

**Parish Offerings – 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – October 10, 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 (\$2,009) YP (\$7) .....	\$2,016.00
Holy Days .....	25.00
Collection for the Poor .....	30.00
Votive Candles .....	120.50

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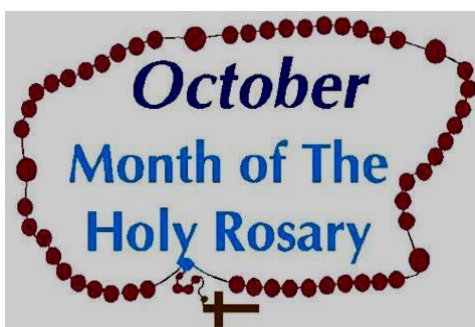
**Holy Ghost Church, North Side**

Regular Offering .....	\$972.00
Utilities .....	20.00
Collection for the Poor .....	5.00
Votive Candles .....	62.50

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(MR) Sat., 4:00 p.m. (21) \$1,059.50

Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (54); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (40)

Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary (Oct 15) —(MR) 6:30 p.m. (5)



**HOLY GHOST BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**THE 21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council — October 17, 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 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

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 Mystery 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).

Oct. 17, 2021

Seasonal Greeting:

Volume XI Number 42

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



## Liturgical Services for the Week

Date Time Intention Requested By

### 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

#### Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council

<b>SUN, Oct 17</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. (MR)</b> For the Parishioners of Both Parishes		
	<b>11:00 a.m. (NS)</b> + Mary Sahayda		Mary Ann Smoley
<b>The Holy Apostle &amp; Evangelist Luke</b>			
Mon, Oct 18	8:00 a.m. (MR) + Beverly Blasko		Christine & Al Barnash
Tue, Oct 19	8:00 a.m. (MR) + Herbert Eisenman		Dgtr: Martha & Bob Maletz
Wed, Oct 20	8:00 a.m. (MR) + Emory Holowatch		Anna Myers
Thrs, OCT 21	8:00 a.m. (MR) + Elsie Eberle (5 <sup>th</sup> ann of passing 10/20)		Helen + Lester Best

#### Feast of Pope St. John Paul II

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

<b>Fri, Oct 22</b>	8:00 a.m. (MR) . + John Kulka (birthday)		Children: Kathy & John
	<b>*** 6:30 p.m. (MR)</b> Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary		



#### Feast of the Holy Apostle James the Less — Relative of the Lord

<b>Sat, Oct 23</b>	9:00 a.m. (NS) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes		
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Sunday anticipated Divine Liturgy of the Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

<b>4:00 p.m. (MR)</b> + Eleanor Kapko	Elizabeth Prostudny
(4 <sup>th</sup> ann of passing 10/22)	

### 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

<b>SUN, Oct 24</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. (MR)</b> + Joe Babin	Wife: Gerry
	(13 <sup>th</sup> ann of passing 10/27)	
	<b>11:00 a.m. (NS)</b> + Mike Pungras	Dgtr: Anna Demianczyk

# 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

**Birthdays: Oct 17** – Paul Geleski, Jenő Lecci, Paul Zubritzky; **Oct 20** – Patricia Ference; **Oct 21** – Charles McCusker, Zizi Vo Safranko.

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

**HOME:** Margaret Beliuonas, Irene Bordas, Florence Charochak, Ilona Goyda, TAMARA HARDING, Beverly Harsh, Kathe Kress, BETTY LORINC, OLGA MANFREDO, Irene Muha, MARLENE PFEIFFER, Dan Pikras, Lisa Plutto, Betty Spisak, ERIC STEHELE, Anita Wolsko, Nancy (Shanta) Wauthier, Evelyn Yakubik

**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, Margaret Cifrulak, Mildred Terrek.  
**VINCENTIAN HOME** (111 Perrymont Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15237) Kathe Kress.

### Public questions on Catholic spirituality, moral & spiritual problems

**Q.** In light of the ecumenism following Vatican II, are Catholics now under serious obligation (that is, binding under pain of sin) to skip Sunday Mass (Divine Liturgy) once in a while and worship instead at non-Catholic churches? **A. Answer by a Catholic Apologist:** "Required"? "Not allowed," you mean! A Catholic may *not* "worship instead at non-Catholic churches." To do so is to violate the First Commandment. (This is to be distinguished from engaging in, say, an ecumenical prayer service.) It is mandatory, under pain of mortal sin but allowing for exceptions arising from necessity, for every Catholic to attend Mass (Divine Liturgy) every Sunday (or Saturday evening) and on holy days of obligation. Catholics are under *no* obligation to attend non-Catholic services. Such visits are purely voluntary and may be undertaken so long as no scandal is given. Vatican II's *Directory on Ecumenism* allows some participation at such services in common responses or hymns that are not in variance with the Catholic faith.



## This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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



### October 17 — October 23, 2021

(MR): **In memory of Eleanor & John Kulka**

offered by Children: Kathy & John

(NS): **In memory of Irene M. Kittan** (3<sup>rd</sup> ann of passing 10/10)

(MR) Now available for 2022 offered by Sister: Theresa Fitzurka (NS) Now available for 2022

# McKees Rocks Announcements

**PIROHI PROJECT WILL RESUME THE BEGINNING OF NOVEMBER** — Since many of you are willing to participate in the upcoming Pirohi Project for Nov–Dec 2021, we will go ahead with this six-week project. *Here are the Friday dates: Nov. 5, 12, & 19 (no sales the Friday after Thanksgiving); Dec 3, 10 & 17.* We would appreciate more volunteers especially pinchers! **Remember, all orders must be placed on the Wednesday prior to the sale date between 9:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon. Call: (412) 331-5155.**



**UPCOMING PARISH ADVISORY/FINANCIAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING** — A PAC/FAC Meeting will be conducted on **Monday, October 18, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.** All appointed members are encouraged to be in attendance. Wear your masks. Please mark your calendar.



**THANK YOU AGAIN FOR THE FLOWERS** — Once again for the past three weeks, an anonymous donor(s) has been sending flowers to be placed at the feet of our Blessed Mother located on the iconostasis. We are grateful to whoever you are for this noble expression of love for the Holy Virgin whom we especially extol this month of October. May she be comforted seeing the expression of your heart.



**RENOVATIONS ON-GOING FOR CHURCH BASEMENT & GYM RESTROOMS** —The lighting fixtures have been installed this past week, and the terrazzo floors have been polished. Once again, if you need to use the facilities, please continue to use the handicap rest room.

## North Side Announcements

**PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING TODAY** — The members of the PAC/FAC are reminded of the meeting slated for today **following the Divine Liturgy.** Please make every effort to be in attendance.



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**RESERVATIONS FOR WEEKEND DL & SANCTUARY LAMPS** — Divine Liturgy and Sanctuary Lamp reservation dates are being taken on a first come, first serve basis. Due to a high demand of both areas only two weekends of each will be accepted. When the demand subsides, you will be able to reserve additional weekend dates. Place your intention and \$10.00 stipend (per candle/DL) in a regular white envelope with requested date(s) and place it in the collection basket. You may reserve unlimited weekday DL's! Please take care of this matter quickly to acquire your special dates.



**ANIMALS BLESSED LAST WEEK** — For the first time this year, Fr. Firko offered the blessing of animals which took place on Friday, October 8. There were 2 dogs, and several cats both actual and virtual. This special blessing can be offered any time of the year, but especially around the Feast of St. Francis (beginning of October) or St. Mammos (beginning of September). Many thanks to all who brought their animals. Animals need blessings too!

# COMMEMORATING TODAY

## The Seventh Ecumenical Council – Nicea II



**SITE:** Nicea  
**YEAR:** 787 A.D. **POPE:** Hadrian I, 772 - 795  
**EMPERORS:** Constantine VI, 780 - 797 and Empress Irene (797 - 802)  
**ACTION:** This council, called by Empress Irene (widow of Emperor Leo IV and regent for her son Constantine VI), with its doctrinal decree ratified by Pope Hadrian I, condemned **ICONOCLASM**. The Pope's letter here, just as with Pope St. Leo I at Chalcedon, set the tone of the council.  
**NOTE:** Brewing beneath the surface at this time, however, was a rejection of papal authority. The Eastern Bishops, cut off from Rome and receptive to heresy under persecution, were held suspect by Rome. **ALSO:** Iconoclasm had been fostered by Emperor Leo III (717 - 741), who was opposed by Popes Gregory II (715 - 731) and Gregory III (731 - 741) and by St. John Damascene (d.749), priest and Doctor of the Church, who published three discourses in defense of images.  
**HERESY:** **ICONOCLASM** (Destroyers of Icons) — The Second Council of Nicea, the seventh ecumenical council of the Christian church, was convoked by the Byzantine empress Irene in 787 (on the front cover to the right) to rule on the use of saints' images and icons in religious devotion. At that time a strong movement known as iconoclasm, which opposed the pictorial representation of saints or of the Trinity, existed in the Greek church. At the prompting of Irene the council declared that whereas the veneration of images was legitimate and the intercession of saints efficacious, their veneration must be distinguished from the worship due God alone.

## October Respect-Life Month

### 3<sup>rd</sup> WEEK INTENTION OF REPECT LIFE MONTH:

#### Prayer for the Elderly

**O Lord of Life, grant that the Elderly may lovingly accept Your will, and place themselves each day in Your merciful hands.**



**When the moment of their passing comes, grant that they may face it with serenity, without regret for what they shall leave behind. For in meeting, You after having sought You for so long, they shall find once more every authentic good which they have**

**known here on earth in the company of all who have gone before them marked with the sign of faith and hope. Grace the Elderly with this wisdom so that they and we may bless and glorify Your Great Name Father, Son (+) and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.**

**Join us in praying the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary for world peace on Fridays in October @ 6:30 p.m.**

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

October 17 ..... (NS) PAC/FAC Meeting following DL in Church  
 October 18 ..... (MR) PAC/FAC Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.  
 October ..... 22 & 29 ..... (MR) The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary @ 6:30 p.m.  
 October 24 .. Deanery Freewill Pasta Dinner, St. Elias Church, Munhall, PA from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
 October 31 ..... Sunday of Christ the King.  
 November 2 ..... General Election Day — Defend the most vulnerable – Cast a Pro-Life Vote.  
 Nov. 7 .... Eastern Standard Time (clocks FALL BACK) & Annual Moleben to our 4 saintly bishops.  
 November 8 ..... Synaxis of St. Michael & All Angels (MR) 9:00 a.m.; (NS) 6:00 p.m.

## Saint of the Week

### The Holy Apostle & Evangelist Luke — October 18

The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke, was a native of Syrian Antioch, a companion



of the holy Apostle Paul (Phil.1:24, 2 Tim. 4:10-11), and a physician enlightened in the Greek medical arts. Hearing about Christ, Luke arrived in Palestine and fervently accepted the preaching of salvation from the Lord Himself. As one of the Seventy Apostles, St Luke was sent by the Lord with the others to preach the Kingdom of Heaven during the Savior's earthly life (Luke 10:1-3). After the Resurrection, the Lord Jesus Christ appeared to Saints Luke and Cleopas on the road to Emmaus. Luke accompanied St Paul on his second missionary journey, and from that time they were inseparable. When Paul's coworkers had forsaken him, only Luke remained to assist him in his ministry (2 Tim. 4:10-11). After the

martyrdom of the First-Ranked Apostles Peter and Paul, St Luke left Rome to preach in Achaia, Libya, Egypt and the Thebaid. He ended his life by suffering martyrdom in the city of Thebes. **Tradition credits St Luke with painting the first icons of the Mother of God.** St Luke also painted icons of the First-Ranked Apostles Peter and Paul. St Luke's Gospel was written in the years 62-63 at Rome, under the guidance of the Apostle Paul. In the preliminary verses (1:1-3), St Luke precisely sets forth the purpose of his work. He proposes to record, in chronological order, everything known by Christians about Jesus Christ and His teachings. He made generous use of the oral tradition of the Church and of what the All-Pure Virgin Mary Herself had told him (2:19, 51). In St Luke's Gospel, the message of the salvation made possible by the Lord Jesus Christ, and the preaching of the Gospel, are of primary importance. St Luke also wrote the Acts of the Holy Apostles at Rome around 62-63 A.D. The Book of Acts, which is a continuation of the four Gospels, speaks about the works and the fruits of the holy Apostles after the Ascension of the Savior. The theological focus of the Book of Acts is the coming of the Holy Spirit, Who will guide the Church "into all truth" John 16:13) until the Second Coming of Christ.

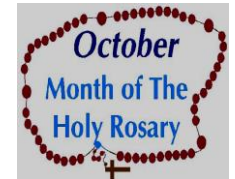
## General Announcements

**NEW MOVIE RELEASE: PURGATORY** — A special showing based upon Catholic



Mystics such as St. Padre Pio, St. Faustina, etc., is being offered to the public on **Thursday, October 28, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.** One of several sites, we will be attending the Settlers Ridge Cinema, Auditorium 12. Catechist and our Byzan-Teen Youth Group are highly recommended to attend this presentation. You must purchase your own tickets (\$12.50). *Cinema Mask Policy: Face Masks are required for non-vaccinated guests and strongly encouraged for all other guests, except where required by local mandates. Masks may be removed when eating and drinking inside the auditorium.*

**MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY** — At the request of several parishioners to honor Our Blessed Mother in this special month of October, the Rosary according to our Byzantine-Ruthenian (Rusyn) tradition will be prayed **each Friday throughout the month @ 6:30 p.m.** at our Parish in McKees Rocks. This sacred devotion has been a part of our Church since its founding over 100 years ago which our Founders and Benefactors brought with them from Carpathian Homeland. Come and join us as we pray for our Country & for the vanquishing of the coronavirus.



**LAST DAY TO REGISTER: PITTSBURGH DEANERY CLERGY TO SERVE PASTA**



**DINNER** — The Priests and Deacons in the Pittsburgh Deanery will be hosting a **FREE PASTA DINNER** at St. Elias Church, Munhall next **Sunday October 24, 2021** from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Clergy will be preparing and serving the dinner. A signup list is located in the Church. We must know how many to prepare for! The final day for registration is next Sunday, *October 17. A freewill offering will be taken to pay for the supplies. Any remaining funds will be sent to the Archieparchial Priests' Pension Plan.*

**ANNUAL MOLEBEN FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CAUSES** — The yearly

prayer service for the advancement of the Causes of Beatification and Canonization of our four holy Ruthenian Byzantine Catholic Bishops will take place at the **Holy Ghost Church, McKees Rocks, PA** on **Sunday, November 7, 2021 @ 3:00 p.m.** For the past 35 years faithful through the Pittsburgh Archeparchy have gathered in various archieparchial parishes, monasteries and the seminary to pray for the Canonization of *Bishop-Martyr Theodore G. Romzha, Uzhorod (+1947); Bishop-Martyr Paul P. Gojdich, O.S.B.M., Presov (+1960); Bishop-Martyr Basil Hopko, Presov (+1976); and for the beatification of the Servant of God Bishop Alexander Chira, Uzhorod (+1985).* A Marian Moleben is offered seeking the aid of the Holy Mother of God in helping us achieve this end. The Archieparchial Choir will sing the responses. Please invite your friends! **Since we will host this event, you are asked to bake or purchase some cookies for the fellowship that follows.**

