

Parish Offerings – 8th Sunday after Pentecost — July 18, 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 (\$1,722) YP (\$9)	\$1,731.00
Holy Days (\$50) B.C.W. (\$14)	64.00
Votive Candles	79.35
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	\$1,874.35

Holy Ghost Church, North Side

Regular Offering	\$678.00
Holy Days	25.00
Votive Candles	59.75

Church Attendance Last Week \$762.75

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

Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (53); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (24)

Feast of the Holy O.T. Prophet Elijah — Blessing of Vehicles

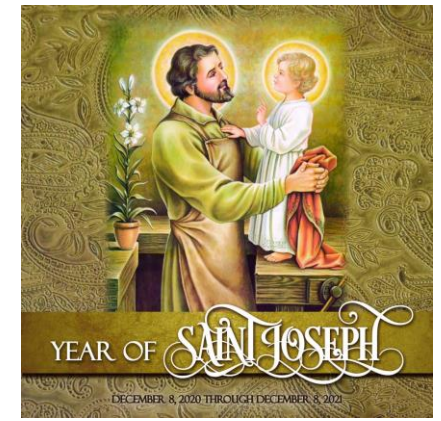
Tue (MR) 9:00 a.m. (14); (NS) 6:00 p.m. (19)



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THE 9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 25, 2021



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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.

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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!

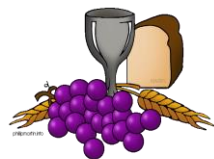
THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH

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 25, 2021

Seasonal Greeting:

Volume XI Number 30



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



Liturgical Services for the Week

Date **Time** **Intention** **Requested By**

9th 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

Mon, Jul 26 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Charles Fedorchak Wife: Penny
(1st ann of passing 7/25)

The Holy Great-Martyr & Healer Panteleimon

Tue, Jul 27 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Steven Muska Wife: Gladys & Family
(6th ann of passing)

Wed, Jul 28 8:00 a.m. (MR) Commendation Grandparents: Martha & Bob Maletz
of the Infant: + Baylee Wroten

Thrs, Jul 29 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Eleanor + John Kulka Children: Kathy & John
(wedding ann)

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

Fri, Jul 30 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Susan + Michael Baran Eleanor Gramata & George

Sat, Jul 31 9:00 a.m. (NS) *For the Parishioners of Both Parishes*

Sunday anticipated Divine Liturgy for the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

4:00 p.m. (MR) + Irene Bilak (*13th ann of passing 8/11*) Grandson: Mike Tomchak

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Commencement of the 14-day Savorial Fast (Spasovka)

SUN., Aug 1 **9:00 a.m. (MR)** + Mary Pyda (*8th ann of passing 7/25*) Son: Bill
11:00 a.m. (NS) + Agnes + Anthony Knoll Son: William

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 25 – Elaine Kurtanich; **Jul 26** – Joshua McCusker.

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., Kathe Kress, BETTY LORINC, OLGA MANFREDO, Irene Muha, Mike Muska, 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.

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. Can Catholics judge others? I know someplace in the bible there contains a passage where Jesus tells his disciples to not judge. **A. Catholic apologist, Michelle Arnold:** There is a difference between judging people and judging actions. Judging people can be problematic because we ordinarily do not know an individual person's level of personal culpability for the actions he commits. Generally speaking, judging people is best left to those invested with the authority to do so: God and those to whom God has delegated a portion of his authority through the Church and through the civil state (e.g., priests, civil judges). Judging actions is something that everyone must do, using properly formed conscience. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* speaks about the role of conscience, which it both upholds as man's first teacher and insists must be rightly shaped through knowledge of and obedience to authoritative teaching (**CCC 1778, CCC 1783**).



This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

July 25 — July 31, 2021



(MR): **Thanksgiving** (*63rd Wedding Ann. 7/26*)

offered by Dolores & Steve Kosko

(NS): **In memory of Alphonse A. Siglow**

(MR) None available 2021 offered by Dgtr: Kathryn & William Kress (NS) None available 2021

McKees Rocks Announcements

SYMPATHY EXTENDED — The *Spirit of Truth* announces the passing of **Pearl (Frelke) Revtai, 97**, of Robinson Township on Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at the home of her daughter, Theresa. The Valerian F. Szal Funeral Home, McKees Rocks, is handling the arrangements. She was the wife of the late Andrew Revtai; mother of parishioners, Frank (Tam) Revtai, Theresa Fikisz (Ben Betz), and Annette (Tom) Revtai/Pettijohn; grandmother to Shari (Alfonso), Amy (Brian), Jonathan, parishioner, Matthew, David (Cassandra), and Sara; Great grandmother to Fonso, Mia, Ava, and Garrett; and sister to Don Frelke. Parastas will be offered on Sunday, July 25 and Funeral services at the funeral home on Monday, July 26 @ 10:00 a.m. Interment will be at Calvary Cemetery, McKees Rocks. Our Parish extends its most sincere condolences to the Revtai and Frelke Families. In blessed repose, grant O Lord, eternal rest to your servant, Pearl, and remember her forever. *Vicnaja Jej Pamjat!*



LED CEILING LIGHTS REPLACED IN CHURCH OFFICE — Recently, our lighting florescent fixtures in the Church Office were shorting out and smoking. All eight of them had been replaced with new LED components; it looks much nicer. They will not only lower our electric utility bill, but will last for several years. Thanks to your weekly contributions, this was made possible. Total cost for parts and labor: \$1,524.79 not including upcoming ceiling painting.

North Side Announcements

No Particular Announcements This Week

Byzantine Catholic Ruthenian Metropolitan Directives Regarding the Mentioning of Deceased Names on Sundays & Holy Days (3rd and Final 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 our loved one's name (s) mentioned, the celebrant continues to honor and pray for them and its efficacy is not diminished.— FFAF

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF SHEPHERD

Covid Obligations — Restrictions Being Lifted

We have all known and felt the impact of COVID-19 in so many ways as individuals and families, among friends and at work. It has been a time of hardship and struggle, of separation and isolation. It has also had an impact on our lives of faith. Now, as life returns to normalcy in so many ways, it is also time for us to return to Sunday Divine Liturgy. *In our Archeparchy, we will reinstate the obligation to attend the Divine Liturgy in person on Sundays and Holy Days beginning on Sunday, August 15, 2021, the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos, the Mother of God.* As your Archbishop, I had dispensed you from this obligation in the Spring of 2020 as the developing coronavirus pandemic required people not to assemble in group settings. Now, with the impact of the pandemic considerably reduced, it is again possible for the faithful to assemble for the Liturgy.



This obligation, as is always the case, does not apply to those who are seriously ill, have a serious health risk, as well as, those who have significant fear or anxiety of being in a part of large group at this time. Likewise, the obligation does not apply to those who care for those who cannot attend the Divine Liturgy in person. Those excused from participation in the Divine Liturgy are encouraged to spend time in prayer, meditating on the Death and Resurrection of the Lord, reading the Sacred Scriptures, and uniting themselves to Christ in his worship of the Father of us all. Those who are legitimately excused are also encouraged to listen to the radio broadcast of the Divine Liturgy, or to participate through one of the computer or face book live stream offerings from one of our churches.



The spacing restrictions and special communion practices are also discontinued as of August 15, 2021. *(Note well from our pastor: Since we have many wooden spoons remaining in supply, Holy Communion will continue to be individually distributed via wooden spoons until the supply diminishes).*

+ William C Skurka

Calendar of Upcoming Events

August 1 - 14	Commencement of the Saviorial 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.
September 1	Commencement of the New Ecclesiastical (Church) Year.
September 5	86 th Annual Uniontown Pilgrimage at Mount Saint Macrina.
September 6	Annual Labor Day — Federal Holiday. Morning Divine Liturgy (MR) 9:00 a.m.
September 8	Feast of Nativity of the Theotokos – (MR) 9:00 am & (NS) 6:00 p.m.
September 12	Archieparchial Celebration of Marriage for Jubilarians, St. Elias Church, Munhall @ 3:00 pm

Saint of the Week — July 27

The Holy Great-Martyr Panteleimon the Healer

The Great Martyr and Healer Panteleimon was born in the city of Nicomedia into the family of the illustrious pagan Eustorgius, and he was named Panteleimon His mother



Saint Euboula (March 30) was a Christian. She wanted to raise her son in the Christian Faith, but she died when the future martyr was just a young child. His father sent Panteleimon to a pagan school, after which the young man studied medicine at Nicomedia under the renowned physician Euphrosynus. Panteleimon came to the attention of the emperor Maximian (284-305), who wished to appoint him as royal physician when he finished his schooling. The hieromartyrs Hermolaus, Hermippus and Hermocrates, survivors of the massacre of 20,000 Christians in 303 (December 28), were living secretly in Nicomedia at that time. Saint Hermolaus saw Panteleimon time and again when he came to the house where they were hiding. Once,

the priest invited the youth to the house and spoke about the Christian Faith. After this Panteleimon visited Saint Hermolaus every day. One day the saint found a dead child on the street. He had been bitten by a great snake, which was still beside the child's body. Panteleimon began to pray to the Lord Jesus Christ to revive the dead child and to destroy the venomous reptile. He firmly resolved that if his prayer were fulfilled, he would become a follower of Christ and receive Baptism. The child rose up alive, and the snake died before Panteleimon's eyes. After this miracle, **Panteleimon was baptized by Saint Hermolaus with the name Panteleimon (meaning "all-merciful")**. Speaking with Eustorgius, Saint Panteleimon prepared him to accept Christianity. When the father saw how his son healed a blind man by invoking Jesus Christ, he then believed in Christ and was baptized by Saint Hermolaus together with the man whose sight was restored. After the death of his father, Saint Panteleimon dedicated his life to the suffering, the sick, the unfortunate and the needy. He was arrested, tortured and was beheaded. An olive tree to which the saint was tied became covered with fruit. Many who were present at the execution believed in Christ. The saint's body was thrown into a fire, but remained unharmed, and was buried by Christians.

General Announcements

Dormition of the Holy & Righteous Anne, the Mother of the Most Holy Theotokos — July 25

Saint Anne was the daughter of the priest Matthan and his wife Mary. She was of the tribe of



Levi and the lineage of Aaron. According to Tradition, she died peacefully in Jerusalem at age 79, before the Annunciation to the Most Holy Theotokos. During the reign of St Justinian the Emperor (527-565), a church was built in her honor at Deutera. Emperor Justinian II (685-695; 705-711) restored her church, since St Anne had appeared to his pregnant wife. It was at this time that her body and maphorion (veil) were transferred to Constantinople. Portions of St Anne's holy relics may be found on Mount Athos: Stavronikita Monastery (part of her left hand), St Anna's Skete (part of her incorrupt left foot), Koutloumousiou Monastery (part of her incorrupt right foot). Fragments of her relics may also be found in her Monastery at Lygaria, Lamia, and in the Monastery of St John the Theologian at Sourota. Part of

the saint's incorrupt flesh is in the collection of Saints' relics of the International Catholic Crusaders. The church of St Paul outside the Walls in Rome has one of the saint's wrists. St Anne is also commemorated on September 9 along with her husband Joachim.

TWO ADDITIONAL WEEKS GCU NORTHWEST PITTSBURGH LODGE COLLECTS FOR LOCAL 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!



BLESSING OF VEHICLES THIS PAST WEEK — Tuesday, July 20, the Byzantine



Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Prophet Elijah the Tishbite. At both of our parishes, our pastor blessed the vehicles following the Divine Liturgy. The picture was taken at our North Side Parish with Seminarian Luke Iyengar serving. A total of 22 vehicles from NS & MR received the annual blessing in thanksgiving to Almighty God for the gift ownership while beseeching Him, through the intercession of St. Elijah, for safety and protection in their travels.