

**Parish Offerings – Sunday of Christ the King – October 31, 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 (\$1,366) YP (\$9) .....	\$1,375.00
Holy Days (\$20) Thanksgiving (\$10) .....	30.00
Archdiocesan Charities (\$20) Collection for the Poor (\$25) .....	45.00
Votive Candles .....	143.50
	\$1,593.50

**Holy Ghost Church, North Side**

Regular Offering .....	\$843.00
Thanksgiving .....	5.00
Utilities .....	10.00
Votive Candles .....	29.50
	\$887.50

(MR) Sat., 4:00 p.m. (26)

Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (60); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (36)



from our church... we've been called up for active duty."

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**THE 24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Moleben for Our 4 Saintly Bishops — November 7, 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**

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.

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GCU Lodge 390: (MR) Contact Tina Burns (412) 859-9597 for membership requirements.

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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).

Nov. 7, 2021

Seasonal Greeting:

Volume XI Number 45



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



## Liturgical Services for the Week

Date Time Intention Requested By

### 24<sup>th</sup> 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 (61<sup>st</sup> ann of passing). Sister: Mary Ann

3:00 p.m. (MR) Beatification & Canonization Moleben, Holy Ghost Church

### Synaxis Feast of the Holy Angelic Commander Michael the Archangel & all the Heavenly Incorporeal Powers

Mon, Nov 8 9:00 a.m. (MR) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes  
6:00 p.m. (NS) + Helen S. Lubinski (birthday) Nephew: Harry & Cindy Lubinski

Tue, Nov 9 8:00 a.m. (MR) + David Simeone Peggi & George Lucas

Wed, Nov 10 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Bill Wittmer Sister-in-law: Joan Senchyshyn

VETERAN'S DAY OBSERVED — No Banking or Postal Service

Thrs, Nov 11 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Eleanor Kulka (birthday) Children: Kathy & John

Feast of Archbishop-Martyr Josaphat

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

Fri, Nov 12 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Susan Jupinko (birthday 10/26) Grand-Dgtr: Marianne J. Farabaugh



Feast of our Father among the Saints, John Chrysostom

Sat, Nov 13 9:00 a.m. (NS) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes

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Sunday anticipated Divine Liturgy of the Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

4:00 p.m. (MR) + Mary + Michael Hubal, Jr. Hubal Family  
+ Gary + Karen + Vincent

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

SUN, Nov 14 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Mike J. Sotak (31<sup>st</sup> ann of pass) Dgtr: Elaine Cassidy (31<sup>st</sup> ann of passing)

11:00 a.m. (NS) + Joseph R. Shamonsky Anonymous (2<sup>nd</sup> ann of passing 11/4).

# 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 7 – THEODORE HELMS, Mark Saber; Nov 8 – Nancy (Shanta) Wauthier; Nov 9 – Tina Burns, Mildred Terrek

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

HOME: Margaret Beliuinas, Irene Bordas, Florence Charochak, Ilona Goyda, TAMARA HARDING, Beverly Harsh, Dolores Kosko, Steve Kosko, 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 Cifruk, Mildred Terrek.

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

Q. What is the official church teaching on what happens after our earthly bodies die: Are we "dead" until Judgment Day or do we immediately go to heaven, hell, or purgatory? A. Catholic Answers Apologist: Although physical human bodies die, human souls never die. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that every spiritual soul "is immortal: It does not perish when it separates from the body at death, and it will be reunited with the body at the final Resurrection" (CCC 366). So, at the moment of death, the soul separates from the body, is judged immediately, and enters either heaven (immediately or through purgatory) or hell. Each man receives his eternal retribution in his immortal soul at the very moment of his death, in a particular judgment that refers his life to Christ: either entrance into the blessedness of heaven—through a purification or immediately—or immediate and everlasting damnation. (CCC 1022). (For scriptural evidence of this, see Luke 16:22; 23:43; 2 Cor. 5:8; Phil. 1:23.). Every soul will unite with its resurrected body just prior to the Last Judgment ("Judgment Day") when Christ returns.

## This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

November 7— November 13, 2021

(MR): In memory of Robert Zanis (3<sup>rd</sup> ann of pass 9/30)

offered by Marge & James Lautenschlager

(NS): In memory of Helen & Stanley Lubinski

(MR) Now available for 2022

offered by a Friend

(NS) Now available for 2022





# McKees Rocks Announcements

**PIROHI PROJECT CONTINUES THIS WEEK** — Here are the remaining Friday sale dates: Nov. 12, & 19 (no sales the Friday after Thanksgiving); Dec 3, 10 & 17. The sale price for Potato/Cheese and Sauerkraut are \$12.00 per dozen which includes butter and onions. 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.**



**SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS INSTALLED AROUND THE CHURCH** — Due to an increase of crime in area Pittsburgh Churches, our Pastor and Parish/Financial Advisory Council had decided to have cameras installed on the inside and outside of the Church. It has a recording feature to capture mischievous behavior. The project includes ten new cameras, with 24/7 surveillance. It was professionally and privately installed including the equipment for a cost of \$2,984.11. Two anonymous donors submitted payment for this much needed project. God bless them and protect them.



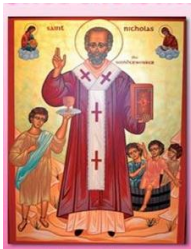
## North Side Announcements

**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.**



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**ARCHIEPARICHAL ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION** — The 64<sup>th</sup> 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. 6<sup>th</sup>.



**BOTH HGCs TO PARTICIPATE IN NOVEMBER-DECEMBER FOOD DRIVE** — In our love for the less fortunate, our both parishes will be holding an annual non-perishable food drive to be delivered to the *Inter Faith Churches Food Bank, McKees Rocks* in time for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Please bring the non-expired items to the Church and place them at the entrance. Many places are not taking non-perishable food due to Covid-19. For additional information contact Elaine Kurtanich (412) 370-9092. Once again, we are grateful to her for leading this project.



# Meditation on today's Gospel

## Faith in Jesus is Necessary for Salvation

Like 8:41-56

When the woman with a hemorrhage learned that the Lord said to the leader of the synagogue, "Believe, and your daughter **will live,**" **she thought to herself that he who could bring back the soul of a little girl of twelve into her body would also be able to take away an illness of twelve years and expel it from the body.** When she heard him say, "Believe firmly and your daughter will live," this woman reflected, "can give the faith he requires as the price." The healing came forth from his mouth, and he negotiated as its price the faith expressed by the woman's mouth. He gave a clear healing and demanded a clear price. The healing that came out from his lips could be heard publicly, and he required from the lips a faith openly professed. Although the woman professed before everyone, they did not believe her, especially since her pains were hidden. When the Lord opened the eyes of the blind man, they called him a madman, and when he restored Lazarus to life, certain people, even among those who had seen for themselves, did not believe. This is why he restored the little girl of twelve years to life. He who was able to put the continued vitality of twelve years in the body back into its place was also able to arrest and banish from its place a flow of blood that continued for twelve years. He who was able to alleviate one illness was also able to banish another. He who was able to vivify all the dead members of this little girl was also able to heal the woman's womb.



## Pope Francis Speaks

**Pope's General Audience at St. Peter Square Nov. 3, 2021**

*Dear Brothers and Sisters, In our catechesis on Saint Paul's Letter to the Galatians, we now turn to the Apostle's exhortation to "live by the Spirit". Paul uses the image of "walking" to describe the journey of Christian discipleship (Gal 5:16). The Holy Spirit guides us along the path of holiness; he teaches us to persevere in the new life we have received in Christ and to reject "the desires of the flesh" that are contrary to it (ibid.). Paul makes it clear that the journey of discipleship, which begins at baptism, is demanding; it requires constant struggle, not only in our lives as individuals, but also in the life of the community. Only by the grace and charity that are gifts of the Spirit can we overcome the ever-present temptations to anger, envy and selfishness. In this sense, Paul urges us to "bear one another's burdens" (Gal 6:2), to be gentle in correcting those who go astray and compassionate to those who are suffering. Let us ask for the grace to be confirmed in our efforts to live by the Spirit and to act in a way worthy of the calling we have received in Christ.*



# Calendar of Upcoming Events

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 Virtual Lodge Meeting @ 2:00 p.m.  
November 15 ..... Commencement of the Philippian (Filipovka) Fast.  
November 21 ..... Solemn HD: Entrance into the Temple of Theotokos.  
November 25 ..... Annual Thanksgiving Day — (MR) Divine Liturgy @ 9:00 a.m.  
November 28 ..... Decorating the (MR) Church for Christmas following the Divine Liturgy.  
..... Decorating the (NS) Church for Christmas following the Divine Liturgy.  
December 5 ..... Parish & Archeparchial St. Nicholas Celebration.  
December 6 ..... Solemn Feast of St. Nicholas the Wonder-Worker — (MR) 9:00 a.m.; (NS) 6:00 p.m.

## Solemn Holy Day This Week — November 8

### Holy Angelic Commander Michael & All Holy Angels

The angels of God were celebrated by men from earliest times but this celebration was often turned into the divinization of angels (II Kings 23:5). The local Council of Laodicea (four



or five years before the First Ecumenical Council) rejected the worship of angels as gods and established the proper veneration of angels in its Thirty-fifth Canon. The Church celebrates all the bodiless Powers, and is why the same feast is called the Synaxis (Assembly). In the fourth century, during the time of Sylvester, Pope of Rome, and Alexander, Patriarch of Alexandria, the present Feast of Archangel Michael and all the other heavenly powers was instituted for celebration in the month of November. *Why precisely in November? Because November is the ninth month after March, and March is considered to be the month in which the world was created. Also, as the ninth month after March, November was chosen*

*for the nine orders of angels who were created first.* St. Dionysius the Areopagite, a disciple of the Apostle Paul (who was taken up into the third heaven), described these nine orders of angels in his book, *On the Celestial Hierarchies*, as follows: **(1) six-winged Seraphim, (2) many-eyed Cherubim, (3) God-bearing Thrones, (4) Dominations (also referred to as Dominions), (5) Powers, (6) Virtues, (7) Principalities, (8) Archangels, and (9) Angels.** The leader of all the angelic hosts is the Archangel Michael. When Satan, Lucifer, fell away from God and drew a part of the angels with him to destruction, then Michael stood up and cried out before the faithful angels: "Let us attend! Let us stand aright! Let us stand with fear!" and all of the faithful angelic heavenly hosts cried out: "Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God of Sabaoth! Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory!" Concerning the Archangel Michael, see Joshua 5:13-15 and Jude 1:9. Among the angels their reign perfect oneness of mind, oneness of soul, and love. The lower orders also show complete obedience to the higher orders, and all of them together to the holy will of God. Every nation has its guardian angel, as does every Christian. We must always remember that whatever we do, in open or in secret, we do in the presence of our guardian angel. May God have mercy on us and save us by the prayers of the Archangel Michael and all the holy incorporeal powers of heaven.

# General Announcements

**FORMER PASTOR CALLED TO ETERNITY** — It is with most sincere sadness that The Spirit of Truth announces the sudden passing of our former pastor, the **Very Reverend Father Ronald P. Larko** last Sunday, October 31, 2021. He had suffered many months from congestive heart failure. A Panachida was celebrated following each of last weekend's Divine Liturgies. He was the current pastor of St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church, Uniontown, PA. He had served many Archeparchial assignments including Chancellor, and was currently the Protopresbyter of the Mon-Valley Deanery. Prior to his Uniontown assignment, he served over a decade here at our (MR) Holy Ghost Church, and then later was simultaneously assigned to our (NS) Holy Ghost Church, North Side. The Stephen R. Haky Funeral Home, Inc., Uniontown, handled arrangements. Viewing was at St. John



the Baptist Church on Thursday, Nov. 4 from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. A Priestly Parastas was celebrated at 7:00 p.m. A Hierarchical Funeral Divine Liturgy was on Friday, Nov. 5 @ 11:00 a.m. Private interment followed with the family only at St. Mary Cemetery, Yatesboro, PA. In blessed repose, grant O Lord, eternal rest to your departed servant, the priest, Fr. Ronald, and remember him forever. *Vicnaja Jemu Pamjat'!*

**ANNUAL MOLEBEN FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CAUSES TODAY** — 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 Archeparchial 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 Archeparchial 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 NEXT WEEK** — 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.*

**MALE ALTAR SERVERS & ST. AQUILINA MINISTERS NEEDED** — For both Parishes, this



announcement is extended to all male members, including elderly males wishing to join the *Ministry of Altar Server*. *Also, all young girls desiring to assist the Church in distributing Church Bulletins, and in the Mirovanije are invited to join in the St. Aquilina Ministry.* You are to forward and declare your intention. These are important and fulfilling ministry! If you are interested, please approach Fr. Firko or by calling the church office (412) 771-3324.