

Parish Offerings – 4th Sunday after Pentecost — July 3, 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(\$3,129.50) YP (\$5)	\$3,134.50
Holy Days (\$591) YP (\$3)	594.00
Peter’s Pence (\$100) B.C.W. (\$28)	128.00
Votive Candles	202.00
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	\$4,058.50

Holy Ghost Church, Northside

Regular Offering	\$633.50
Holy Days	45.00
Utilities (\$20) Improvements (\$60)	80.00
Votive Candles	57.00
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	\$815.50

Church Attendance Last Week

Sat., 4:00 p.m. (37)

Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (54); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (23)

Independence Day — Mon, July 4 — (MR) 9:00 am (12)



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THE 5th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 10, 2022



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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!

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).

July 10, 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
5th Sunday after Pentecost			
SUN., Jul 10	9:00 a.m. (MR)	+ Frank Mazur Dawna, Christopher & Michael Becketi (12 th ann. of passing 7/9)	
	11:00 a.m. (NS)	+ Martha Jupinko	Marlene Pfeiffer
Mon, Jul 11	8:00 a.m. (MR)	+ Health & Welfare of Michael Muska	Joseph A. Cehula, T.O. Carm.
Tue, Jul 12	8:00 a.m. (MR)	+ Emory Holowatch	Anne Myers
Wed Jul 13	8:00 a.m. (MR)	+ Michele (Terrek) Chiavetta	Cousin: Kurt Perschy
Thrs, Jul 14	8:00 a.m. (MR)	+ Mary + Charles Kundrat	Theresa Kundrat

Commemoration of Holy Vladimir the Great, Equal to the Apostles

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

Fri, Jul 15	 8:00 a.m. (MR)	+ Anna Swayka	MaryEllen & John Oslick
Sat, Jul 16	9:00 a.m. (NS)	For the Parishioners of Both Parishes	



Sunday anticipated Divine Liturgy of the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

4:00 p.m. (MR) + Amelia M. Sotak

Josephine DeSanto

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Fathers of the first Six Ecumenical Councils

Feast of the Bishop-Martyr Paul P. Gojdich, O.S.B.M.

SUN., Jul 17	9:00 a.m. (MR)	+ Joyce Buchko (9 th ann. of passing 7/9)	Sister: Peggy McCusker
	11:00 a.m. (NS)	+ Michael Sotak, Jr. (birthday 7/19)	Wife: Jane

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: Jul 9 – DEACON MICHAEL MEADERS; Jul 10 – Albert Kovacs, Jr.; Jul 11 – Dolores Kosko; Jul 12 – Michael S. Muska; Jul 13 – Michael Maslaney.

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

HOME: Margaret Beliuinas, 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 HERITAGE PLACE (5701 Phillips Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15217): : Irene Bordas.

Public questions on Catholic spirituality, moral & spiritual problems

Q. How can I be less hypocritical? I know what Jesus says and what I believe but I often go against these beliefs. **A. Answer by Catholic Answers:** So, does almost everyone in the world. SS. Peter & Paul and every saint in history (with the exception of Mary), struggle with this very problem (Rom 7:15-25). Here are some practical tips that will help you in this struggle: (1) Knowledge is power. If you know your faith, you will know more about how to fight the devil and the temptation to sin (1Peter 5:8-9; CCC 409); (2) Read the lives of the saints. These men and women have been where you are now, and their heroic example will inspire you (Phil 4:9); (3) Live a sacramental life. Attend the Divine Liturgy more than just on Sunday & Holy Days, pray the rosary, and go to Confession frequently, especially if you have sinned seriously (Heb 10:25; 1 Thess 5:17; CCC 1127, 1129). And (4) In prayer ask Jesus for guidance (Mt 7:7)

This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

July 10 — July 16, 2022

(MR): **In memory of Mike J. Sotak** (birthday 7/9)

offered by Dgtr: Elaine Cassidy

(NS): **In memory of Elizabeth & Michael Seman**

All reserved for 2022

offered by Dgtr: Velma

(NS) All reserved for 2022



General Announcements

McKees Rocks

OUR BYZAN-TEEN YOUTH GROUP WHO ATTEND YOUTH RALLY — Our (MR) Holy Ghost BYZAN-TEENS who represented our parish at this year's Youth Rally in



Emmitsburg, MD: (L-R): St. Aquilina Ministers: **Nina Lecci & Laura Saber**, Altar Servers: **Thomas Rubish & Paul Rubish**. The chaperone and photographer was **Paul Rubish**, and chaperone (not pictured) was our own **Seminarian Luke Iyengar**. We are grateful for their participation and representation. Paul wrote: *"The teens participated in all of the vespers, matins, prayers, and liturgies. I was especially proud of how hard they worked packaging over 14,000 meals for the needy for the service project Friday afternoon. They listened to numerous guest speakers, one of them being Super Bowl Champion Matt Birk, who was a center for the Baltimore Ravens. He*

gave every teen an autographed copy of his book "All-Pro Wisdom. They also enjoyed the sports and crafts along with making new friends from across the country. The Teens said they are looking forward to the next rally in San Diego, June 27-30, 2024." They extend their gratitude to all of you who sponsored them with their various money-projects!

CHURCH VOLUNTEERS CONTINUE TO CLEAN CHURCH LIBRARY THIS WEEK —

A heart-felt thank you is extended to all our volunteers who arrived to clean the library area this past Wednesday. Three quarters of the work has been completed! There still remains the additional quarter. Once again, we will gather on **Wednesday, July 13, 2022 @ 9:00 a.m. Please join us to complete this work.**

TIME TO "RENDER TO CAESAR WHAT IS CAESER'S" — We received our annual taxes this past week. Although the Church is not taxed, the Rectory is certainly taxed. This is what we had to render to Ceaser: (1) ALLEGHENY COUNTY — \$415.66; (2) BOROUGH OF McKEES ROCKS — \$826.04; and (3) STO-ROX SCHOOL DISTRICT — @,313.35. Total Taxes: \$3,555.05

North Side

TIME TO "RENDER TO CAESAR WHAT IS CAESER'S" — We received our final third quarter taxes this past week. Although the Church is not taxed, the Rectory is certainly taxed. This is how it was divided: (1) CITY OF PITTSBURGH — \$439.55; (2) LIBRARY — \$13.63; (3) PITTSBURGH SCHOOL DISTRICT — @,558.99; and (4) PARKS — \$27.26. Total Taxes — \$1,039.43



FORMER PASTOR EXPRESSES GRATITUDE — Monsignor Peter Tay, retired priest of our Archeparchy, and former pastor, wishes to thank each of you for your cards and pledges of prayers as he celebrated his 97th birthday on July 7! It is greatly appreciated! God Bless you!

5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Demons in today's Holy Gospel — Read Matthew 8:28-9:1

St. John Chrysostom says about this account, *"Look at what the demons did when they were cast out of the men."* They entered into the swine, and caused the swine to run violently



down to their own death. St. John says that is what the demons want to do to each one of us. They want to cause us to run violently down to our death. He says, *"Do not be deceived. You have many foes. Just because you can't see them with your natural eyes does not mean they are not there. Just because you are not aware of them every second of every day does not mean they do not follow you around, because they do. They huddle around you."* What they seek is to enter you so that they may cause you to rush violently to your own death. This is the nature of our

spiritual struggle. In 1 Peter 5:8, St. Peter says that our adversary the devil "walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour." If we are going to fight the spiritual war, if we are going to live out this Christian life, then we must be aware every second of every day that the demons are there, and that they are looking for just one opening, just one second when we are not paying attention, one look that is not carefully guarded, one movement of anger, jealousy, or envy in our heart. The demons look for opportunities to destroy us. The demons never take a day off. But very often those thoughts are suggestions of the evil one. Satan and the demons are very skillful at suggesting thoughts to us and then leaving so quickly that we don't see that it was the demons that placed those thoughts in our head. They're very skillful at lining up all the facts to prove the thought. We beat Satan and the demons with the name of Jesus. It's a wonderful image of Satan and the demons in this Gospel passage, where the demons flex their muscles and scream at Jesus, "What have we to do with You?" The name of Jesus is more powerful than any demon. The name of Jesus strikes fear into the heart of Satan and all his minions. That is why the name of Jesus is to be on our lips with every breath. If we center our thoughts on the name of Jesus, then Satan will not get us with any other thoughts. That's why the Fathers say that we descend with our mind into our heart, and we guard our mind with our heart, because the name of Jesus is our protection: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner." When Jesus says, "Go," the demons flee.

The Devil has not Full Power

"Among the angelic powers the chief of the terrestrial order, the one to whom God had entrusted the task of looking after the earth, was not evil by nature, he had not received any trace of evil from his Creator. He was good. However, he did not maintain the light and the honor that God had given him. By a deliberate act of his own free will he rebelled against the Creator. He turned his face away from goodness and fell into evil. Evil is in fact merely the absence of good, as darkness is the absence of light. A host of angels placed under his command followed him in the fall. Despite their angelic nature, they also freely plunged from goodness down to evil and became wicked. The devils cannot do anything against us without God's permission. But with God's permission they are powerful. All wickedness, all the passions are inspired by them but listen: God allows them to suggest sin to a person, but they cannot force him to do it. We ourselves are responsible for accepting or rejecting their seductive suggestions." --- By St. John Damascene - *The True Faith*, 2, 4 (PG94,873ff.)



Calendar of Upcoming Events

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
August 1-14 Commencement of the Saviorial Fast.
August 5 Anticipated Transfiguration DL w/ the blessing of fruits & grapes (NS) 6:00 p.m.
August 6 Transfiguration DL w/ the blessing of fruits and grapes (MR) @ 9:00 a.m.
August 18 Tentative Announcement: Archieparchial Altar Server & Pirate Game Outing.

Saints of the Week — July 12

THE HOLY MARTYRS PROCLUS & HILARION

The Holy Martyrs Proclus and Hilarion were natives of the village of Kallippi, near



Ancyra, and they suffered during the time of a persecution under the emperor Trajan (98-117). Saint Proclus was put under arrest first. Brought before the governor Maximus, he fearlessly confessed his faith in Christ. The governor decided to compel the saint to submit himself to the emperor and offer sacrifice to the pagan gods. During his tortures, the martyr predicted to Maximus that soon he himself would be compelled to confess Christ as the true God. They forced the martyr to run after the chariot of the governor, heading towards the village Kallippi. Exhausted, Saint Proclus prayed that the Lord would halt the chariot. By the power of God, the chariot halted, and no force could move it from the spot. The dignitary sitting in it became petrified. The martyr told him that he would remain unmoving until such

time as he would sign a document with a confession of Christ. Only after this could the chariot continue on its way with the governor. The humiliated pagan took fierce revenge on Saint Proclus. He commanded that Proclus be led out beyond the city, tied to a pillar and shot with arrows. The soldiers, leading Saint Proclus to execution, told him to give in and save his life, but the saint said that they should follow their orders. Along the way to the place of execution, they met Hilarion, the nephew of Saint Proclus, who with tears embraced his uncle and also confessed himself a Christian. The soldiers seized him, and he was thrown into prison. The holy Martyr Proclus prayed for his tormentors and surrendered his soul to God beneath a hail of arrows. Saint Hilarion was brought to trial and, with the same courage as Saint Proclus, confessed himself a Christian. After tortures he was sentenced to death. They tied the martyr's hands and dragged him by his feet through the city, wounded and bloody, and then they beheaded him three days after the death of his uncle, the holy Martyr Proclus. Christians buried them together in a single grave.

General Announcements

CONTINUED REGISTRATION 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 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 tomorrow 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.



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 July 31.** Needed items are listed on a sheet in the narthex/side vestibule or you may, phone Tina (412) 859-9597. Let's help our afflicted veterans and their families by supporting our GCU Lodge in this collection!

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 Sunday 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."*

