

**Parish Offerings – Sunday of All Saints — May 26, 2024**

“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**

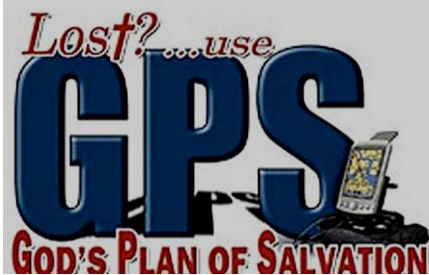
Regular Offering (\$90) YP (\$7) .....	\$97.00
All Saints (\$1,291) Pentecost (\$785) YP (\$10) .....	2,086.00
Holy Days .....	75.00
Votive Candles .....	116.00
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	\$2,374.00

**Holy Ghost Church, North Side**

All Saints (\$574.90) YP (\$1) .....	\$575.90
Holy Days .....	5.00
Utilities (\$65) Improvement (\$25) .....	90.00
Votive Candles .....	69.00

**Church Attendance Last Week \$739.90**

Memorial Day Weekend — (MR) Sat., 4:00 p.m. (22)  
Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (52); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (23)



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for  
Vocations**

**HOLY GHOST BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
225 OLIVIA STREET  
1437 SUPERIOR AVENUE  
McKEES ROCKS, PA 15136  
PITTSBURGH, PA 15212

**THE 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**1st Sunday of the Petrine Fast — June 2, 2024**



Priestly Ordination of Deacon Nathaniel J. Tapsak this afternoon at 3:00 p.m.

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](http://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.
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Holy Day Divine Liturgies w/Great Vespers (Oblig) (MR): 7:00 pm Holy Day (MR) 9:00 am; (NS) 6:00 pm
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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 Lodge 390: (MR) Contact Tina Burns (412) 859-9597 for membership requirements.

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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**Many Years Fr. Nathaniel!**

# THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH

With unity of faith let us celebrate a solemn feast of those who from the ages have found grace before God. Let us remember all the Saints: the Patriarchs, Prophets, and Apostles of Christ, the Martyrs, and Ascetics of all ages. They intercede unceasingly for the peace of the world and for the salvation of our souls! (Great Vespers of All Saints)

June 2, 2024

Seasonal Greeting:

Volume XIV Number 22



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



## Liturgical Services for the Week

Date Time Intention Requested By


### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Petrine Fast

SUN, Jun 2 9:00 a.m. (MR) Thanksgiving Peggy & Chuck McCusker  
(45<sup>th</sup> wedding ann. 5/5)

11:00 a.m. (NS) + Mary Farabaugh (birthday 6/4) Dgr: Marianne


3:00 p.m. (MR) Hierarchical Divine Liturgy of Ordination to Priesthood of Nathaniel J. Tapsak

Mon, Jun 3 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Elizabeth Mross Rita Timulak  
(9<sup>th</sup> ann of passing 5/27) 

Annual Clergy Days at St. John the Baptist Cathedral, Munhall, PA

Tue, Jun 4 \*\*\* 7:30 a.m. (MR) + Mike Palahunik Sherri & Jeff Walewski  
(5<sup>th</sup> ann of passing)


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

Wed, Jun 5  8:00 a.m. (MR) Health & Welfare Husband: Albert  
of Christine Barnash (birthday)

Thrs, June 6 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Alexander F. Perschy (birthday) Son: Kurt

Commemoration of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Lover of Mankind

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

Fri, Jun 7  8:00 a.m. (MR) Nuptial Divine Liturgy of  
of Cody Patterson and April Krovoniak

Commemoration of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Sat, June 8 9:00 a.m. (NS) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes

2:00 p.m. (MR) Nuptial Marriage Ceremony of Cody Patterson & April Krivoniak

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Sunday anticipated Divine Liturgy of the Third Sunday after Pentecost

4:00 p.m. (MR) + Mildred + Michael Tomchak Son: Mike, Leyte & Mike

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Petrine Fast

SUN, Jun 9 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Margaret Kurtanich (20<sup>th</sup> ann of pass 6/12) Children

11:00 a.m. (NS) + Olga Senchyshyn (birthday 6/15) Dgr: Joan

## 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

Jun 2 – Catherine Chomko, Brian Cybator; Jun 5 – Christine Barnash, Nancy Sedon; Jun 7 – Peter Kacsur.

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

HOME: Margaret Beliuнас, Florence Charochak, DEACON MICHAEL MEADERS, Ilona Goyda, TAMARA HARDING, Bernice Herrick, Steve Kosko, Albert Kovacs, Sr., Kathe Kress, William Kress, Julia Kutchmark, ARLENE LATTA, KIRK LATTA, Nancy Lecci, Frank Lipchick, BETTY LORINC, Irene Muha, JOHN NEWPORT, Kurt Perschy, MARLENE PFEIFFER, Betty Spisak, Anita Wolsko.

HIGHLAND PARK CARE CENTER (745 North Highland Ave., Pgh, PA 15206): Linda Reiger.

VETERANS HOSPITAL (1010 Delafield St., Pittsburgh, PA 15215): JOHN VEREB.

THE RESIDENCE AT WILLOW LANE (30 Heckel Rd., McKees Rocks, PA 15136): Helen Best, Margaret Cifruk, Mildred Terrek.

FORBES REGIONAL HOSPITAL (2570 Haymaker Rd., Monroeville, PA 15146): Nancy (Shanta) Wurthier.

GREENTREE REHAB CENTER (1848 Greentree Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15220): Diane Bell.

TAPESTRY SENIOR LIVING (550 Cherrington Parkway, Moon Township, PA 15108): Eliz. Poznak

### Public questions on Catholic spirituality, moral & spiritual problems

Q. Did Pope Francis change the Our Father? A. Answer by Catholic Answers: As of now there are no changes planned for the Our Father. What Pope Francis was referring to was not changing the prayer itself but changing how we translate the prayer in certain languages. Pope Francis was speaking of the words "lead us not into temptation." The Holy Father was merely pointing out that some people mistakenly think that this means it is God who tempts us to sin. In French, the translation of that line had been changed to "let me not fall into temptation," and the Pope was saying that, in his opinion, this is a much better translation than the traditional one. How to translate this line from the Our Father has varied and some have used "do not subject us not to the final test" or "do not bring us to the time of trial." If the translation changed, the prayer itself would not really be changed.



### This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

Jun 2 — Jun 8, 2024



(MR): Health, Welfare & Thanksgiving of Christine Barnash  
offered by Husband: Albert

(NS): Health & Welfare of Otče Duchovny

(MR) None available 2024

offered by Velma Seman

(NS) None available 2024

# General Announcements

## McKees Rocks & North Side

**ANNOUNCING A WEDDING THIS WEEK** — This coming **Saturday, June 8, 2024** the Nuptial Marriage Ceremony of **Cody Patterson (NC) and April Krivoniak (Holy Ghost Church)** will be celebrated at 2:00 p.m. If anyone knows why this couple cannot contract marriage, please inform the Pastor A.S.A.P.



**GIFT OF MARY GRAETFULLY RESPOND** — *Hello from Gift of Mary! Thank you so much for the Huge donation! I want you to understand how much your donation is going to help us to restore the dignity of poor homeless women in Pittsburgh. Two or three times a day, sometimes, more, we encounter women whose hair is tangled, who are covered with dirt, even under their fingernails, whose clothes are torn. These external things are just the aspects of their material poverty. Oftentimes, their spiritual poverty is greater. Many of them are alone, abandoned by their families and hopeless. We meet them, we invite them in. We help them to shower. We brush and braid their hair. We paint their nails, do their makeup and, most importantly, we talk to them like they are real human beings. Sometimes it is very difficult for these women to accept our help, but we reassure them that we love taking care of them. By the time they leave our care, they know they are loved and they look cared for. The MANY items you donated to us will help us teach these women that they are loved, they are good, they are holy, they are Children of God. Thank you so much and God Bless You!* In Jesus, Brookelynn and the Gift of Mary Team



**FOR THE FINAL MONTH OF MAY: ADDITIONAL FRESH FLOWERS FOR THE HOLY THEOTOKOS** — This is the fifth consecutive week that an anonymous donor has been sending flowers to be placed at the feet of our Blessed Mother located on the iconostasis. We are grateful to whoever you are for this noble expression of love for the Holy Virgin whom we especially extol during this month of May. May she be comforted seeing the expression of your heart.



**PARISH & FINANCIAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETINGS FORTHCOMING** — members of the PAC/FAC are reminded of our June meetings on **(NS) Sunday, June 9, 2024 following the Divine Liturgy in Church; and (MR) Monday, June 10, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m. in the Church office** The agenda will include our E.C.F. review of the school year, upcoming Parish July 21 Picnic, etc. Members, please place this date on your agenda.

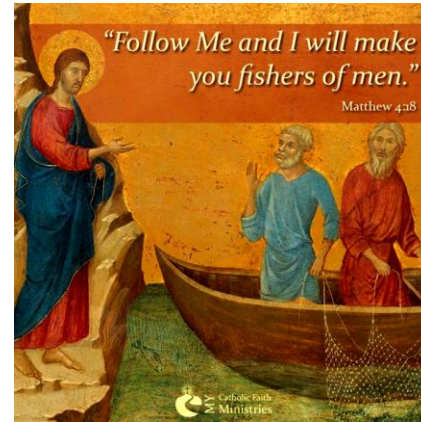
**McKEES ROCKS BRIDGE AND ROAD CONSTRUCTION** — Coming to (MR) Holy Ghost Church is going to be challenging as work continues on the bridge. Both the up ramp going to Route 65, and the down ramp (on the other side) coming to Helen Street have been closed while construction takes place. Reports indicate that this will not be completed until July. Access to the Church from the MR side of the bridge, you will have to travel along River Road near the MR Plaza. From Bellevue to get on the bridge, the down ramp from to Helen Street is open. Departing the Church, the up ramp to Island Avenue is open. All traffic must turn left. If you are travelling to Route 65, you will have to make a turnaround at Speedway Gas Station and then to get on the bridge. Sorry for the inconvenience! Please do not allow this to deter you from making your way to the Church. Also, for those attending the Daily Divine Liturgy, please arrive no later than ten minutes after the hour. The side door is then locked. No worries if this happens. You can approach the rectory office, and then will be let into the Church.



# 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Come, follow me!** (Matthew 4:18-23)

The second Sunday after Pentecost shows us the practical application of the great call to renunciation formulated by Jesus in the gospel for the first Sunday. The gospel read today at the Divine Liturgy tells of the calling of the first apostles. On the shore of Lake Galilee, Jesus sees Simon and Andrew fishing. He says to them: 'Follow me'. He wants to make them fishers of men. 'And they straightway left their nets, and followed him'. Further on Jesus meets James and John, also fishermen, in the company of their father, Zebedee. Jesus calls them. 'They immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him.' The new disciples abandoned their nets and their ships: Jesus sometimes asks us to renounce our profession, our instruments of work, whatever we possess. But some sons, at the call of Jesus, abandon their father too: sometimes he wants us to abandon family affections, human friendships, created love. This is not a purely negative attitude. Jesus' call has a very positive aspect: one must follow the Master. But the first apostles could not have followed the Master if they had not first of all left their ships, and their nets, and their father. And what have I abandoned in order to follow Jesus? What does he want me to leave?



## Special Commemoration this Week

### THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

On the Third Friday following Holy Pentecost, the Byzantine-Ruthenian Catholic Church has always commemorated the *Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (Prazdnik Najsvjatijisaho Serdca Isusa)*. On this day, the Church renders a special tribute to our Lord Jesus Christ as **THE LOVER OF MANKIND**. A person's heart is a symbol of love. Just as God loves us, we are to ask to beseech His grace to increase our love for God and neighbor. The founders and benefactors of our Churches have always had a special love for the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Every home had an image hanging on their walls. During the month of June, the Church exhorts us to honor the Lord Jesus because of His unending love for all. Join us on this festive day honoring Our Lord Jesus.



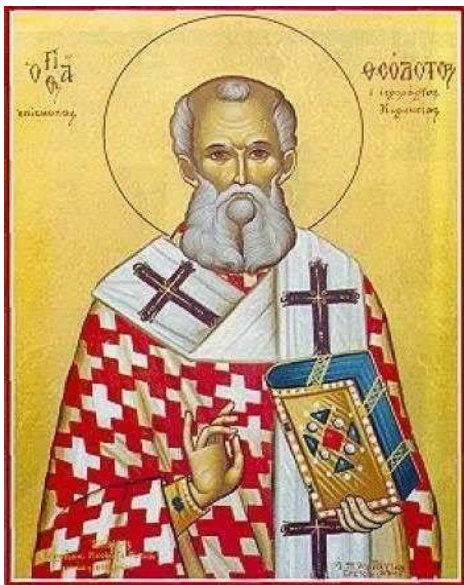
## Calendar of Upcoming Events

June 2	.....	Ordination to Priesthood of Deacon Tapsak at MR-HGC @ 3:00 p.m.
June 3-4	.....	Annual Clergy Days at the Cathedral.
June 9	.....	(NS) PAC/FAC Meeting following the Divine Liturgy.
June 10	.....	(MR) PAC/FAC Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
June 14	.....	Annual Flag Day Ceremony @ 6:45 p.m.
June 16	.....	Annual Father's Day
June 24	.....	Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist (MR) @ 9:00 a.m.; (NS) @ 6:00 p.m.
June 28	.....	<b>Divine Liturgy of SS. Peter &amp; Paul — (NS) 6:00 p.m.</b>
June 29	.....	<b>Holy Day of Obligation: Feast SS. Peter &amp; Paul (MR) 9:00 a.m.</b>

### Saint of the Week — June 7

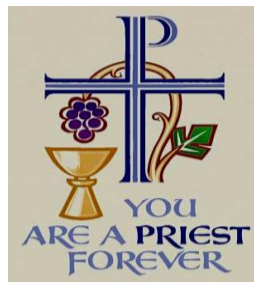
#### Bishop-Martyr Theodotus of Cyrenia, Cyprus

The Hieromartyr Theodotus, a native of Galatia in Asia Minor, was Bishop of Cyrenia in Cyprus. During a time of persecution against Christians under the impious emperor Licinius (311-324), Saint Theodotus openly preached Christ, calling on the pagans to abandon idolatry and turn to the true God. Sabinus, the governor of Cyprus, ordered that Bishop Theodotus be arrested and brought to trial. When he heard about this order, the saint did not wait for the soldiers to be sent after him, but immediately went to the governor saying, *"I, whom you seek, am here. I have shown myself in order to preach Christ my God."* The governor ordered that the saint be beaten without mercy, suspended from a tree, raked with sharp implements, and then be taken to prison. Five days later Saint Theodotus was brought to the governor, who presumed that after his tortures the bishop would prefer to renounce Christ, rather than endure new sufferings. However, **Saint Theodotus did not cease to preach about Christ.** At first they put the saint on an iron grate, under which they lit a fire, and then hammered nails into his feet and let him go. Many witnessed the sufferings of the martyr. Astonished at the saint's endurance and his divinely-inspired speech, they came to believe in Christ. Learning of this, Sabinus gave orders to stop the torture and throw the saint into prison. During the reign of Saint Constantine the Great (May 21), the freedom to confess their faith was given to all Christians, and among those set free from prison was Saint Theodotus. The saint returned to Cyrenia and after two years serving as bishop he peacefully fell asleep in the Lord in about the year 326.



## General Announcements

**ORDINATION TO PRIESTHOOD TODAY** — This afternoon at 3:00 p.m., Deacon Nathaniel J. Tapsak will be ordained to the Priesthood by the laying on of the hands of Metropolitan Archbishop William J. Skurla. We welcome the Archbishop to our Parish for this auspicious occasion. Our Parish is honored to have this ordination since our holy patron, God the Holy Spirit will come upon the ordinand and indelibly mark him as a priest forever. It will be the commencement of soon to be, Fr. Nathaniel's new vocation in life to lead others to Christ. Congratulation's Fr. Nathaniel and may God grant you many blessed year's years! Na Mnohaja I Blahaja L'ita!



### THE COMPASSION OF THE THEOTOKOS

A traditional and optional remembrance of the Most Holy Virgin's role focusing on her presence at the foot of the Cross is celebrated on the Third Saturday after Holy Pentecost. Her title as the *COMPASSIONATE MOTHER* focuses on the suffering she endured at the crucifixion scene. It was a true and abiding love that moved Mary to willing share in her Divine Son's sufferings which He endured for all mankind. We are called to imitate her love as we see Jesus in the person of our neighbor and be with them in their sufferings.



**ANNUAL PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION** — The History of the Peter's Pence Collection derives its name from an ancient custom. In ninth-century England. King Alfred the Great collected money, a "pence," from landowners as financial support for the Pope. Today, the Peter's Pence Collection supports the Pope's philanthropy by giving the Holy Father the means to provide emergency assistance to those in need because of natural disaster, war, oppression, and disease. In his address of March 20, 2013, Pope Francis spoke of our responsibility before the world and creation. *"There is much that we can do to benefit the poor, the needy and those who suffer, and to favor justice, promote reconciliation and build peace,"* he said. The Peter's Pence Collection unites us in solidarity to the Holy See and its works of charity to those in need. Your generosity allows the Pope to respond to our suffering brothers and sisters.



**SAVE THE DATE: PARISH PICNIC SLATED FOR JULY**— Although details will follow in a later edition of the SOT, you are asked to set aside, **Sunday, July 21** for our parish picnic. It will be held once again in the Robinson Township Picnic Grove off Cleaver Road. Please plan to join us as a member of our parish family.

