

Parish Offerings – Man Born Blind Sunday — May 22, 2022

“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 (\$1,642) YP (\$7)	\$1,649.00
Holy Days	75.00
Votive Candles	98.50
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	\$1,822.50

Holy Ghost Church, North Side

Regular Offering	\$683.65
Holy Days (\$45) Easter Décor (\$216)	261.00
Utilities	55.00
Votive Candles	25.50

Church Attendance Last Week \$1,025.15

(MR) Sat., 4:00 p.m. (20)

Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (68); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (26)

Ascension (Holy Day of Obligation) — Wed. (MR) 7:00 p.m. (17);

Thrs. (MR) 9:00 a.m. (29); (NS) 6:00 p.m. (21)



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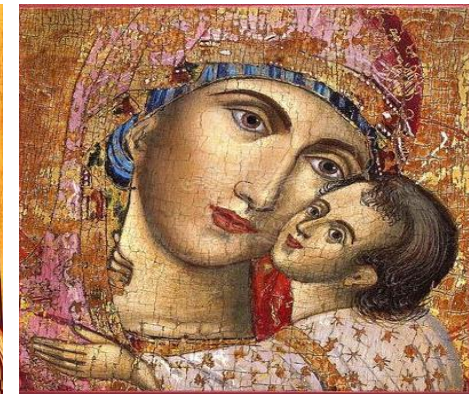
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SUNDAY OF 1ST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

Postfestive of the Ascension — May 29, 2022



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 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 Mysteries 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 Northwest Pittsburgh Lodge(MR) Contact Tina Burns (412) 859-9597 for membership.

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

Let us honor today those mystical trumpets of the Spirit, namely the God-mantled Fathers who speaking of divine things sang in the midst of the Church a hymn in unison, teaching that the Trinity is one, not differing in substance or Godhead, refuting Arius and defending the true faith. They always interceded with the Lord to have mercy on our souls (Great Vespers of the 1st Ecumenical Council Fathers)

May 29, 2022

Seasonal Greeting:

Volume XII Number 22



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



Liturgical Services for the Week

Date	Time	Intention	Requested By
SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE 1ST ECUM. COUNCIL			
Postfestive of the Ascension — Memorial Day Weekend			

SUN., May 29	9:00 a.m. (MR)	+ Deceased of the Margo Family M & J Lautenschlager	
	11:00 a.m. (NS)	+ Olga Manfredo	Mary Ann Smoley

Memorial Day Observed — No Banking Service or Postal Delivery

Mon, May 30	8:00 a.m. (MR)	+ All who died in the Service of Our Country	
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Tues, May 31	8:00 a.m. (MR)	+ Helen P. Petak (birthday 6/1)	Dgr: Marleyn Furman & Family
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Wed, Jun 1	8:00 a.m. (MR)	+ Mary O. Culan (birthday 6/1)	Tom Keating
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Thrs, Jun 2	8:00 a.m. (MR)	Special Intention	Gladys Muska
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Final Day of the Ascension Feast

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

Fri, Jun 3	8:00 a.m. (MR)	+ Mary Farabaugh (birthday 6/4)	Grand-Dgr: Marianne
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Fifth & Final Universal All Souls Saturday Vigil

*** 6:00 p.m. (NS) + All Souls w/reading of Hramoty

FIFTH & FINAL UNIVERSAL ALL SOULS SATURDAY

Sat., Jun 4	*** 9:00 a.m. (MR)	+ All Souls w/reading of Hramoty
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Sunday anticipated Divine Liturgy of the Descent of the All-Holy Spirit — Pentecost Sunday

4:00 p.m. (MR)	+ Mike Palahunik	Dorothy Karpa
(3rd ann of passing 6/4)		

SUNDAY OF THE DESCENT OF THE ALL-HOLY SPIRIT

Pentecost Sunday — Patronal Feast — Mirovanije

SUN., Jun 5	9:00 a.m. (MR)	+ Eleanor Kulka	Children: Kathy & John.
(9 th ann of passing 5/26)			

11:00 a.m. (NS)	For the Parishioners of Both Parishioners
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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

May 31 — LESLIE BODNARCHUK, Barbara Lutz, Doris Naughton; **Jun 1** — Isabelle Wenger; **Jun 2** — Katherine Chomko.

HOME: Margaret Beliunas, Florence Charochak, DEACON MICHAEL MEADERS, Ilona Goyda, TAMARA HARDING, Beverly Harsh, Dolores Kosko, Steve Kosko, ARLENE LATTA, KIRK LATTA, BETTY LORINC, Irene Muha, Kurt Perschy, MARLENE PFEIFFER, Dan Pikras, Lisa Plutto, Betty Spisak, 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 Cifrutlak, Dorothy Ann Karl, Mildred Terrek.

VINCENTIAN MARIAN MANOR (2695 Winchester Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15220): Irene Bednar.

THE HAVEN AT NORTH HILLS (1 Windsor Way, Pittsburgh, PA 15237): DOLORES HUDANICK.

Public questions on Catholic spirituality, moral & spiritual problems

Q. What does "honor your father and your mother" mean? If the parents are abusive, does this change anything? **A. Catholic Apologist, Jim Blackburn.:** St. Paul clarifies the fourth commandment, "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God gives you" (Ex. 20:12), in his letter to the Ephesians: "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right (Eph. 6:1, emphasis added). The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC) explains: As long as a child lives at home with his parents, the child should obey his parents in all that they ask of him when it is for his good or that of the family . . . But if a child is convinced in conscience that it would be morally wrong to obey a particular order, he must not do so . . . Obedience toward parents ceases with the emancipation of the children; not so respect, which is always owed to them. (CCC 2217)



This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

May 29 — June 4, 2022

(MR) In memory of the Margo Family

offered by Margaret & James Lautenschlager

(NS): In memory of Anna Spontak (18th ann of passing 5/22)

(MR) None available 2022

offered by Son: Robert & Joyce Spontak (NS) None available 2022



General Announcements

McKees Rocks

ANONYMOUS FLOWER DONOR PURCHASES FLOWERS FOR THE BLESSED



MOTHER ICON — An anonymous source for the past 4 Fridays in the month of May, donated beautiful and colorful flowers placed before the Blessed Mother's icon on the iconostasis. May is the month of the Holy Virgin Mary. We thank whoever you are, and we commend you and your intentions before the feet of the Holy Theotokos. Let us remember that each of us can place a spiritual bouquet before her on all Fridays this month by praying the Holy Rosary.

North Side

BORN AGAIN OF WATER AND SPIRIT — Alexander Holbrook Helms was Reborn of Water and Spirit and became a full member of the Church through the *Holy*

Mysteries of Initiation: Baptism, Chrismation and First Eucharist last week on the **6th Paschal Sunday of the Man Born Blind, May 22, 2022**. His parents are John Helms & Aimee (Lasko) Helms of North Hills. Sponsor was parishioner, Leah Marie (Lasko) Trapl and Christian Witness was Jesse Helms, the brother of the father. The Patron Saint assigned to Alexander is our Holy Father Archbishop Alexander of Constantinople (Feast Day is August 30). May God to Alexander Holbrook, Peace, Health & Salvation for many happy and blessed years! Na Mnohaja I Blahaja L'ita!



2 WEEKS REMAINING TO FULFILL THE EASTER DUTY PRECEPT — All Christian Faithful are **OBLIGED (MANDATED)** to receive the Divine Eucharist when in danger of death **AND** during the Paschal (Easter) Period (Canon 708). In regards to the latter, this is traditionally known as the **EASTER DUTY**. When one is aware of Mortal (Deadly) Sin, a Sacramental Confession is necessary before receiving Holy Communion. Serious Sins are those fractures especially against the Ten Commandments and omissions of the 6 Precepts of the Church, but not limited to them. **If you have not attended to your Easter Duty Precept, the Sunday of All Saints (June 12) is the final day to take care of this important spiritual matter without incurring a serious omission of Church Law.**

Don't Forget to Wear GREEN Next Weekend — Pentecost Sunday
OUR PATRONAL FEAST!

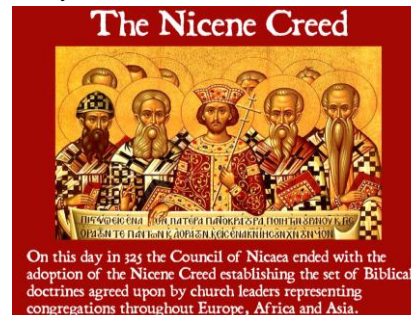
“Home of the Free BECAUSE of the Brave!”

THE SEVENTH PASCHAL SUNDAY

Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council

The Core of Our Common Faith *(first read John 17: 1-13)*

Today, we are commemorating the Fathers of The First Council of Nicea held in the year 325 AD. It is the first ecumenical council of the Catholic Church. *Most*

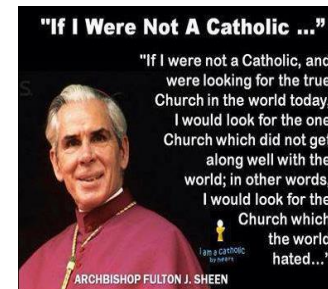


significantly, it resulted in the first, extra-biblical, uniform Christian doctrine, called the Nicene Creed. With the creation of the creed, a precedent was established for subsequent local and regional councils of Bishops (Synods) to create statements of belief and canons of the true faith — the intent being to define unity of essential beliefs for the whole of Christendom. The council did not create the doctrine of the deity of Christ but it did

settle, to some degree, the debate within the Early Christian communities regarding the divinity of Christ. This idea of the divinity of Christ, along with the idea of Christ as a messenger from God (The Father), had long existed in various parts of the Roman Empire. The divinity of Christ had also been widely endorsed by the Christian community in the otherwise pagan city of Rome. The council affirmed and defined what it believed to be the teachings of the Apostles regarding who Christ is: that Christ is the one true God in deity with the Father. Derived from Greek "ecumenical" meaning "worldwide or universal." One purpose of the council was to resolve disagreements arising from within the Church of Alexandria over the nature of the Son in relationship to the Father. Saints Alexander of Alexandria and Athanasius claimed that Christ is God and the popular presbyter Arius, from whom the term Arianism comes, denied this claim. The council decided against the Arians overwhelmingly. Of the estimated 318 attendees, all but two agreed to sign the creed and these two, along with Arius, were banished to Illyria. Another result of the council was an agreement on when to celebrate Easter, the most important feast of the ecclesiastical calendar.

Why we need the Catholic Church – In a Nutshell

1. We are made in God's image and likeness, meant for a deep, loving relationship with him. (Genesis 1:27); 2. Due to sin, we have broken this friendship with God. (Romans 6:23); 3. Jesus Christ, God's Son, became man, died on the cross, and rose from the grave for our salvation. (Philippians 2:7-10); 4. We are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, and through Jesus our relationship with God is restored. (Ephesians 2:8); 5. Through the Catholic Church which Jesus established while on earth, we have access to grace by Baptism and are nourished by the Eucharist and other sacraments. (Matthew 16:18-19); 6. Through these sacraments, the Holy Spirit changes us, perfects us, fulfills our every desire, ultimately bringing us to eternal beatitude in heaven. (Matthew 5:48).

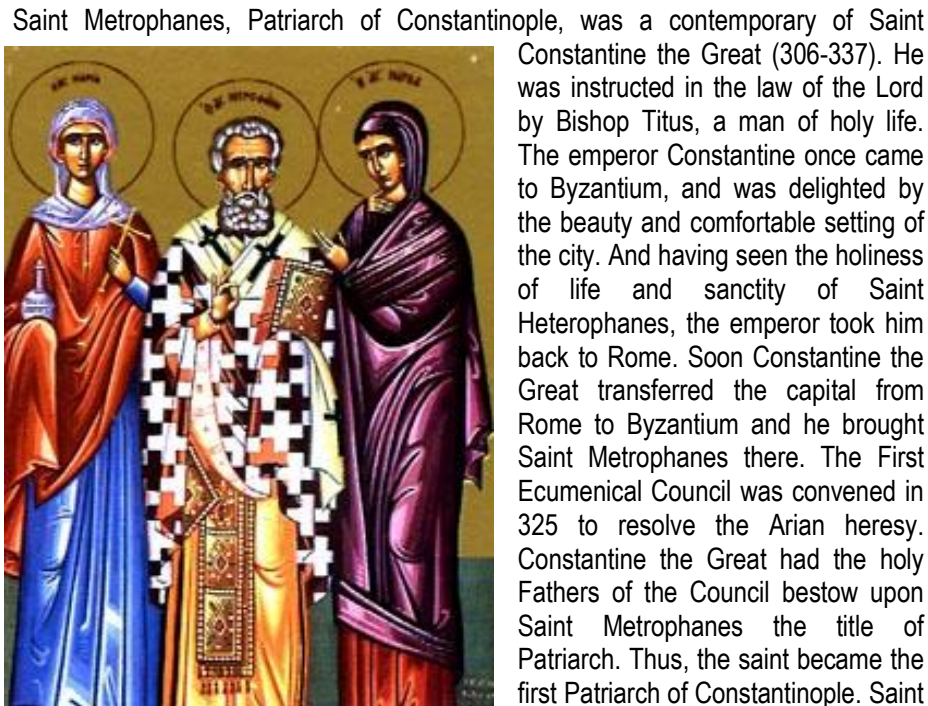


Calendar of Upcoming Events

May 30	Annual Memorial Day: Remember to pray for those who gave their lives for our Country.
June 3	Anticipated 5 th Universal All Souls Commemoration — (NS) 6:00 p.m.
June 4	5 th & Final Universal All Souls Saturday — (MR) 9:00 a.m.
June 5	Pentecost Sunday — Patron of our two Parishes.
June 6 ...	Pentecost Monday — Feast of the Most Holy Trinity — (MR) 9:00 a.m. & (NS) 6:00 p.m.
June 12	Sunday of All Saints — Final Day for fulfilling Easter (Paschal) Duty.
.....	(NS) PAC/FAC Meeting following the Divine Liturgy.
.....	GCU Lodge Meeting @ 2:00 p.m.
June 13	(MR) PAC/FAC Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

Saint of the Week

THE 1ST HOLY PATRIARCH METROPHANES OF CONSTANTINOPLE — June 4



Saint Metrophanes, Patriarch of Constantinople, was a contemporary of Saint Constantine the Great (306-337). He was instructed in the law of the Lord by Bishop Titus, a man of holy life. The emperor Constantine once came to Byzantium, and was delighted by the beauty and comfortable setting of the city. And having seen the holiness of life and sanctity of Saint Heterophanes, the emperor took him back to Rome. Soon Constantine the Great transferred the capital from Rome to Byzantium and he brought Saint Metrophanes there. The First Ecumenical Council was convened in 325 to resolve the Arian heresy. Constantine the Great had the holy Fathers of the Council bestow upon Saint Metrophanes the title of Patriarch. Thus, the saint became the first Patriarch of Constantinople. Saint

Metrophanes was very old, and was not able to be present at the Council. At the close of the Council the emperor and the holy Fathers visited with the ailing Patriarch. At the request of the emperor, the saint named a worthy successor to himself, Bishop Alexander. He foretold that Paul (at that time a Reader) would succeed to the patriarchal throne after Alexander. He also revealed to Patriarch Alexander of Alexandria that his successor would be the archdeacon Saint Athanasius. Saint Metrophanes reposed in the year 326, at age 117. His relics rest at Constantinople in a church dedicated to him.

General Announcements

MEMORIAL DAY DIVINE LITURGY LAST MONDAY OF MAY — Memorial Day is a United States federal holiday observed on the last Monday of May. Formerly known as *Decoration Day*, it commemorates U.S. soldiers who died while in the military service. Come and pray at the Divine Liturgy as we offer the Eucharistic Sacrifice for the souls of all who gave their lives in the service of our Country at 8:00 a.m. (MR).



PATRONAL PENTECOST LUNCHEON NEXT WEEK —

Our Patronal Feast Day Luncheon at the (MR) school hall is planned for next week — **Pentecost Sunday, June 5, 2022 @ 1:00 p.m.** We will be honoring our high school and college graduates at this time. All Members of both Holy Ghost Parishes of MR & NS are asked to put this day aside so as to glorify God the Holy Ghost (Spirit) during these green holy days! The event will be a luncheon. The cost: a free-will offering. There will be no tickets, but you **MUST** sign the sheets placed in the (MR) side vestibule; and the (NS) narthex by today.



GRADUATES REGISTER TO BE RECOGNIZED — Our Holy Ghost Churches would like to honor all of our High School and College/University Graduates on the



occasion of our Patronal Feast, **June 5**. All MR & NS graduates will be our guests and receive a gift from the parish congratulating them on their milestone achievement as they commence a new chapter in their lives. All graduates must phone or email the church office with the following information: (1) **University/College of Graduation**; (2) **Date of Graduation**; (3) **Graduating Degree**; (4)

Future plans and employment; and (4) **will you be attending the Recognition Luncheon**. Call the Church Office A.S.A.P. Deadline is today.

GCU NORTHWEST PITTSBURGH LODGE MEETING FORTHCOMING —



The quarterly meeting will be held **IN PERSON** on **Sunday, June 12, 2022 @ 2:00 p.m.** All members are expected to participate. We would like to have a count of all who will be attending. You may also participate via conference call by dialing 1 (605) 472-5351. Then type in the Access Code: 451303#. Please phone Steve Puluka @ (412)

897-4650, and let him know that you will be in attendance either in person or conference call.

THE "GLORIFIED-CROSS" CONTINUES TO BE DISPLAYED UNTIL PENTECOST SUNDAY — Throughout the entire Paschal Period, our Byzantine Catholic Church glorifies the triumphant Cross of Christ **So until Pentecost Sunday all of our Byzantine Crosses (even the ones you wear) should be turned in the reversed manner.** Thus, the bottom bar should look as though it's backwards!

