

Parish Offerings – 19th Sunday after Pentecost — Sept. 29, 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 (\$2,071) YP (\$11)	\$2,082.00
Holy Days (\$130) YP (\$2)	132.00
Votive Candles	196.00
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Holy Ghost Church, North Side

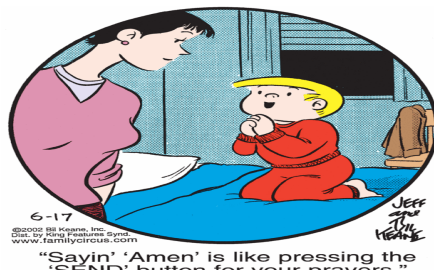
Regular Offering (\$628) (\$1)	\$629.00
Holy Day (\$25) Utilities (\$45)	70.00
Votive Candles	49.75

Church Attendance Last Week \$748.75

Sat (MR), 4:00 p.m. (26)

Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (62); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (21)

Protection of Theotokos Oct. 1 — (MR) 9:00 a.m. (15); (NS) 6:00 p.m. (9)



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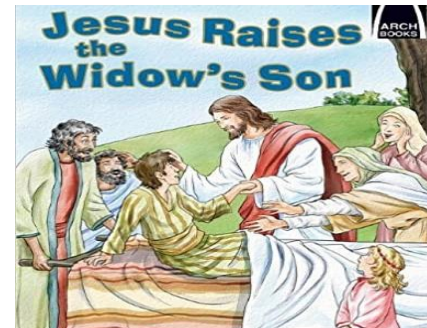
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THE 20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Respect Life Sunday — October 6, 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

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The Reverend Deacon Luke R. Iyengar (MR)

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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: Subdeacon Luke Iyengar (412) 863-3285.

Carpato-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 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).

October 6, 2024

Seasonal Greeting:

Volume XIV Number 40



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

SUN, Oct. 6 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Diane Charles (2nd ann of passing 10/5) Elaine Kurtanich
11:00 a.m. (NS) + Anna + Mike Pungras Dawn Ringes

Mon, Oct 7 8:00 a.m. (MR) NO DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULED

Tue, Oct 8 8:00 a.m. (MR) NO DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULED

Holy Apostle James Alpheus

Wed, Oct 9 8:00 a.m. (MR) NO DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULED

Thrs, Oct 10 8:00 a.m. (MR) NO DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULED

This week marks the Annual Clergy Retreat at the Antiochian Village, Ligonier, PA.

Please keep our Pastor and Assistant Pastor and all clergy in your prayers.

Emergency: call office 24/7.(412) 771-3324

REQUIRED SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat) or Equivalent Penance (your choice) in remembrance of Our Lord's Crucifixion and Death upon the Precious Cross & vanquishing of coronavirus

Fri, Oct 11 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Margaret Zula Zula Family

6:00 p.m. (MR) Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Patriotic Rosary



Sat, Oct 12 9:00 a.m. (NS) + Michael J. Lorinc + Family Mary Ann Kaylor

Anticipated Divine Liturgy of the Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

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

21st Sunday After Pentecost

Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council

SUN, Oct 13 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Ann Muska (birthday 10/15) Brother: + Mike

11:00 a.m. (NS) + Robert J, Galida (birthday 10/11) Dgr: Kathy L. Mullen

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 to be published.

Note: Capitalized Names designate North Side parishioners

Oct 6 – Erin Bates; **Oct 7** – Nicholas Nazak II; **Oct 8** – Mary Ann Goyda;; **Oct 11** — Frank Revtai **Oct 12** — Jamie Skreptach.

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

HOME: Margaret Belionas, Florence Charochak, DEACON MICHAEL MEADERS, Ilona Goyda, TAMARA HARDING, Bernice Herrick, Steve Kosko, Albert Kovach, Sr.; Bill Kress, Julia Kutchmark, ARLENE LATTA, KIRK LATTA, 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.
THE RESIDENCE AT WILLOW LANE (30 Heckel Rd., McKees Rocks, PA 15136): Helen Best, Margaret Cifrutlak, Mildred Terrek.

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

CEDAR HILL REHAB CENTER (951 Broadhead Rd., Coraopolis, PA 15108): Nancy (Shanta) Wurthier.

CARING HEIGHTS (234 Coraopolis Road, Coraopolis, PA 15108): Dolores Babin.

Public questions on Catholic spirituality, moral & spiritual problems

Q. In light of the ecumenism following Vatican II, are Catholics now under serious obligation (that is, binding under pain of sin) to skip Sunday Mass (Divine Liturgy) once in a while and worship instead at non-Catholic churches? **A. Answer by a Catholic Apologist:** "Required"? "Not allowed," you mean! A Catholic may *not* "worship instead at non-Catholic churches." To do so is to violate the First Commandment. (This is to be distinguished from engaging in, say, an ecumenical prayer service.) It is mandatory, under pain of mortal sin but allowing for exceptions arising from necessity, for every Catholic to attend Mass (Divine Liturgy) *every* Sunday (or Saturday evening) and on holy days of obligation. Catholics are under *no* obligation to attend non-Catholic services. Such visits are purely voluntary and may be undertaken so long as no scandal is given. Vatican II's *Directory on Ecumenism* allows some participation at such services in common responses or hymns that are not in variance with the Catholic faith.

This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

October 6 — October 12, 2024

(MR): **In memory of the Delesandro Family**

offered by : + Regina Mell

(NS): **In memory of Thomas F. Zon (6th ann of passing 10/5)**

(MR) AVAILABLE FOR 2025

offered by Sister-in-Law: Theresa Fitzueka

(NS) AVAILABLE 2025

General Announcements

McKees Rocks

CONDOLENCES EXTENDED — The *Spirit of Truth* was recently informed of the passing of **Robert George Bordas, 63**, of Marietta, GA on September 28, 2024 following a lengthy illness. He is survived by 5 siblings, including parishioner, Karen (Frank) Grzywinski. A Memorial Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Saturday, Nov. 2, 2024 here at Holy Ghost Church at 11:00 a.m. Our parish extends its most *sincere condolences to the Bordas Family*.. In blessed repose, grant O Lord, *eternal rest to your servant, Robert, and remember him forever. Vičnaja Jemu Pamjat'*

YOUTH GROUP BAKE SALE — Our Byzan-TEENS first bake sale is today, following the Divine Liturgy. The election of new officers will then follow. Social activities will then be arranged for the upcoming months. The proceeds from this project will help them collect funds for their next Byzan-Teen Youth Rally in a few years..



SINCERE THANKS — to our E. C. F. Religious Education teachers Leah Trapl & Aimee Helms for the yearly organizational calendar; and to be sure that all follow the required Archieparchial Safe Environment Compliance Program; and to Peggi and George Lucas for organizing the supplies for the classrooms. It really helps our pastor when others come together and produce a successful religious school year for our younger members. God bless you!

PIROHI PROJECT ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING TODAY — Following this morning's Divine Liturgy there will be a Pirohi Meeting to see if we will be having a 6-week Pirohi Sale prior to Christmas. Please meet in the Church meeting if interested.

North Side

DEACON MEADERS CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY — Congratulations and Best Wishes are extended to our **Deacon Michael Meaders** on the occasion of his 13th anniversary to the Diaconate! It's hard to believe that thirteen years ago this week on **October 9, 2011**, he was ordained to the Holy Order of the Diaconate. We offer him our most sincere congratulations and prayerful best wishes on his anniversary as he continues his sacred ministry here at his home parish! May God grant to Deacon Michael and his wife, Cindy, health and happiness for many blessed years! Mnohaja l Blahaja L'ita!!!!



CHURCH STEPS AND MOSAIC FLOOR RECEIVED A REPAIR — Once again, our front steps and outside mosaic floor received a repair renovation over the past few weeks. Since we lack the funds to do a more permanent and extensive solution, we have implemented a stable permanent solution. A huge note of thanks is extended to Julia Ann & George F. Mosko, parishioners of our McKees Rocks Parish, for their talented expertise in cementing Thank you, Julie, and George, for your sacrifice, and may God grant you many happy and blessed years!

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Jesus' love for the defenseless — TODAY'S GOSPEL Luke 7: 11-16

The Widow of Naim

In ancient times it was common for a city to be surrounded by a high wall (Josh. 2:15). The wall was designed to provide protection against wild animals, criminals, and foreign armies (Jer. 39:2). The city gate was also a place of business in Jewish cities. Jewish cemeteries were outside the city wall in order to avoid pollution by dead corpses (Josh. 8:29; Matt. 27:52-53). Therefore, it is not surprising that the dead man was being carried through the gate of the city. The Funeral — According to the ancient Jewish custom in Galilee, the parents of the dead person would walk in front of the funeral procession. The dead person would follow next, followed by friends and guests. Jewish custom required that the dead person be washed, have his or her nails clipped, his or her hair cut, be anointed, the body wrapped in linen cloth, and his or her eyes closed. In Galilee the mother would walk in front of the funeral procession with the other family members behind her. Then the dead body followed in a cedar coffin, if possible, which was carried on a bier. After the dead person, relatives, friends, and mourners followed. The Mishnah prohibited the bier from being put down on the ground (Mishnah. (Moed Qatan 3.8). It was customary for the mourners to accompany the body to the grave. **Jews did not cremate their dead, believing that cremation was a heathen practice.** We are told that a large crowd followed behind the dead man. He must have been loved by many. Two large crowds came together, one following Jesus and the one that was part of the funeral procession. When Jesus saw the woman in front of the funeral procession with no one behind her and before the coffin, Jesus instantly realized that the woman was a widow and responded with compassion.



October Is Respect Life Month

The *Respect Life Program*, sponsored by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, started in 1972 and begins anew each October—the month set aside by the U.S. bishops as “**Respect Life Month**.” The program promotes respect for human life in light of our intrinsic dignity as having been created in God's image and likeness and likeness. This year is particularly suited for our times. While attacks against human life seem to grow ever more numerous and callous, we know that Christ has conquered sin and death. Through our Christian hope in the Resurrection, we are given the grace to persevere in faith. and called to an eternal destiny with him. (U.S.C.C.B. org website)



1ST WEEK INTENTION OF REPECT LIFE MONTH:

Prayer for all Unborn Children & their Mothers & Fathers

O God, Who adorn creation with splendor and beauty and fashion human lives in Your Image and Likeness, awaken in every heart reverence for the work of Your Hands, and renew among Your people a readiness to nurture and sustain Your precious gift of Human Life. In this may Your Name be blessed and glorified, Father, Son (+) and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

October 6-10 Annual Clergy Retreat at the Antiochian Village, Ligonier, PA
 October 12-13 Metropolitan Centenary Celebration in Washington, DC.
 October 13 (NS) PAC/FAC Meeting in Church following the Sunday Divine Liturgy.
 October 14 (MR) PAC/FAC Meeting, Monday @ 7:00 p.m.
 October 29 Sunday of Christ the King.
 November 3 Annual Moleben for our 4 saintly bishops. @ 3:00 p.m.
 November 10 ... **Deanery Pasta Dinner from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. – St. Elias Church, Munhall.**

Saints of the Week

The Martyrs Eulampius & Eulampia

October 10

Saints Eulampius and Eulampia were brother and sister. They lived at the



beginning of the fourth century in the city of Nicomedia. Eulampius became upset after reading the decree of the emperor Maximian (284-305) sentencing all Christians to execution. Eulampius was horrified that the emperor was taking up arms against his own subjects rather than fighting the enemies of his country. The youth was brought to trial and commanded to renounce the Christian Faith. When he refused, they first raked him with iron hooks, and then placed him upon a red-hot bed of coals. All of a sudden the sufferer expressed a wish to visit the pagan temple. The judges were delighted, supposing that they had turned him from Christianity. In the pagan temple of Mars the saint approached the idol and cried out, *"In the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ I*

command you to fall to the floor and crumble into dust!" The idol immediately crashed down to the floor and was destroyed. The people exclaimed, "The Supreme God is the Christian God, Who is great and mighty!" St Eulampius was again taken away for torture. This time his sister, Eulampia, appeared before the judges and declared that she also was a Christian. Eulampius told her, *"Sister, do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul" (Mt. 10:28).* The martyrs were tortured and thrown into a red-hot furnace, but the Lord protected them from the fire. Finally, they beheaded Eulampius, but Eulampia died from her torments before she could be beheaded. **Holy Martyrs Eulampius and Eulampia, pray for us before God's Throne!**

General Announcements

STILL TIME TO REGISTER: MARK YOUR CALENDAR: COME & SEE WEEKEND —

Young men 18-35 are invited to a weekend retreat, Friday through Saturday, **November 8-10, 2024** at Saints Cyril & Methodius Seminary. *The purpose: to see if you might be interested in the possibility of becoming a priest.* No pressure, no hype, no boring lectures. Just recreation, relaxation, talking to God (a.k.a. prayer), and the opportunity to really listen to God's voice and to plan for your life. This worthwhile retreat of discovery in no way implies any future commitment other than your commitment to truly be yourself! There is no expense involved in participating in this retreat. Deadline for online registration is rector@bcs.edu by Wed. Oct 18

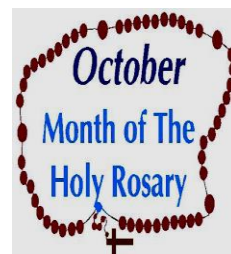


PITTSBURGH DEANERY CLERGY TO SERVE PASTA DINNER — Mark your

calendars! The Priests and Deacons in the Pittsburgh Deanery will be again hosting a FREE PASTA DINNER at St. Elias Church, Munhall on **Sunday November 10, 2024** from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Clergy will be preparing and serving the dinner. A signup list will be forthcoming. We must know how many to prepare for! The final day for registration is Sunday, November 3. *A freewill offering will be taken to subsidize the project. Any profit that will be made will go to the Archieparchial Priests' Pension Plan. The pasta featured in the image is not necessary the type that will be served.*



UPCOMING MONTH OF OCTOBER: THE HOLY ROSARY — At the request of several



parishioners to honor Our Blessed Mother in this special month of October, the Rosary according to our Byzantine-Ruthenian (Rusyn) tradition will be prayed **each Friday throughout the month @ 6:00 p.m.** at our Parish in McKees Rocks. In preparation for the upcoming General Election, **a special Patriotic Rosary will be offered.** 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 seeking special intercession for our Country.

RESERVATIONS FOR DL & SANCTUARY LAMPS — Divine Liturgy and Sanctuary

Lamp reservations are being taken on a first come, first serve basis in 2025. 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 Sanctuary Lamp.** Several months ago, **the chancery raised the stipend fee per Divine Liturgy to \$20.00.** Place intentions and stipend in a regular white envelope with requested date(s) and place it in the collection basket.

