

**Parish Offerings – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost — July 11, 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**

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| Regular Offering (\$1,598) YP (\$22) .....                                 | \$1,620.00 |
| Holy Days .....  | 60.00      |
| Special Donation (69 <sup>th</sup> Wed. Ann. of Dolores & Ted Babin) ..... | 25.00      |
| Votive Candles .....   | 190.29     |
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|  | \$1,895.29 |

**Holy Ghost Church, North Side**

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| Regular Offering .....  | \$705.25 |
| Special Donation ( In Memory of + George Hudanick, Sr.) ..... | 500.00   |
| Votive Candles .....  | 42.50    |

**Church Attendance Last Week \$1,247.75**

(MR) Sat., 4:00 p.m. (35)

Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (43); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (26)

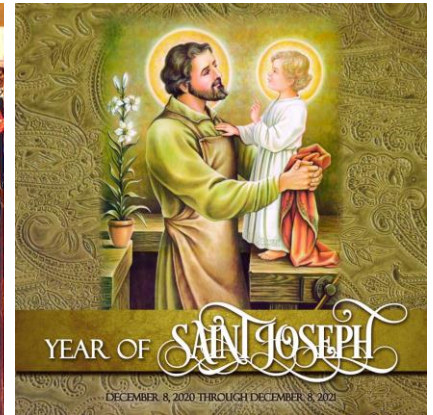
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**THE 8<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Fathers of the First 6 Councils — July 18, 2021**



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

**The Very Reverend Father Frank A. Firko**

**Pastor, Administrator & Protopresbyter**

**The Reverend Deacon Michael E. Meaders (NS)**

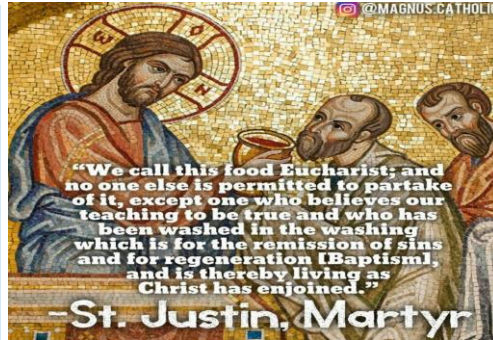
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**SUNDAY RADIO (9:00 am WEDO 810 AM) & INTERNET DIVINE LITURGY**

**Liturgical Services LIVE: [www.Youtube.com](http://www.Youtube.com) then type: Holy Ghost Church Live Stream**



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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.

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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 18, 2021

Seasonal Greeting:

Volume XI Number 29



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



## Liturgical Services for the Week

Date Time Intention Requested By

### 8<sup>th</sup> 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. Carn  
11:00 a.m. (NS) + Susan Jupinko Grand-Dgtr: Marianne Farabaugh  
(41<sup>st</sup> ann of passing 7/15)

Mon, Jul 19 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Anna Mudry Dgtr: Marlene Pfeiffer

### Feast of the Holy Glorious Prophet Elijah the Tishbite

#### Blessing of Vehicles following Divine Liturgies — Simple Holy Day

Tue, Jul 20 9:00 a.m. (MR) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes  
6:00 p.m. (NS) + Michael Sotak, Jr Wife: Jane.

Wed, Jul 21 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Mark A. Cifrulak Chris & Dennis Hubal

#### Commemoration of St. Mary Magdalene, Equal to the Apostles

Thrs, Jul 22 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Cantor: John Fejka Chris Dixon Family

#### The Passing of the Blessed Bishop-Martyr Basil Hopko

REQUIRED SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat) or Equivalent Penance (your choice): for vanquishing covid-19

Fri, Jul 23 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Howard Manns Deb Charochak

#### Commemoration of the Long-Suffering Martyrs, Boris & Gleb

REQUIRED SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat) or Equivalent Penance (your choice): for vanquishing covid-19

Sat, Jul 24 9:00 a.m. (NS) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes

#### Sunday anticipated Divine Liturgy for the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

4:00 p.m. (MR) + Joyce Buchko (8<sup>th</sup> ann of passing 7/18) Nannine & Burt Cifrulak

### 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

SUN., Jul 25 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Helen Hopey Holy Ghost Pirohi Workers

11:00 a.m. (NS) + Shirley Yanosko (birthday 7/26) Dgtr: Ruth

# 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 21 – Nancy Lecci, Andrea Usouski, ROBERT SPONTAK, Loraine (Bunny) Zavidny; Jul 23 – ALAN VALERIANO; Jul 24 – Seminarian Luke Iyengar, Daniel Rosko.

## 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, Pearl Revtai, 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.

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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. Contraception and marriage—are there ever exceptions? A. Answer by Catholic Answers: The Church teaches that the intention of contraception is contrary to the divine plan. However, there are cases where a medical treatment may have two effects: one is the treatment of a medical condition and the other is contraceptive. In such a situation, so long as the contraceptive effect is not willed and the contraceptive effect is not the means of treatment, the medical treatment is moral. Humanae Vitae (Papal Encyclical on “Human Life”): 15. *On the other hand, the Church does not consider at all illicit the use of those therapeutic means necessary to cure bodily diseases, even if a foreseeable impediment to procreation should result there from—provided such impediment is not directly intended for any motive whatsoever.*

## This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

Jul 18 — Jul 24, 2021

(MR): In memory of Stush, Stanley, Jr., Olga & Mary Sulkowski  
offered by Jodi Nazak & Hernandez Families

(NS): In memory of Michael Sotak, Jr. (birthday 7/19)

(MR) None available 2021

offered by Wife: Jane

(NS) None available 2021

# McKees Rocks Announcements

**WASHROOM PROJECT CONTINUES** — Renovation continues on both the gym and church basement washrooms. The dry wall phase is just about complete. In the meantime, if you are in need of using the washroom facilities, please use the handicap restroom in the library area.

**STORM DAMAGES INTERNET SERVICE** — A thunderstorm came through the area last morning disengaging our internet service and damaging our camera. The old camera is currently connected until the new one arrives. We hope to have it replaced by this week! Our televised liturgical services have been of great value not only for the parish but also for those who depend on worshipping with us during these unprecedented times.

## North Side Announcements

**No Particular Announcements This Week**

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### Byzantine Catholic Ruthenian Metropolitan Directives Regarding the Mentioning of Deceased Names on Sundays & Holy Days (2<sup>nd</sup> Announcement)

*(Many times, parishioners have asked, "why aren't the names of our deceased loved one's name audibly mentioned at the Divine Liturgy on **Sundays and Holy Days**, but heard many times at a Week Day Divine Liturgy?" The following abridged directive was published by our Bishops on June 25, 1975 regarding 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 its 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.

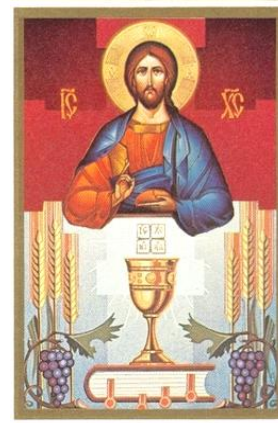
If you wish to have your loved ones audibly mentioned at the Divine Liturgy, please see that it is scheduled during a week day. The liturgical directives are completely different for those celebrated outside of Sunday's and Holy Days. Be assured that though you may not hear your loved one's name (s) mentioned, the celebrant continues to honor and pray for them and its efficacy is not diminished.— FFAF

**Please notify the Church Office if your family members are ill and in need of the Sacraments. Father will visit them.**

# 8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## The Fathers of the First 6 Ecumenical Councils — (John 17: 1-13)

**Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils** *Catholic Encyclopedia* -- **HISTORICAL SKETCH OF ECUMENICAL COUNCILS** --- The present article deals chiefly



with the theological and canonical questions concerning councils which are Ecumenical in the strict sense above defined. Special articles give the history of each important synod under the head of the city or see where it was held. In order, however, to supply the reader with a basis of fact for the discussion of principles of six of the twenty-one Ecumenical councils with a brief statement of the purpose of each.

**First Ecumenical Council: Nicaea I (325)** – The Council of Nicaea lasted two months and twelve days. Three hundred and eighteen bishops were present. Hosius, Bishop of Cordova, assisted as legate of Pope Sylvester I. The Emperor Constantine was also present. To this council we owe The Creed of Nicaea, defining against Arius the true Divinity of the Son of God, and the fixing of the date for keeping Easter.

**Second Ecumenical Council: Constantinople I (381)** – The First General Council of Constantinople, under Pope Damasus and the Emperor Theodosius I, was attended by 150 bishops. It was directed against the followers of Macedonius, who impugned the Divinity of the Holy Ghost. To the above-mentioned Nicene Creed, it added the clauses referring to the Holy Spirit and all that follows to the end.

**Third Ecumenical Council: Ephesus (431)** — The Council of Ephesus, of more than 200 bishops, presided over by St. Cyril of Alexandria representing Pope Celestine I, defined the true personal unity of Christ, declared Mary the Mother of God (*Theotokos*) against Nestorius, Bishop of Constantinople, and renewed the condemnation of Pelagius.

**Fourth Ecumenical Council: Chalcedon (451)** — The Council of Chalcedon -- 150 bishops under Pope Leo the Great and the Emperor Marcian -- defined the two natures (Divine and human) in Christ against Eutyches, who was excommunicated.

**Fifth Ecumenical Council: Constantinople II (553)** — The Second General Council of Constantinople, of 165 bishops under Pope Vigilius and Emperor Justinian I, condemned the errors of Origen and certain writings (The Three Chapters) of Theodoret, of Theodore, Bishop of Mopsuestia and of Ibas, Bishop of Edessa; it further confirmed the first four general councils, especially that of Chalcedon whose authority was contested by some heretics.

**Sixth Ecumenical Council: Constantinople III (680-681)** — The Third General Council of Constantinople, under Pope Agatho and the Emperor Constantine Pogonatus, was attended by the Patriarchs of Constantinople and of Antioch, 174 bishops, and the emperor. It put an end to Monothelism by defining two wills in Christ, the Divine and the human, as two distinct principles of operation. It anathematized Sergius, Pyrrhus, Paul, Macarius, and all their followers.

**"The preaching of the Apostles and the teachings of the Fathers have confirmed the one faith of the Church, which she wears as a garment of truth, woven from the theology on high, as she faithfully imparts and glorifies the great mystery of devotion" (Kondakion of the Feast).**

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

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 Savorial 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

### The Holy Prophet Elijah the Tishbite — July 20

#### Simple Holy Day — Faithful are encouraged to attend the Divine Liturgy

Of all the Old Testament prophets it was St. Elijah (Greek: Elias) the Tishbite who, in a special way, captured the imagination of our Byzantine Slav people in Eastern Europe. The prophet, whose name means "strength of the Lord" was a man aflame with the fire of the love of God and was uncompromising in his faithfulness to the one true God. He was a powerful and courageous figure who had been given power over the elements: rain, wind, fire, etc. St. Elijah lived

during the reign of Ahab, the seventh king of Israel (875-854 B.C.). The king had married Jezebel, the pagan daughter of the king of Tiro. She brought with her hundreds of pagan prophets (ritual priests) to Samaria and introduced the worship of the Phoenician deity, Melkart, also known under the general name of Baal. Apart from the sacrifices they offered as part of their priestly function, they observed a special ritual dance accompanied by musical instruments. Every spring they had a ceremony of fire to mark the awakening of their god who had slept through the winter. They enkindled a great fire from which the god was supposed to renew his strength. During this time, the priest-prophets of Baal danced and whirled faster and faster in a frenzy, even to wounding themselves with swords and spears on their arms and legs. Under the influence of Queen Jezebel, the true prophets of Israel were persecuted and the Israelites became divided in their loyalty between Baal and Yahweh. They thought they could worship both, the God of their fathers and the pagan god, Baal, whom the Queen favored. Elijah's strong and determined opposition to this divided loyalty earned for him the hatred of the queen. St. Elijah's loyalty to God and uncompromising faithfulness is a model for those who are straddling between loyalty to God and to the world. **Do you know where this icon is located in the (MR) Church?**



## General Announcements

### FEAST OF PASSING OF BLESSED BISHOP-MARTYR BASIL HOPKO — Friday, July



**23**, marks the passing to eternity of this beloved Byzantine Catholic hierarch. On April 28, 1950, the Communist government seized complete control of Czechoslovakia and liquidated the Presov Eparchy. Bishop Hopko was imprisoned and tortured. Many years of imprisonment and harsh treatment took a final toll on his health. In the Spring of 1968, a liberalization of the Communist regime took place and the government agreed to re-establish the Church. He became chaplain to the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate who also took care of him. On **Friday, July**

**23, 1976** following a light lunch, and being helped in an easy chair, he gave up his spirit to the Lord whom he loved and faithfully served. The late Pope John Paul II beatified him on September 14, 2004. His relics were solemnly transferred to the Presov Cathedral the following week, and rest beneath the altar adjacent to the chapel of Blessed Paul Gojdich. He was 72 years old. His Feast Day is May 11<sup>th</sup>. Let us continue to fervently pray for his Canonization. Veneration of his holy relics will follow each Divine Liturgy.

### HOLY DAY & BLESSING OF VEHICLES — This Tuesday, July 20, is the Feast of the Holy Prophet. Elijah the Tishbite.

It is an annual custom of our Byzantine Catholic Church to bless vehicles on this day. This beautiful memorial arose from the fact that near the end of his life the Lord sent a fiery chariot from heaven to take Elijah away. This happened in the presence of his disciple Elisha to whom was given double the power of his mentor to carry on the ministry. Since our vehicles are "as fast as the wind" as indicated in the prayer blessing, we pray that God will protect us from harm, and at the same time praise and thank God for this gift to be able to glorify Him by assisting us in the service of God and neighbor. Please come for the blessing following each Divine Liturgy on **July 20 @ 9:00 a.m. (MR) and 6:00 p.m. (NS)**.



### GCU NORTHWEST PITTSBURGH LODGE CONTINUES TO COLLECT FOR 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. Take a listed items 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!