

Parish Offerings – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost — June 19, 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(\$1,709) YP (\$8)	\$1,717.00
Pentecost(\$125)All Saints (\$115)	240.00
Holy Days (\$100) Peter’s Pence (\$15)	115.00
Votive Candles	80.00
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	\$2,152.00

Holy Ghost Church, Northside

Regular Offering	\$743.00
Pentecost (\$15) All Saints (\$30) Holy Days (\$30)	75.00
Utilities (\$20) Improvements (\$15)	35.00
Peter’s Pence (\$10) Votive Candles (\$59.05)	69.05
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	\$922.05

Church Attendance Last Week

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

Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (76); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (30)

Nativity of St. John the Baptist — (MR) 9:00 am (8); (NS) 6:00 pm (9)



HOLY GHOST BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

**225 OLIVIA STREET
1437 SUPERIOR AVENUE**

**McKEES ROCKS, PA 15136
PITTSBURGH, PA 15212**

THE 3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

2nd & Final Sunday of the Petrine Fast

June 26, 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.
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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 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!

<p>Valerian F. Szal 238 Helen St., McKees Rocks, PA 15136 Phone: (412) 331-9713 Fax: (412) 331-6688 Michael P. Ferrell Supervisor, CFSP <i>Our Family Still Serving Yours Since 1953</i></p>	<p>HAPPY SUMMER!</p>	<p>DESIGNS BY NANCY 235 McCartney Drive, Moon Township 15108 Phone: (412) 262-9141 Nancde@aol.com</p> <p>Nancy C. Debranski <i>Sewing, Alterations, Custom Embroidery and Unique Gifts</i></p>
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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).

June 26, 2022

Seasonal Greeting

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



Liturgical Services for the Week

Date Time Intention Requested By

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

2nd & Final Sunday of the Petrine Fast

SUN., Jun 26 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Christina Michalim Husband: Wallace & Family
11:00 a.m. (NS) + William (Bill) Gogal (wed ann) Anonymous

21st anniversary of the Beatification of Bishop-Martyr Theodore G. Romzha

Mon, June 27 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Michael P. Harsh Helenea & Ed Conner

Final Day of the Petrine Fast

Tue, June 28 8:00 a.m. (MR) + John Gramata Eleanor Gramata & Son: George
(24th ann. of passing 6/29)

Great Vespers w/ Vigil Divine Liturgy of the Feasts of Saints Peter & Paul — Holy Day of Obligation

7:00 p.m. (MR) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes

Feast of the Holy Prime Apostles Peter and Paul

Holy Day of Obligation — Mirovanije

WED JUN 29 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Helen (Kuruc) Long (2nd ann of passing 6/28) Anonymous
6:00 p.m. (NS) + Agnes + Anthony Knoll Son: Bill

Synaxis of the Holy Twelve Apostles

Thrs, June 30 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Neve Mell Dgr: Regina

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



First Friday in reparation of sins against the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Fri, Jul 1 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Michael Sendro (3rd ann. of passing) Wife: Janet & Family

First Saturday of the month in reparation for blasphemies against the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Sat, Jul 2 9:00 a.m. (NS) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes

Sunday anticipated Divine Liturgy of the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

4:00 p.m. (MR) + Joseph Mitro (commemoration of 100th birthday) Family

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Annual Independence Weekend — 4th of July

SUN., Jul 3 9:00 a.m. (MR) + William Haffly Greg & Leonora Haffly
11:00 a.m. (NS) + Daniel J. Galida (birthday 7/5) Sister: Kathy Mullen

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: Jun 26 – Patricia Porter; Jun 29 – Patricia Kovacs; Jun 30 – Olivia Leasure, Nicholas Stilwell; Jul 1 – PAUL MITRO.

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

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.

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.
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, Dorothy Ann Karl, Mildred Terrek.
THE HAVEN AT NORTH HILLS (1 Windsor Way, Pittsburgh, PA 15237): DOLORES HUDANICK.
UPMC SHADYSIDE HOSPITAL (5230 Centre Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15232): Irene Bordas.

Public questions on Catholic spirituality, moral & spiritual problems

Q. Is it okay to date divorced men? I'm widowed and haven't begun dating yet. I'm in my mid-40s, and so most "single" men my age are divorced. I know, understand, and believe the Church's teaching on the indissolubility of marriage, and that leads me to question whether it would be moral to date a man who is divorced (unless his marriage was declared null by the Church). **A. Catholic apologist, Michelle Arnold:** If a divorced person does not have an annulment for his previous marriage, the Church presumes him to be married. Because you must presume him to be married unless and until he obtains an annulment, you should not pursue any kind of romantic relationship with those who are divorced and without annulments from the Church.

This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

June 26 — July 3, 2022

In memory of Michael Sendro (3rd ann of passing 7/1)

offered by Wife: Janet & Family

(NS): In memory of Mary Agnes Kress

All reserved for 2022 offered by Son: William & Kathryn Kress (NS) All reserved for 2022



General Announcements

McKees Rocks

GATHERING FOR THE CHURCH VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE TODAY — Two projects need attention and assistance at the Church. We ask that you meet in the Church Basement following the 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy for a short meeting. It will entail setting a time for: (1) Cleaning of the Library area which has needed a long-awaited overhaul; and (2) discuss the possibility of a Church Picnic. If you would like to join us, please be present.

North Side

SYMPATHY EXTENDED — The *Spirit of Truth* announces the passing of **Anna Marie (Pungras) Demianczyk, 88**, of Pittsburgh, PA, at Fair Oaks Assisted Living, Liberty Avenue, on Father's Day, June 19, 2022. She was married to the late +Theodore Demianczyk. Also, is survived by her children: Theodore III, Dawn Mark) Ringes, and Dana (Mike) Lacek and several grandchildren; also, by a Sister, Katherine Schadel. The Thomas P. Kunsak Funeral Home, California Avenue, handled the arrangements. The Funeral Divine Liturgy was offered Thursday, June 22rd @ 10:00 a.m. Interment followed at Highwood Cemetery, North Side. Our Parish extends its most sincere condolences to the Demianczyk and Pungras Families. In blessed repose, grant O Lord, eternal rest to your servant Anna Marie, and remember her forever! Vicnaja Jej Pamjat'!



SPECIAL PENTECOST TREAT — On the Patronal Feast of Pentecost, those in attendance received a special eatable treat at the mirovanije. Parishioner, Kathy Mullen, baked homemade dove cookies and distributed them. What a nice and tasty treat it was to mark the celebratory occasion. A special thank you is extended to Kathy for making our Patronal Feast special with her special gift. God bless you for your unselfish display of faith and love!



HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION THIS WEEK — This coming Tuesday and Wednesday, we will be celebrating the Feasts of Saints Peter & Paul. Please refer to the Liturgical page for the times and places. Please note that we are **REQUIRED** to attend the Divine Liturgy at this time. It is truly a day of grace for God's blessings!



As we come to the end of this penitential journey through the Petrine Fast (June 28), let us offer our intention of prayer for an increase of Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life and for all priests and monastics.

3rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Don't Be Anxious — Seek First His Kingship Over You!

(Matthew 6:22-34)

What does "serving two masters" and "anxiety" have in common? They both have the same root problem -- being divided within oneself. The root word for



"anxiety" literally means "being of two minds". An anxious person is often "tossed to and fro" and paralyzed by indecision. Fear of some bad outcome usually cripples those afflicted with anxiety. It's also the case with someone who wants to submit to God but also live according to the world's standards of success and fulfillment. Who is the master in charge of your life? Our "master" is that which governs our thought-life, shapes our ideals, controls the desires of the heart and the values we choose to live by. We can be ruled by many different things -- the love of money or possessions, the power of position, the glamour of wealth and prestige, the driving force of unruly passions and addictions.

Ultimately the choice boils down to two: God and "mammon". What is mammon? "Mammon" stands for "material wealth or possessions" or whatever tends to "control our appetites and desires". There is one Master alone who has the power to set us free from the slavery of sin and fear. That Master is the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus uses an illustration from nature — the birds and the flowers — to show how God provides for them in the natural order of his creation. How much more can we, as his children, rely upon God's providential care? God is utterly reliable. In the Lord's Prayer we are reminded that God is our provider when we pray: *Give us this day our daily bread*. What is bread, but the very staple of life and symbol of all that we need to live and grow. Anxiety is neither helpful nor necessary. It robs us of faith and confidence in God's help and it saps our energy for doing good. Jesus admonishes his followers to put away anxiety and preoccupation with material things and instead to seek first the things of God — his kingdom and righteousness. Anxiety robs the heart of trust in the mercy and goodness of God and in his loving care for us. God knows our needs even before we ask and he gives generously to those who trust in him. Who is your master -- God or mammon?

Calendar of Upcoming Events

June 28 Anticipated Holy Day of Obligation Vespers Divine Liturgy (MR) 7:00 p.m.
June 29 **Holy Day of Obligation:** Feast SS. Peter & Paul (MR) 9:00 a.m.; (NS) 6:00 p.m.
July 4 A special (MR) 9:00 a.m. Patriotic Divine Liturgy.
July 20 Simple Holy Day: Feast of the Holy Prophet Elijah — Blessing of Vehicles.
(MR) 9:00 a.m. & (NS) 6:00 p.m.
July 28 100th anniversary of GCU Byzantine Catholic Family Day, Kennywood Park.

Saints of the Week

Martyrs & Unmercenaries Cosmas & Damian — July 1

The Holy Martyrs, Wonderworkers and Unmercenary Physicians Cosmas and Damian were born at Rome, brothers by birth, and physicians by profession.



They suffered at Rome in the reign of the emperor Carinus (283-284). Brought up by their parents in the rules of piety, they led strict and chaste lives, and they were granted by God the gift of healing the sick. By their generosity and exceptional kindness to all, the brothers converted many to Christ. The brothers told the sick, "It is not by our own power that we treat you, but by the power of Christ, the true God. Believe in Him and be healed." Since they accepted no payment for their treatment of the infirm, the holy brothers were called "unmercenary physicians." Their life of active service and their great spiritual influence on

the people around them led many into the Church, attracting the attention of the Roman authorities. Soldiers were sent after the brothers. Hearing about this, local Christians convinced Saints Cosmas and Damian to hide for a while until they could help them escape. Unable to find the brothers, the soldiers arrested instead other Christians of the area where the saints lived. Saints Cosmas and Damian then came out of hiding and surrendered to the soldiers, asking them to release those who had been arrested because of them. At Rome, the saints were imprisoned and put on trial. Before the Roman emperor and the judge, they openly professed their faith in Christ God, Who had come into the world to save mankind and redeem the world from sin, and they resolutely refused to offer sacrifice to the pagan gods. They said, "We have done evil to no one, we are not involved with the magic or sorcery of which you accuse us. We treat the infirm by the power of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and we take no payment for rendering aid to the sick, because our Lord commanded His disciples, "Freely have you received, freely give" (Mt. 10: 8). Thus, these holy brothers, the Unmercenary Physicians Cosmas and Damian, ended their earthly journey as martyrs. Although they had devoted their lives to the Christian service of their neighbors, and had escaped the Roman sword and prison, they were treacherously murdered by their teacher.

General Announcements

REGISTER FOR A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE — The Archeparchy wishes to honor those who are celebrating their 10, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70 etc. anniversary of marriage this year. This celebration continues to be extended on a new format. It will take place on **Sunday, September 11, 2022 @ 3:00 p.m. at St. Elias Church, Munhall.** If you are observing one of the above milestones, *please contact the Church office if you plan or DO NOT plan to attend!* All specially marked anniversaries submitted will be published in a September issue of the *SOT*. *The final day of registration is next Sunday, July 24.*



KENNYWOOD PARK: BYZANTINE CATHOLIC FAMILY DAY — The 100th Annual GCU & Byzantine Catholic Family Day will be celebrated on Thursday, July 28, 2022. GCU is offering prepaid discounted tickets to members, parishioners and guests. FunDay Tickets (ages 4-64): \$25.00; Senior FunDay Tickets (ages 65+): \$22.00; Catered Lunch (ages 11+): \$17.00; Junior Catered Lunch (ages 3-10): \$10.00. Lunch includes: Chicken Tenders (w/sauce), charbroiled hot dogs, mac-n-cheese, fresh fruit salad, assorted potato chips and cookies. *Deadline for these discounted tickets is JULY 11.* Details at www.GCUusa.com. Order tickets online with a debit or credit card. You may also call 1 (800) 722-4428 ext. 3927 or email: mkullen@GCUusa.com. Local GCU Northwest Pittsburgh Lodge or Churches will not be handling tickets. Gates open at 11:00 a.m. until close. Come join in the fun and set the day aside.



SUMMER IS NOT A TIME TO VACATION FROM WORSHIPPING GOD — Now that Summer is here many will be vacationing. Please remember to keep the worship of God in your plans. The first Precept of the Church is to participate in the Divine Liturgy on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. *This does not exclude vacation time!* The place to worship God is at the Divine Liturgy. He is most kind and merciful, sustaining and gifting us in all that we have and need. *A voluntarily absence without serious reason makes one guilty of mortal sin, and unable to approach Holy Communion until the sinful neglect is confessed in the Holy Mystery of Reconciliation.* If you know that where you are traveling that there is no Catholic Church, please inform the Pastor so that a dispensation may be considered. *You can download an app on your cell phone called "Mass Times" and find the*



GCU NORTHWEST PITTSBURGH LODGE CONTINUE TO LEND A HELPING HAND TO 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.** Further information of needed items will be forthcoming. 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!

