

Parish Offerings – 21st Sunday after Pentecost — October 30, 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 (\$1,771) YP (\$18)	\$1,789.00
Collection for the Poor	40.00
Votive Candles	126.00
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	\$1,955.00

Holy Ghost Church, Northside

Regular Offering	\$735.00
Holy Days (\$10) Thanksgiving (\$5)	15.00
Church Improvement (\$10) Utilities (\$10)	20.00
Votive Candles (\$48.42) Archdiocesan Charities (\$5)	53.42
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	\$828.42

Church Attendance Last Week

Sat., 4:00 p.m. (22)

Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (78); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (24)

Archieparchial Moleben for the 4 Sainly Bishops — (MR) 3:00 p.m. (54)



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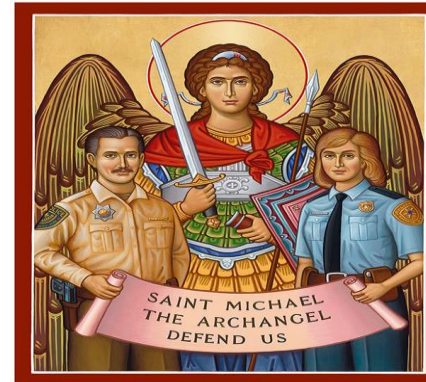
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THE 22nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 6, 2022



Catholics of the Ruthenian – Byzantine Rite in full communion with the Pope of Rome

The Very Reverend Father Frank A. Firko
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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).

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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

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Daylight Savings Times Ends — Clocks FALL BACK 1 hour

 SUN, Nov 6	9:00 a.m. (MR) + Timothy Kacsur	Kulka & Wickline Families
	11:00 a.m. (NS) + Peter P. Smoley	Sister: Mary Ann Smoley
Mon, Nov 7	8:00 a.m. (MR) + Mary + John Matichko	Son: John & Karen

Synaxis Feast of the Holy Angelic Commander Michael the Archangel & all the Heavenly Incorporeal Powers (Solemn)

Tue, Nov 8	9:00 a.m. (MR) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes	
	6:00 p.m. (NS) + Helen S. (birthday) + Stanley Lubinski	Anonymous
Wed, Nov 9	8:00 a.m. (MR) + Fr. Ronald P. Larko	Kurt Perschy
		(1st ann of passing 10/31)
Thrs, Nov 10	8:00 a.m. (MR) Thanksgiving	Ljiljana & Timothy Firko
	 (32 nd ann Wedding Anniversary)	

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

Fri, Nov 11	8:00 a.m. (MR) + Eleanor Kulka (birthday)	Children: Kathy & John.
Sat, Nov 12	9:00 a.m. (NS) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes	

Sunday anticipated Divine Liturgy of the 23 rd Sunday after Pentecost		
	4:00 p.m. (MR) Health & Welfare	Dgtrs: Monica & Christine
		of Mildred Terrek (Birthday 119)

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

SUN, Nov 13	9:00 a.m. (MR) + Mike J. Sotak	Dgtr: Elaine M. Cassidy
		(32 nd ann of passing 11/14)
	11:00 a.m. (NS) Health & Welfare of Katherine Schadel	Sister: + Anna Demianczyk

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 6 — Barbara Stecko; Nov 7 — Mark Saber; Nov 8 — Nancy (Shanta) Wauthier; Nov 9 — Tina Burns; JOHN HELMS, Mildred Terrek.

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

HOME: Margaret Beliuinas, Florence Charochak, GEORGE FECIK, DEACON MICHAEL MEADERS, 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. How does one become a saint? A. Catholic Answers Apologist: One becomes a saint by doing the will of God, which is another way of saying loving God above everything else (Mt. 10:32-33, 22:37-40) This includes living a sacramental life, practicing the virtues, especially humility, and daily prayer. A sacramental life should include frequent Divine Liturgy (at least on Sunday, if not a few times each week) and frequent confession (perhaps once a month and immediately after serious sin). A virtuous life includes striving for perfection in faith, hope and charity (1 Cor. 13:13, Rom. 15:13). Faith is believing in things not fully seen (Heb. 11:1); hope is trusting in the promises of Our Lord Jesus (Heb. 3:5-6; and charity is the act of loving God and others (1 John 4:7-8). Continual striving for perfection in these areas, along with a sacramental life, will put you on the course to sainthood. You may also consider meeting regularly with a spiritual director who will get to know you, your personality, strength and struggles. Your spiritual director will then be able to offer better and more specific recommendations on how you can strengthen your walk with Jesus.

This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

Nov 6 — Nov 12, 2022

(MR): In memory of Eleanor & John Kulka

offered by Children: Kathy & John

(NS): In memory of Anna & Anthony Zanis & Patricia & Robert

(MR) Available for 2023 offered by Marge & Tiny Lautenschlager (NS) Available for 2023



General Announcements

McKees Rocks

PIROHI PROJECT WILL RESUME PRIOR TO CHRISTMAS — We made it through our first Pirohi Sales this past Friday. *Here are the remaining Friday sales dates: Nov. 11, 18, Dec. 2, 9 & 16 (no sales on the Friday following Thanksgiving).* 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: (412) 331-5155. If you are able to place advertising posters, please take a few by the Church entrances. It will be greatly appreciated!*



BYZAN-TEEN YOUTH GROUP BAKE SALE TODAY IN CHURCH BASEMENT — Our Youth Group will be starting up their Bake Sale to collect money for their next Youth Rally on the west coast in two years. Please support their cause at the Nov. 6th sale in the Church Basement along with our first of the month Donut and Coffee social.

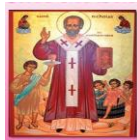


North Side

BANNS OF MARRIAGE II — This is the first announcement of the upcoming marriage of **Thomas Curtis Pfeuffer (Holy Trinity Church, Steubenville Pike)** and **Larisa Katherine Bodnarchuk (Holy Ghost Church)** on Saturday, November 19, 2022. If anyone knows why these individuals cannot contract marriage, please notify the rectory office and ask to speak to the pastor.

LAST WEEK RAFFLE WINNERS — First of all Thank You immensely for supporting our 50/50 and Certificate Card Raffle following the Divine Liturgy. The winner of the 50/50 Drawing was Theresa Hrishenko of Holy Ghost Church, McKees Rocks for half of the winning of \$220.00. We are grateful to her for donating her winnings back to the church. God bless you Theresa! The Certificate Card Drawing took in \$513.00. The winner was Alice Slagle of Holy Ghost Church. The combination of these two drawings and donation totaled \$953.00 which will be matched by the GCU. We are also combining it with the Bakeless Bake Sale. The total will appear in next week's S.O.T. A big Thank You goes out to Mary Frances and Edward Spontak, Sr. for spear-heading this project virtually each week between the two parishes. God bless you for this sacrifice!

ARCHIEPARICHAL ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION — The 65th Annual St. Nicholas Celebration will take place at the Cathedral and Cathedral Center on **Sunday, December 4, 2022 with a Moleben to St. Nicholas @ 3:00 p.m.; Social @ 4:00 p.m. and Dinner @ 6:00 p.m..** 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 Monday, November 21.* Also, for those unable to attend the Moleben-Dinner, each parish has been given 17 tickets to sell. Please purchase a \$10.00 PA Lottery Ticket for the Pick 3 Evening Drawing on Dec. 6th.



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.



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. For additional information contact Elaine Kurtanich (412) 370-9092. Once again, we are grateful to her for leading this project.

Take a non-partisan PRO-LIFE Voting Guide with you to the polls this Tuesday. They are located in the Narthex of both Churches, and the Side Vestibule in McKees Rocks. Let us speak up for the most vulnerable people awaiting to be born, and for our Catholic Faith.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

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 Philippian (Filippova) Fast.
November 20	..Philippian Fast Moleben: St. Gregory Church, Upper St. Clair, PA @ 3:00 p.m.
November 21	.. Solemn HD: Entrance into the Temple of Theotokos (MR) @ 9:00 a.m; (NS) 6:00 p.m
November 24 Annual Thanksgiving Day — (MR) Divine Liturgy @ 9:00 a.m.
November 27 Decorating the (MR) Church for Christmas following the Divine Liturgy.
November 27 Decorating the (NS) Church for Christmas following the Divine Liturgy.

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 be attentive! Let us stand aright! Let us stand in awe!" 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 who reign in 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.

**Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God of Hosts, Heaven
& earth are filled with Your Glory!**

General Announcements

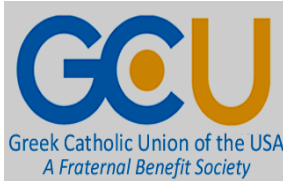
CONDOLENCES TO THE PETRO FAMILY & ARCHEPARCHY — Archpriest John G. Petro, a retired priest of the Byzantine Catholic Archeparchy of Pittsburgh, passed away suddenly of heart failure on October 29, 2022 at St. Clair Hospital, Upper St. Clair, PA. On September 29, 1968 Bishop Stephen J. Kocisko ordained him to the priesthood at his home parish of St. Michael the Archangel in Canonsburg. Among many pastoral assignments, he was appointed rector of the Byzantine Catholic Seminary in 1995. Earlier this year on St. Thomas Sunday, Father John celebrated his final Divine Liturgy at St. Stephen Byzantine Catholic Church, North Huntingdon, PA, and immediately transitioned to a quiet life in retirement near his hometown of Canonsburg. On October 29, 2022, he departed from this earthly life and forever be asleep in the Lord. Family and friends will be received at St. John Cathedral, 210 Greentree Road, Munhall, PA, 15120, on Wednesday, November 9 from 2-4 and 6-8 PM. The priestly Parastas memorial service will be celebrated at 7 PM. The Funeral Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at the Cathedral on Thursday, November 10, at 10 AM by Metropolitan Archbishop William C. Skurla. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Byzantine Catholic Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA or Sisters of St. Basil the Great, Uniontown, PA. Arrangements entrusted to the SAVOLSKIS-WASIK-GLENN FUNERAL HOME, INC., 3501 Main Street, Munhall, PA 15120. Eternal memory and blessed repose, Archpriest John George Petro, Vicnaja Jemu Pamjat'.



GRATITUDE EXTENDED — A special thank you is extend to all our parishioners and friends who brought special cookies, etc. for the fellowship that followed last Sunday's Moleben for the Beatification and Canonization our four saintly bishops. We especially thank our church volunteers and all who served the fellowship in the Church Basement. To all who worked in setting up and decorated the tables, and for all who have prayerfully attended the liturgical service — **A BIG THANK YOU** for all your sacrifices. May God Bless You!!!



GCU NORTHWEST PITTSBURGH LODGE MEETING TODAY —The final meeting will be today **Sunday, November 6, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. and will be 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. For those of you who have registered, please remember to bring a can good for our food drive.



Don't for get to pray for the departed souls, especially of our family members!