

Parish Offerings – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost – October 24, 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	\$1,814.00
Holy Days	15.00
Special Donation (Anonymous)	2,500.00
Votive Candles (\$92.51) Collection for the Poor (\$184)	276.51
	\$4,605.51

Holy Ghost Church, North Side

Regular Offering	\$833.00
Holy Days	40.00
Utilities (\$90) Improvements (\$20)	110.00
Votive Candles (\$31.25) Collection for the Poor (\$25)	56.25
	\$1,039.25

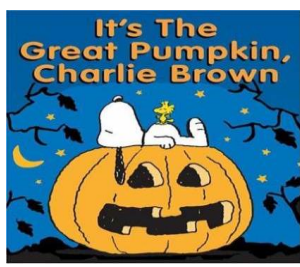
(MR) Sat., 4:00 p.m. (21)

Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (59); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (27)

Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary (Oct 29) —(MR) 6:30 p.m. (7)



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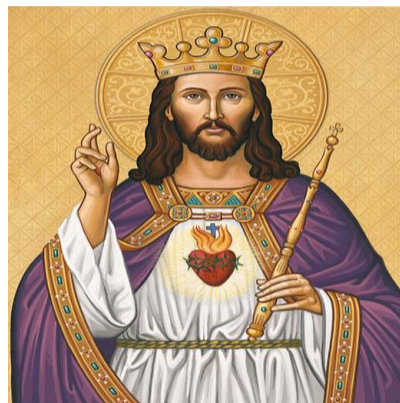
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THE 23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday of Christ the King — October 31, 2021



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

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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.
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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!

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).

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




Liturgical Services for the Week

Date Time Intention Requested By

23rd Sunday after Pentecost Sunday of Christ the King

SUN, Oct 31 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Michael Harsh Helenea & Ed Connor
11:00 a.m. (NS) + William C. Poloka, Jr. Anonymous


 Feast of the Blessed Bishop-Martyr Theodore G. Romzha
Mon, Nov 1 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Paul Lucas Bro: George & Pegg

Tue, Nov 2 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Bodzenski + Zula Zula Family
Smorey + Kraly Families 

Wed, Nov 3 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Helen M. Kriska (3rd ann of passing & birthday) Anonymous

Thrs, Nov 4 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Dolores + John Koritsky Dgtr: Christine & Al Barnash

**First Friday of the Month —Reparation for the sins against the Sacred Heart of Jesus
REQUIRED SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat) or Equivalent Penance (your choice)**

Fri, Nov 5 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Pearl + Andrew Revtai Revtai, Akisz & Pettijohn Families


First Saturday of the month in reparation for blasphemies against the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Sat, Nov 6 ***7:30 a.m. (NS) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes
***Assembly 2020 Program at the Cathedral November 5-6 @ 10:00 a.m.

Sunday anticipated Divine Liturgy of the Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
4:00 p.m. (MR) + Irene Bilak (birthday (11/4) Grandson: Mike Tomchak

24th Sunday after Pentecost

Daylight Savings Times Ends — Clocks FALL BACK 1 hour
SUN, Nov 7 9:00 a.m. (MR) Health & God's Blessings Dgtrs: Monica & Christine
For Mildred Terrek (birthday 11/9)

11:00 a.m. (NS) + Peter P. Smoley (61st ann of passing). Dgtr: Mary Ann
3:00 p.m. (MR) Beatification & Canonization Moleben, Holy Ghost Church

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: Nov 1 – Mickayla Poloka; Nov 3 – Dan Pikras, JOAN SENCHYSHYN, John Wovchko; Nov 5 – Julia Mosko; Nov 6 – Barbara Stecko.

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

HOME: Margaret Beliuнас, 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 Cifrutak, Mildred Terrek.
VINCENTIAN HOME (111 Perrymont Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15237) Kathe Kress.

Public questions on Catholic spirituality, moral & spiritual problems

Q. Do I have to contact my ex myself for an annulment? I am a lapsed Catholic. In order to participate in the Sacraments, me & my husband must be re-married in the Church. I just found out I need an annulment (my ex & I who were not church-goers of any kind, were married in a Presbyterian church). He filed for divorce; I didn't dispute. In being in the current relationship, I can look back & see now that I should have never married my ex. A. Catholic Answers by Fr. Vincent Sera, O.P.: Your ex does have to be contacted by the marriage tribunal. If he chooses not to respond or cooperate, the annulment process will still go on. You do not have to have contact with him. Contact your pastor, he will be most helpful in helping you through this emotional process.

This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

October 31 — November 6, 2021

(MR): In memory of Eleanor & John Kulka

offered by Children: Kathy & John

(NS): In memory of Anna & Anthony Zanis,
Patricia Stanko & Robert Zanis

(MR) Now available for 2022 offered by M/M James Lautenschlager (NS) Now available for 2022

McKees Rocks Announcements

PIROHI PROJECT COMMENCES THIS WEEK — Here are the Friday sales 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 the Pirohi Kitchen: (412) 331-5155.



ONCE AGAIN MORE FRESH FLOWERS FOR THE HOLY THEOTOKOS — This is the fifth consecutive week that an anonymous donor 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.



North Side Announcements

EXTRA ASSISTANCE FOR NS BAKELESS BAKE SALE — Once again this year, our parish will be conducting a Bakeless Bake Sale. Since it is more expensive, laborious and really no area to set it up, this project seems to be the most beneficial way to reach the full amount of the GCU Expansion matching funds. We would be grateful if our McKees Rocks parish will join with us as they graciously did last year. In this issue of the S.O.T. special envelopes are contained for both parishes. We are praying that you will help us. Credit on your financial statement will be rendered. Final day is Sunday, Nov. 28.



ARCHIEPARICHAL ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION — The 64th Annual St. Nicholas Celebration will take place at the Cathedral and Cathedral Center on **Sunday, December 5, 2021**. Tickets are now priced at \$45.00 per adult and \$20.00 per child ages 12 and under. We'd like to get at least one full table per parish(s) family. Please sign the list in the (MR) Side Vestibule; (NS) Narthex. Parish deadline is Sunday, November 21. Also, a special note of gratitude is extended to all who purchased the @10.00 PA Lottery Tickets for the Drawing on Dec. 6th.



Take a non-partisan PRO-LIFE Voting Guide with you to the polls this Tuesday. They are located in the Narthex of both Churches, and the Side Vestibule in McKees Rocks. Let us speak up for the most vulnerable people awaiting to be born.

Meditation on today's Gospel

Traditional Celebration of Christ the King

John 18:33-37

The name is found in various forms in scripture: King Eternal (1 Timothy 1:17), King of Israel (John 1:49), King of the Jews (Mt. 27:11), King of kings (1 Tim 6:15; Rev. 19:16),



King of the Ages (Book of Revelation 15:3) and Ruler of the Kings of the Earth (Rev. 1:5). Christ's Kingship was addressed in the encyclical Quas Primas of Pope Pius XI, published in 1925, which has been called "possibly one of the most misunderstood and ignored encyclicals of all time." The Pontiff's encyclical quotes with approval Cyril of Alexandria, noting that Jesus' Kingship is not obtained by violence: "Christ," he says, "has dominion over all creatures, a dominion not seized by violence nor usurped, by His by essence and by nature." The late Pope Pius XI instituted the feast of Christ the King in 1925 to remind Christians that their allegiance was to their spiritual ruler in heaven as opposed to earthly supremacy, which was claimed by the Italian

Dictator Benito Mussolini. It was originally established to be celebrated on the last Sunday of October. Through the liturgical reforms of the Western Rites, it now is celebrated in November prior to the Advent Season. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI has remarked that Christ's Kingship is not based on "human power" but on loving and serving others. The perfect exemplar of that acceptance, he pointed out, is the Virgin Mary. Her humble and unconditional acceptance of God's will in her life, the Pope noted, was the reason that "God exalted her over all other creatures, and Christ crowned her Queen of heaven and earth." *The early Byzantine Catholic Liturgical book (Sluzebnik) printed in the United States in 1945 and revised in 1962 with the Imprimatur of Bishop Nicholas T. Elko lists this feast on pages 297-303 and has never been abrogated.*

October: Respect-Life Month

5th & FINAL WEEK INTENTION OF REPECT LIFE MONTH:

Lord, we pray for all people throughout the world: that they might recognize and treat each person as a masterpiece of Your creation; For the poor, the homeless, and all who are in need: that they may receive love, respect, and the material assistance they need; For all those facing an unexpected pregnancy: that the peace of Christ may fill their hearts; That all women, men, and family members suffering from abortion may know the Your tender, healing love; For those who are ill: may they draw strength from the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Who is always with us in our suffering; For parents who have lost a child through miscarriage: that they may know the comfort and hope that Jesus brings; For all elected officials: that throughout their service, they may respect the dignity of each person. Lord, teach us to know, love and serve You always by conforming ourselves to Respect all Life that You have created. Amen.



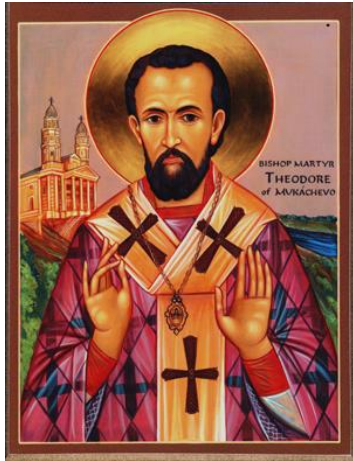
Calendar of Upcoming Events

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.
November 14	GCU LODGE MEETING @ 2:00 p.m.
November 15	Commencement of the Philippian (Filipovka) Fast.

Saint of the Week

Blessed Bishop-Martyr Theodore G. Romzha — Nov 1

Theodore Romzha was born in the Subcarpathian region of Austria-Hungary (in the Rusyn village of Velyky Bychkiv, now in Ukraine) on April 14, 1911. Theodore was



ordained a priest on Christmas Day, 1936 in the Basilica of St Mary Major, Rome. After completing his compulsory military service he served briefly as a pastor in several Transcarpathian parishes (part of Czechoslovakia since 1918) before being assigned as professor of philosophy at the Eparchial Seminary in Uzhorod in 1939, occupied by Hungary. These were difficult years for the Church in Subcarpathia as it experienced the invasions first by Hungary, one of Axis powers, then direct rule from Nazi Germany and lastly the Soviet Red Army. On September 24, 1944, at the young age of 33, he was consecrated bishop and appointed apostolic administrator of the Eparchy of Mukachevo in the cathedral of Uzhorod by Bishop Miklós Dudás. He had immediately to face

the soviet Red Army, which occupied the churches, assigned them to the Orthodox and arrested priests. Bishop Romzha refused in front of General Petrov to break with the Pope. His ministry to the faithful met with many roadblocks, and he could not be tolerated by the Communist officials who now began looking for getting rid of the young bishop. On October 27, 1947, on the way home from a parish visitation celebrating Christ the King Sunday, Bishop Romzha's horse drawn carriage was purposely rammed by a Soviet military truck. The soldiers, who were dressed as civilians, jumped from the truck and beat the bishop and his companions. They were hospitalized. The Bishop was making good progress when a new Soviet nurse was assigned to him. A little after midnight Romzha was found dead. The nurse poisoned him. According to research in Soviet archives by Yevgenia Albats, the Bishop's murder was ordered personally by Nikita Khrushchev. Bishop Romzha was beatified as a Martyr for the Faith by Pope John Paul II in Lviv on June 27, 2001 with November 1 assigned as his feast day. *In most recent times the Mukachevo Eparchy petitioned the Vatican to move the feast to October 31 since their Country celebrates Memorial Day on November 1st the actual day of his martyrdom.* In the United States, we still commemorate the actual day of his martyrdom.

**Let us continue to Pray fervently
For his Canonization**

General Announcements

PITTSBURGH DEANERY CLERGY THANKS ALL WHO SUPPORTED THEIR 2021 PASTA DINNER



MUNHALL, PA —This year's Deanery Pasta Dinner at St. Elias Church, Munhall, was served on Sunday, October 24, 2021 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Ten of the Greater Pittsburgh Protosybytery Clergy served nearly 125 people from a combination of area parishes. Although there was no charge for the meal, a good-will offering was taken along with a raffle that was won by Claudia Stipetic, Duquesne, PA. Following expenditures, the total profit sent to the Archieparchial Priests' Pension Plan was \$916.01. This gesture of charity demonstrates appreciation to all retired priests who served our parishes, and are now drawing from The Plan. Thanks to all who attended the event from our McKees Rocks and North Side Parishes. By making this day a great success. *Pictured (L-R): Fr. Vasyl Polyak (Tarentum), Fr. Frank A. Firko (McKees Rocks & North Side), Fr. Vitalii Stashkevych (Munhall & Braddock), Fr. Andrew Deskevich (Munhall), Fr. Miron Kerul-Kmec (Greenfield & South Side), Deacon Sean Petrisko (Duquesne), Fr. Will Rupp (Duquesne), Fr. Radko Blichar (Lyndora & Gibsonia), Deacon Lawrence Hruska (Gibsonia), and Retired Fr. Robert Karl (Gibsonia).*

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 start of the Process for 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. Archbishop Skurla will be in attendance and 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.**



GCU NORTHWEST PITTSBURGH LODGE MEETING IN TWO WEEKS — The fourth quarter meeting has been changed to VIRTUAL on **Sunday, November 14, 2021 @ 2:00 p.m.** All members are expected to participate by dialing 1 (605) 472-5352. Then type in the Access Code: 451303#. You may direct your questions and/or concerns to Steve Puluka @ (412) 897-4650. *Also, to be discussed is the cancellation of the Nativity Project since the company cannot contract laborers to run the production line.*