

Parish Offerings – 19th Sunday after Pentecost — October 16, 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 (\$1,538) YP (\$10)	\$1,548.00
Holy Days	96.00
Votive Candles (\$110) Collection for the Poor (\$429)	539.00
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	\$2,088.00

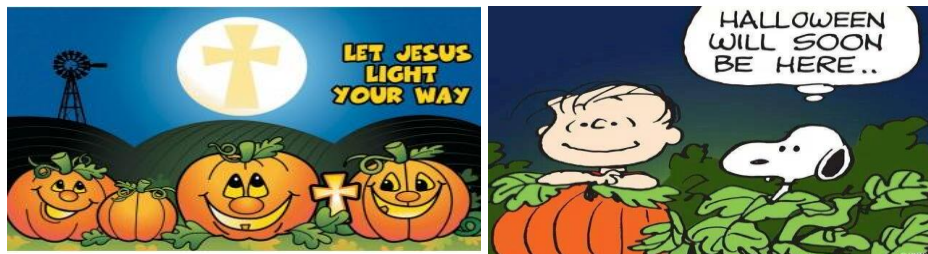
Holy Ghost Church, Northside

Regular Offering	\$645.00
Holy Days	10.00
Church Improvement (\$20) Utilities (\$20)	40.00
Votive Candles (\$102.25) Collection for the Poor (\$180)	282.25
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	\$977.25

Church Attendance Last Week

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

Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (73); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (24)



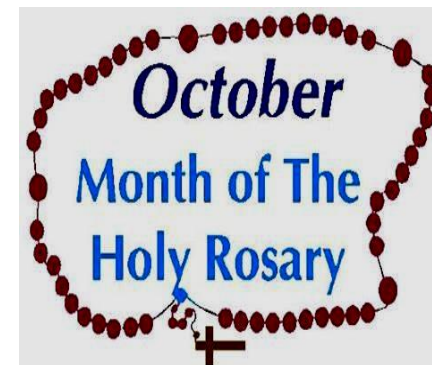
HOLY GHOST BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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THE 20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Respect Life Month — October 23, 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!



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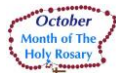
THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH

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).

October 23, 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

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Feast of the Holy Apostle James, Relative of the Lord

	SUN, Oct 23	9:00 a.m. (MR) + Joe Babin	Wife: Gerry
		(14 th ann of passing)	
		11:00 a.m. (NS) + David Bubalo	Sister: Mary Ann & Steve Puluka
		(40 th day of passing 10/22)	
Mon, Oct 24	8:00 a.m. (MR)	Health & Welfare (Birthday 10/21)	Husband: David of Lisa Simko
Tue, Oct 25	8:00 a.m. (MR)	+ Jean + Leo Howitz	Br. Regis, O.F.M.
		The Holy Great-Martyr Demetrius	
Wed, Oct 26	8:00 a.m. (MR)	+ Judith + Emory Holowatch	Anne Myers
Thrs, Oct 27	8:00 a.m. (MR)	Health & Welfare	Joseph A. Cehula, T.O. Carm. of Peter Kacsur

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

	Fri, Oct 28	8:00 a.m. (MR) . + Mary Supack	Niece: Martha & Bob Maletz
		*** 6:00 p.m. (MR) Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary	
Sat, Oct 29	9:00 a.m. (NS))	+ John Hrivnak (birthday)	Nephew: Fr. Firko

Sunday anticipated Divine Liturgy of the 21st Sunday after Pentecost — Sunday of Christ the King

4:00 p.m. (MR) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes



21st Sunday after Pentecost Sunday of Christ the King

SUN, Oct 30	9:00 a.m. (MR)	Forgotten Souls in Purgatory	Joseph A. Cehula, T.O. Carm.
	11:00 a.m. (NS)	+ Theodore Demianczyk	Wife: + Anna Marie
	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: Oct 24 — Anastasia Bedard, Theresa Kundrat; Oct 25 – Gregory Stilwell, Emma Joy Usouski; Oct 28 – Dolores Boros.

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

HOME: Margaret Beliunas, Florence Charochak, GEORGE FECIK, DEACON MICHAEL MEADERS, NANCY GOGAL, Ilona Goyda, TAMARA HARDING, Beverly Harsh, 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.

UPMC SHADYSIDE HOSPITAL (5230 Centre Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15232): Irene Bordas.

Public questions on Catholic spirituality, moral & spiritual problems

Q. Could the Church ever change its position and allow homosexuals to marry? **A. Catholic Answers Apologist:** The answer to both questions is no. The reason homosexual acts are wrong is they are contrary to natural design. For various reasons, both inside and outside of their control, some people have desires that are not in accord with nature. When these desires are acted upon, the result is an unnatural and immoral act. Even if two homosexuals were "married," they would still be having unnatural sex. The Church cannot change its teaching on marriage, which is grounded in natural law. Under natural law a man can marry only whom he was designed to marry: a woman. He cannot validly marry another man any more than he could an animal or a plant. Any attempted marriage between a man and another man would be invalid by definition. It might be recognized by the state as a legitimate marriage, but it would not be so before God. This is a difficult teaching to hear for one struggling with homosexual desires, but it is the truth. To get help, consider contacting Courage, a nationwide Catholic organization set up to help homosexuals lead chaste lives. Their Web address of is: <http://couragerc.net>.

This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

October 23 — October 22, 2022

(MR): **In memory of Joe Babin**

offered by Wife: Gerry

(NS): **In memory of Agnes Knoll** (5th ann of passing 10/13)

(MR) Available for 2023

offered by Dgtr: Leslie O'Donnell

(NS) Available for 2023

General Announcements

McKees Rocks



MINOR ORDERS CONFERRED ON SEMINARIAN & DEACON CANDIDATES — Last Saturday, October 15, 2022 @ 10:00 a.m. at St. John the Baptist Cathedral, Munhall, Archbishop Skurla conferred in the minor order of Subdiaconate & Reader. Parish Vocation, **Luke Iyengar (L)** was raised to the Subdiaconate and vested with a Dalmatic & Crossed Orarion that he will wear when serving in the sanctuary. Also, our new parish vocation **Nathaniel Tapsak (R)** received the Order of Reader. Our parish extends its most sincere congratulation to Luke & Nate as they advance in their studies and spiritual formation to the Holy Priesthood. May God grant them many happy and blessed years! Na Mnohaja I Blahaja L'ita!

VOLUNTEER MEETING FOLLOWING TODAY'S DIVINE LITURGY — An important meeting will follow Sunday morning's Divine Liturgy to discuss the Social following next Sunday's Moleben for our 4 saintly bishops. Also, will be discussed will be our upcoming Pirohi Project.

UPCOMING PARISH ADVISORY/FINANCIAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING — A PAC/FAC Meeting will be conducted this Monday, October 24, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m. All appointed members are encouraged to be in attendance. Please mark your calendar.



YOU ARE INVITED TO GCU MEETING — See what's new with your GCU Northwest Pittsburgh Lodge and learn more about its Financial Programs and Financial Products. You may bring a friend to the meeting on Sunday, November 6, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. in the School Gym. There will be food & drinks and FREE door prizes including 8 gift cards, a computer tablet and a 50 inch television. RSVP to Steve Puluka: (412) 897-4650 or Tina (412) 859-9597 by this Friday, October 21. Please bring a can good for our food drive and also a friend.



North Side

BAKELESS BAKE SALE & 50/50 RAFFLE FOR HALLOWEEN — We are launching these two social activities in time for Halloween including a Bakeless Bake Sale. All the income will be matched by the GCU Northwest Pittsburgh Lodge through the main GCU Office. Tickets will be available at the weekend Divine Liturgy. If you wish to contribute to the Bakeless Bake Sale, place your donation in a white envelope with your name, envelope number, and amount. Both the Raffle and Bakeless Bake Sale will terminate on **Sunday, October 30**. The proceeds will be applied to our *Tower Bell Project*.



Meditation on today's Gospel

The Rich Man & Lazarus — A Lesson of Mercy

Luke 16:19-31

A parable is a story intended to convey a spiritual truth. The story doesn't have to be about real people or even real situations (such as a camel passing through the eye of a needle). But to achieve its teaching goal, a parable must be striking and memorable, so that as the story is retold and remembered, the spiritual truth is reinforced again and again. The hearers must be able to imagine the situation. Many scholars believe that Jesus is drawing upon a popular Jewish folk tale that had roots in Egypt about a rich man and poor man whose lots after death are completely reversed. The story doesn't have to be true in all its particulars, but the popular mind can relate to its stereotyped characters – rich man, poor man, and Father Abraham. You've probably heard dozens of pointed jokes that began with popular mythology (loosely based on selected scriptures) that included the pearly gates



(Revelation 21:21) and St. Peter who holds the keys to the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 16:19). Lawyers, especially, don't do well in genre of jokes. You don't stop the joke teller because his portrayal is inadequate, or leaves out the great white throne judgment (Revelation 20:11). You accept the semi-mythical props of the story and listen for the punch line. No, Jesus isn't trying to make a joke here – the subject is deadly serious. Nor do I think Jesus is trying to teach his disciples the details of the after-life in this parable. I believe he is using a popular story genre to make a spiritual point. **Wealth without active mercy for the poor is great wickedness.** If we close our eyes to the truth we are given, then we are doomed. In the context, Jesus is condemning the Pharisees for their love of money but lack of mercy for the poor.

October Respect-Life Month

4th WEEK INTENTION OF REPECT LIFE MONTH:

Prayer for the Poor, Homeless and Abandoned



Lord, make us worthy to serve our fellow men throughout the world that live and die in poverty and hunger. Give them through our hands this day their daily bread, and by our understanding love, give them peace and joy. In this may Your Name be blessed and glorified, Father, Son (+) and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

Join us for the final October Friday in praying the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary for world peace on Fridays in October @ 6:00 p.m.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

October 24 (MR) PAC/FAC Meeting in Church Office @ 7:00 p.m.
October 30 Sunday of Christ the King.
 Annual Moleben for our 4 saintly bishops. @ 3:00 p.m.
November 6 GCU Northwest Pittsburgh Lodge meeting @ 2:00 p.m. in gym.
 Eastern Standard Time Resumes: Clocks FALL BACK one hour.
November 8	Feast of Synaxis of St. Michael & All Angels — (MR) @ 9:00 am; (NS) 6:00 pm
 General Election Day — Defend the most vulnerable: cast your Pro-Life Vote.
November 15 Commencement of the Philippiian (Filippova) Fast.
November 20	..Philippiian Fast Moleben: St. Gregory Church, Upper St. Clair, PA @ 3:00 p.m.

Saint of the Week

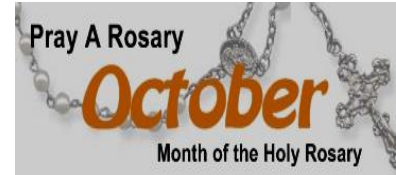
The Holy & Glorious Demetrius of Thessalonica October 26

The Holy Great Martyr Demetrius of Thessalonica was the son of a Roman proconsul in Thessalonica. Three centuries had elapsed and Roman paganism, spiritually shattered and defeated by the multitude of martyrs and confessors of the Savior, intensified its persecutions. The parents of St Demetrius were secretly Christians, and he was baptized and raised in the Christian Faith in a secret church in his father's home. By the time Demetrius had reached maturity and his father had died, the emperor Galerius Maximian had ascended the throne (305). Maximian, confidant in Demetrius' education as well as his administrative and military abilities, appointed him to his father's position as proconsul of the Thessalonica district. The main tasks of this young commander were to defend the city from barbarians and to eradicate Christianity. The emperor's policy regarding Christians was expressed simply, "Put to death anyone who calls on the name of Christ." The emperor did not suspect that by appointing Demetrius he had provided a way for him to lead many people to Christ. Accepting the appointment, Demetrius returned to Thessalonica and immediately confessed and glorified our Lord Jesus Christ. Instead of persecuting and executing Christians, **he began to teach the Christian Faith openly to the inhabitants of the city and to overthrow pagan customs and idolatry.** The compiler of his Life, St Simeon Metaphrastes, says that because of his teaching zeal he became "a second Apostle Paul" for Thessalonica, particularly since "the Apostle to the Gentiles" once founded at this city the first community of believers (1 Thess. and 2 Thess.). The Lord also destined St Demetrius to follow the holy Apostle Paul as a martyr..." He began to pray and fast, preparing himself for martyrdom. When the emperor came into the city, he summoned **Demetrius, who boldly confessed himself a Christian and denounced the falsehood and futility of Roman polytheism.** Maximian gave orders to lock up the confessor in prison. At dawn on **October 26, 306** soldiers appeared in the saint's underground prison and ran him through with lances. The body of the holy Great Martyr Demetrius was cast out for wild animals to devour, but the Christians took it and secretly buried it in the earth.



General Announcements

MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY — We are honoring Our Blessed Mother in this special Rosary according to our Byzantine-Ruthenian (Rusyn) tradition which we have been praying **each Friday throughout the month @ 6:00 p.m.** at our Parish in McKees Rocks. This will be the final October Friday. This sacred devotion has been a part of our Church since its



founding over 100 years ago which our Founders and Benefactors brought with them from Carpathian Homeland. Come and join us as we pray together honoring and petitioning the Holy Theotokos.

RESERVATIONS FOR DL & SANCTUARY LAMPS — Divine Liturgy and Sanctuary Lamp reservation dates are now being taken on a first come, first serve basis. Due to a high demand of both areas only two weekends of each will be accepted. When the demand subsides, you will be able to reserve additional weekend dates. Place your intention and \$10.00 stipend (per candle/DL) in a regular white envelope with requested date(s) and place it in the collection basket. You may reserve unlimited weekday DL's! Please take care of this matter quickly to acquire your special dates.



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, October 30, 2022 @ 3:00 p.m.** For the past 37 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 beatification of the Servant of God 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. 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.**



PRO-LIFE PRAYER AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD THIS WEEK — The Byzantine Catholic Archieparchial Pro-Life Office is inviting you for the *Fall 40 Days for life* vigil on **Thursday, October 27, 2022 from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.** Coordinator, Deacon Paul Boboige said that **"we will pray the Moleben for the Defense of Life at 1:00 p.m.** Parking is limited so please leave enough of time to "run around the block" to locate a parking place. Please spread the word among your friends to join us.

