eternal Father, I offer You the Sacred Heart of Jesus, with all its love, and its sufferings and all its merits **to purify the good that I have done badly this day and during my entire life.** Glory to the Father and to the Son (+) and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.
- (3) Eternal Father, I offer You the Sacred Heart of Jesus, with all its love, and its sufferings and all its merits **to supply for the good that I ought to have done, and that I neglected this day and during my entire life.** Glory to the Father and to the Son (+) and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen

7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

They wanted desperately to be healed — *Matthew 9: 27-35*

One of the reasons Jesus came to earth was to show us what God is really like. Although God had revealed himself continually to his people, it was difficult for them to



understand how he thought because of their fallen minds. By giving us the Holy Spirit, Jesus enabled us to understand how he thought because of their fallen minds. By giving us the Holy Spirit, Jesus enabled us to understand the mind of God (see John 16:13). By living a perfect human life, Jesus showed how God wants us to live. The two blind beggars in today's reading were probably very needy individuals, both materially and emotionally. They wanted desperately to be healed of their blindness. From what they had heard about him, they realized that Jesus was their only hope. They believed that he could heal them and so they came to

him, begging for mercy. Seeing their faith, God granted their request. The gift that the Lord most wants to give us is spiritual life through knowledge of him. All the other healings we may need are dependent upon this. Our Father is delighted when his children want to know him more deeply. He will reveal himself to us. Pray in this fashion: "Holy Spirit, I want to know more about Jesus than I've ever known before. Make this a time of preparation and revelation. Teach me how to ask the Lord questions and give me the faith to expect answers."

Byzantine Catholic Ruthenian Metropolitan Directives Regarding the Mentioning of Deceased Names on Sundays & Holy Days

(Many times, parishioners have asked, "why aren't the names of our deceased loved ones name audibly mentioned at the Divine Liturgy on **Sundays and Holy Days**, but mentioned many times at a Week Day Divine Liturgy?" The following abridged directive was published by our Bishops on June 25, 1975 regard this subject and remains in effect to this day).



Norm B: "... The Divine Liturgy of the **Holy Day** is to be celebrated in its entirety with no intonation or litanies for the deceased (N.B. the priest may pray them silently). Neither is there to be the singing of "Eternal Memory" following the Holy Day dismissal and blessing.

Norm C: "When a Divine Liturgy is taken for the deceased on a **Sunday (N.B. this includes the Saturday Anticipated for Sunday)**, it is to be celebrated in it's entirety with no intonation or litanies for the deceased. Neither is there to be the singing of Eternal Memory following the Dismissal and Blessing. (N.B. an exception for the singing of Eternal Memory is on certain occasions such as Mother's Day, Father's Day, the passing of a Pope, Hierarch, or Pastor of the Church}. However, no deceased litanies are to be taken unless a Panachida follows the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.

In conclusion, if you wish to have your loved ones audibly mentioned at the Divine Liturgy, please see that are scheduled during a week day. Be assured the though you may not hear your loved one's name (s) mentioned, its efficacy is not diminished for their soul.— FFAF

Calendar of Upcoming Events

July 17 The Feast of the Holy Bishop-Martyr Paul P. Gojdich, O.S.B.M.
July 20 Feast of the Holy Prophet Elijah — Blessing of Vehicles — (MR) 9:00 am & (NS) 6:00 pm
August 1 - 14 Commencement of the Savioral Fast (Spasovka).
August 6 ... Feast of the Holy Transfiguration – (MR) 9:00 a.m. (NS) 6:00 p.m. Blessing of grapes and fruits.
August 15 Feast of the Dormition – Blessing of Herbs & Flowers.
August 21-22 Blessing of Students and Teachers for the new Academic School Year following weekend DL.
August 29 Beheading of St. John the Baptist.

Saint of the Week

Holy Bishop-Martyr Athenogenes — July 16



The Bishop-Martyr Athenogenes and his Ten Disciples suffered for Christ during the persecution of Christians in the city of Sebastea in Cappadocia. It came to the governor's attention that Christianity was spreading because of the grace-filled preaching of Bishop Athenogenes. Soldiers were ordered to find the Elder and arrest him. Bishop Athenogenes and ten of his disciples lived in a small monastery not far from the city. The soldiers did not find the bishop there, so they arrested his disciples. The governor ordered that they be bound with chains and thrown into prison. St Athenogenes was arrested when he came to Sebastea to inform the judge that those who had been jailed were innocent. While in prison, St Athenogenes encouraged his spiritual children for their impending struggle. Led forth to trial, all the holy martyrs confessed themselves Christians and refused to offer sacrifice to idols. After undergoing fierce tortures, the disciples of the holy bishop were beheaded. After the execution of the disciples, the executioners were ordered to torture the bishop. Strengthened by the Lord, St Athenogenes

underwent the tortures with dignity. His only request was that he be executed in the monastery. Taken to his own monastery, the saint gave thanks to God, and he rejoiced in the sufferings that he had undergone for Him. St Athenogenes asked that the Lord would forgive the sins of all those who would remember both him and his disciples. The Lord granted the saint to hear His Voice before death, announcing the promise given to the penitent thief: "Today you shall be with Me in Paradise." The Bishop-Martyr willingly bent his neck beneath the sword.

General Announcements

FEAST OF BLESSED BISHOP-MARTYR PAUL P. GOJDICH, OSBM — Tuesday, **July 17** marks his Martyrdom Feast. He excelled in knowing, loving and serving God. While in prison he excelled in holiness, and was reportedly gifted with bilocation, levitation and



the stigmata of the Lord. He prayed for only two favors: (1) to pass peacefully to the Lord on his birthday, and (2) to have a priest near his side to anoint him with the Sacrament. Both requests were answered on July 17, 1960 just after 12:00 midnight. He was buried quickly in an uncommon grave with only a number to signify the placement of his mortal remains. He was beatified by the late Pope John Paul II on November 4, 2001. His relics were transferred to the Presov Cathedral where they remain for veneration to this day. He was posthumously awarded with the prestigious decree "*Righteous Among the Nations*" by the Hebraic Community due to his role in saving thousands of Jewish people from extermination

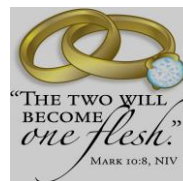
during World War II. Let us whole-heartedly resolve to pray daily for his immediate Canonization. The meaning of the O.S.B.M. is "The **O**rder of **S**t. **B**asil **M**agnus (Latin: for the Great)

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. Please refer to last week's S.O.T. insert or take an insert located in the narthex/side vestibule.** 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!

2 MORE WEEKS TO 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 A.S.A.P*