

**Parish Offerings – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost — June 9, 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**

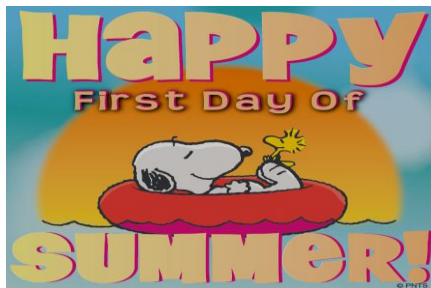
Regular Offering (\$2,221) YP (\$11) .....	\$2,232.00
All Saints (\$20) Peter’s Pence (\$30) .....	50.00
Holy Days .....	25.00
Votive Candles .....	179.50
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	\$2,486.50

**Holy Ghost Church, North Side**

Regular Offering (\$749) YP (\$2) .....	\$751.00
All Saints (\$10) Pentecost (\$11) Holy Days (\$10) .....	31.00
Utilities (\$20) Improvement (\$40) .....	60.00
Votive Candles .....	110.50

**Church Attendance Last Week \$952.50**

(MR) Sat., 4:00 p.m. (20)  
Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (60); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (35)




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**THE 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**3rd Sunday of the Petrine Fast — June 16, 2024**



**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 Father David A. Bosnich**

**Assistant Pastor (NS), Assigned to Chancery**

**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.	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: Subdeacon Luke Iyengar (412) 863-3285.

Carpatho-Rusyn Radio: Internet Sunday afternoon: [Rusyn.fm](http://Rusyn.fm) at 3:30 pm. Archive: [c-rsmedia.org](http://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 will.*

# 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 16, 2024

Seasonal Greeting:

Volume XIV Number 24



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



## Liturgical Services for the Week

Date Time Intention Requested By

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Petrine Fast — Annual Father's Day

SUN, Jun 16 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Anna + George Skalyo (Wed Ann 5/28) Dgtr: Joyce & Jim  
11:00 a.m. (NS) For all the Deceased Fathers of Both Parishes


Mon, Jun 17 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Irene + John Bordas Dgtr: Karen & Frank Grzywinski

Tue, Jun 18 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Michael Sotak Wife/Dtgr-in-law: Jane R. Sotak  
+ Mary + Michael Sotak



**The Holy & Glorious Apostle, Jude**


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

Wed, Jun 19  8:00 a.m. (MR) + Anna Marie Demianczyk Dgtr: Dawn Ringes  
(2<sup>nd</sup> ann of passing)

**First Day of Summer at 4:51 p.m.**

Thrs, June 20 8:00 a.m. (MR) + James Lautenschlager Wife: Margaret  
(1<sup>st</sup> ann of passing 6/18)

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

Fri, Jun 21  8:00 a.m. (MR) + Myrona + William Duggan Theresa Kundrat

Sat, June 22 9:00 a.m. (NS) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes

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Sunday anticipated Divine Liturgy of the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

4:00 p.m. (MR) + Ann + John Marks H. Jonathan Osso

### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Petrine Fast

SUN, Jun 23 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Forgotten Souls in Purgatory Joseph A. Cehula, T.O. Carn  
11:00 a.m. (NS) + George Hudanick, Sr. (3<sup>rd</sup> ann. of passing. 6/8) Wife: + Dolores & Family

## 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 16 – Karen Stebbins; Jun 18 – Sandra Rosko; Jun 19 – Eric Ruud.

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

**HOME:** Margaret Beliuonas, 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, 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 Cifrulak, 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

**ALLEGHENY GENERAL HOSPITAL** (320 E. North St., PGH, PA 15212) MARLENE PFEIFFER

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

**Q.** How long before the Divine Liturgy should we abstain from eating? **A.** **Answer by Catholic Answers:** The Church requires that we abstain from eating for one hour before receiving the Eucharist (CCC 1387). Technically, you could eat something before a longer Divine Liturgy and still receive the Eucharist, as long as communion time was an hour after you ate. The point of the Eucharistic Fast is to prepare us to receive Jesus with greater yearning. Fasting prior to the Divine Liturgy is the appropriate way to prepare ourselves for receiving Jesus. It just doesn't seem right to have a chocolate doughnut or a cheeseburger in our stomachs just a few minutes before we receive the Creator of the universe. Also, you should refrain from chewing gum.



### This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

**June 16 — June 22, 2024**

(MR): **In memory of Irene & John Bordas**

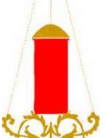
offered by Dgtr: Karen & Frank Grzywinski & Family

(NS): **In memory of Anthony & Agnes Knoll**

(MR) None available 2024

offered by Dgtr: Leslie O'Donnell

(NS) None available 2024



# General Announcements

## McKees Rocks

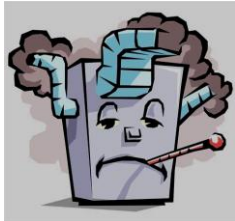


**UNITED IN HOLY MATRIMONY** — A Nuptial (Marriage) Ceremony was celebrated Saturday afternoon, June 8, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at (MR) Holy Ghost Church for **Cody Patterson and April Krivoniak (MR-Holy Ghost Church)**. Our parish family extends to Cody and April it's most sincere congratulations and prayerful best wishes as they begin their new life together as husband and wife. Their honeymoon will take place in Ireland. May God grant them peace, health and salvation for many happy and blessed years! Na Mnohaja I Blahaja L'ita!

**SUMMARY OF THE LAST PAC-FAC MEETING** — At the Meeting on Monday, **June 10**, members of the Parish Advisory & Financial Council met with our pastor. Highlights discussed: (1) Repair of the Air Conditioning unit on the gym roof. Although repairs to the 3 condensers had been made, we are awaiting the invoice.; (2) Repair of the Convent Boiler Unit that has water leaking. Likewise, it has been repaired, the invoice has not arrived; (3) Annual Church Picnic is scheduled for **Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Clever Park** in Robinson Township; and (4) Metropolitan Province to observe its centenary celebration in Washington D.C. Tentative plans of a train trip and one night hotel stay with Saturday activities (to be announced later).



**INVOICES REGARDING ABOVE RECENTLY ARRIVE** — The following invoices for work on the Gym A/C unit and Convent Boiler arrived tis past Tuesday: (1) three of the four Gym A/C/ were beyond repair and had to be replaced. It seems that the 3-phase box originally installed on the outside of the building several decades ago had not been connected properly and only now caused the damage. Gravener Heating A/C, LLC had to temporarily reconnect the internal wiring system. AA new phase box will have to be replaced next summer. The good news is that the Compressors were still under warranty, but the bad news is that the labor cost to install the new units with several workmen totaled \$4,534.70. The Pirohi Fund will subsidize the cost. We are extremely grateful for this sacrificial of all our Pirohi Workers.; (2) Replaced the Convent Steam Boiler System QEM Water cut off and water fill relay control was mounted sealed, wired and tested. Also, replaced the steam relief valve. Also, sealed, MOUNTED AND TESTED PRESSURE Checked overall cycle and confirmed valve operation. The Church is taking care of the cost totaling: \$1,537.84.



## North Side

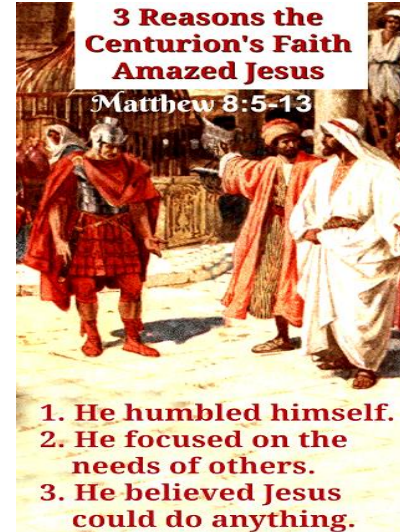
**SUMMARY OF THE LAST PAC-FAC MEETING** — At the Meeting following last week's Sunday's Divine Liturgy the following were discussed: (1) Replacing of a new church roof due to its frequent leaking and antiquity. A donor has set aside funds for this project in memoriam; (2) A new priest resident has been assign to take up residence in our parish rectory. Fr. David A. Bosnich (cf. article) will be an assistant to our HGC-NS, and has been named as the assistant chancellor at the chancery office.



# 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**The Centurion Teaches Us to Believe!** — (Matthew 8:5-13)

This centurion was a heathen, a Roman soldier. Though he was a soldier, yet he was a godly man. No man's calling or place will be an excuse for unbelief and sin. See how he states his servant's case. *We should concern ourselves for the souls of our children and servants, who are spiritually sick, who feel not spiritual evils, who know not that which is spiritually good; and we should bring them to Christ by faith and prayers.* Observe his self-abasement. Humble souls are made humbler by Christ's gracious dealings with them. Observe his great faith. The more diffident we are of ourselves; the stronger will be our confidence in Christ. Herein the centurion owns him to have Divine power, and a full command of all the creatures and powers of nature, as a master over his servants. Such servants we all should be to God; we must go and come, according to the directions of his word and the disposals of



his providence. But when the Son of man comes he finds little faith, therefore he finds little fruit. An outward profession may cause us to be called children of the kingdom; but if we rest in that, and have nothing else to show, we shall be cast out. The servant got a cure of his disease, and the master got the approval of his faith. What was said to him, is said to all, Believe, and you will receive; only believe. See the power of Christ, and the power of faith. The healing of our souls is at once the effect and evidence of our interest in the blood of Christ.

## Who Were Roman Centurions?

In ancient Rome the "centurion" meant "captain of 100", and the Roman centurion was captain over 100-foot soldiers in a legion. The Army of Rome consisted of three types of soldiers: The Praetorian Guard (Caesar's bodyguard), The Legionaries (infantry soldiers and officers made up of citizens), and The Auxiliaries (non-citizen troops). The centurion was loyal and courageous, beginning as a soldier in the army and working their way up the ranks. They were noticed by the general for their skill and courage in battle, and were made officers. The number of centurions in a legion was 60, that being at all epochs the number of centuries, although the number varied in the cohort. **The ordinary duties of the centurion were to drill his men, inspect their arms, food and clothing, and to command them in the camp and in the field.** Centurions were sometimes employed on detached service the conditions of which in the provinces are somewhat obscure. Men like Cornelius and Julius (Acts 10:1; 27:1) may have been separated from the legion to which they properly belonged for the discharge of special duties. They and other centurions mentioned in the Gospels and the Acts (Mt 8:5; Mk 15:39, 44, 45; Lk 23:47) are represented by the sacred writers.



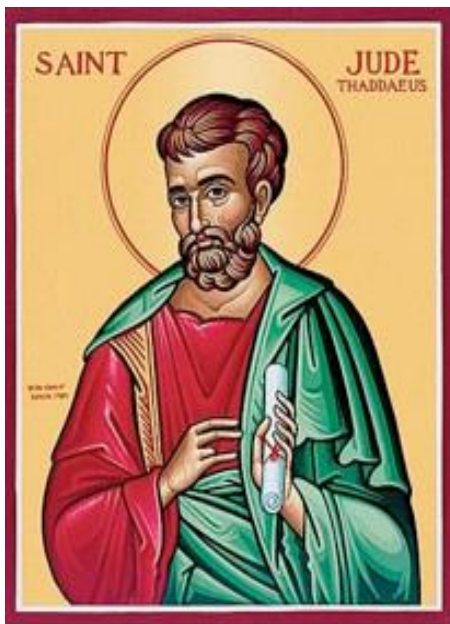
## Calendar of Upcoming Events

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>
July 8 .....	Archieparchial Altar Server Faith & Fun Days Pirates vs. Mets @ 12:35 p.m.
July 19 .....	HGC-NS @ 6:00 pm - Anticipated Feast of the Holy O.T. Prophet Elijah — Blessing of Vehicles.
July 20 ...	HGC-MR @ 9:00 am - Feast of the Holy O.T. Prophet Elijah — Blessing of Vehicles
July 21 .....	Annual Church Picnic at Clever Park, Robinson from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. Signup.

## Saint of the Week

### Apostle Jude Thaddeus — June 19

The Holy Apostle Jude also had other names: the Evangelist Matthew



terms him “Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddeus” (Mt. 10:3). The Holy Evangelist Mark also calls him Thaddeus (Mark 3:18), and in the Acts of the Holy Apostles he is called Barsabas (Acts 15: 22). This was customary at that time. After the Ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ, St Jude traveled about preaching the Gospel. He propagated the faith in Christ at first in Judea, Galilee, Samaria and Idumea, and later in the lands of Arabia, Syria and Mesopotamia. Finally, he went to the city of Edessa. Here he finished the work that was not completed by his predecessor, St Thaddeus, Apostle of the Seventy (August 21). There is a

tradition that St Jude went to Persia, where he wrote his catholic Epistle in Greek. In the Epistle much profound truth was expressed in a few words. St Jude's Epistle speaks about the Holy Trinity, about the Incarnation of the Lord Jesus Christ, about the good and bad angels, and about the dread Last Judgment. The Apostle urges believers to guard themselves against fleshly impurity, to be diligent in prayer, faith and love, to convert the lost to the path of salvation, and to guard themselves from the teachings of heretics. He also says that it is not enough just to be converted to Christianity, but faith must be demonstrated by good works. He cites the rebellious angels and men punished by God (verse 6) to support this. The Holy Apostle Jude died as a martyr around the year 80 near Mt. Ararat in Armenia, where he was crucified and pierced by arrows.

## General Announcements

**HGC-NS RECEIVES AN ASSISTANT PASTOR** — As of this past Monday, June 10, 2024, **Fr. David A. Bosnich** has been assigned to HGC-NS as an assistant pastor. Also, he will have administrative duties as the Assistant Chancellor of the Archeparchy. Fr. David has faithfully served in the archeparchy for 29 years. We welcome him and pray that God will grant him many happy and blessed years in priestly ministry. Na Mnohaja I Blahaja L'ita!



**A BRIEF HISTORY OF FATHER'S DAY** — Father's Day was the invention of **Sonora Smart Dodd (1892-1978)** of Spokane, Washington, who reportedly came up with the idea while listening



to a Mother's Day sermon at the Central Methodist Episcopal Church in 1909. Raised by her widowed father, Sonora felt that her father should be honored in the same way mothers were since Anna Jarvis created Mother's Day four years earlier. The first official “Father's Day” was held in Spokane in 1910. Despite its detractors—and there were many—the idea of a national “Father's Day” picked up steam when it was endorsed in 1924 by President Calvin Coolidge. In 1926 the National Father's Day Committee was formed by a group of New York City merchants who saw the value in yet another day when people would feel obligated to buy things. Once again, the media

mocked the concept as just one more example of commercialism at its crudest. It took another 30 years for “Father's Day” to be recognized by a Joint Resolution of Congress, and yet another decade for the holiday to be declared “real” in an official proclamation by President Lyndon Johnson in 1966. It was finally established as a federally recognized holiday by *President Richard Nixon in 1972, who declared it would be celebrated on the third Sunday of June.*

**KENNYWOOD PARK: BYZANTINE CATHOLIC FAMILY DAY** — Special discounted tickets are now available online at [gcuusa.com](http://gcuusa.com) Ticket prices \$27.00 (ages 4+); free for ages 3 and under. All tickets bought at this discounted rate must be used on July 25, 2024. All tickets include entry into the Park and All-Day Ride. Byzantine Catholic Family Day is slated for **Thursday, July 25, 2024**. *Deadline for these discounted tickets is JULY 10.* Tickets are also available for the Luncheon Buffet at a cost of \$25.00 (ages 11+); Youth Luncheon \$20.00 (ages 3-10); Come join in the fun and set the day aside.



**GCU LODGE 390 LENDS A HELPING HAND TO 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 5**. Needed items are listed on a stationery sheet near these boxes. Let's help

**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.

