

Parish Offerings – 23rd Sunday after Pentecost — October 27, 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 (\$1,791) YP (\$12.50)	\$1,803.50
Christmas Decor	10.00
Collection for the Poor (\$130) ; Archdiocesan Charities (\$20)	150.00
Votive Candles	205.00
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	\$2,168.50

Holy Ghost Church, North Side

Regular Offering (\$745) YP (\$1)	\$746.00
Utilities	75.00
Votive Candles	39.25

Church Attendance Last Week \$860.25

Sat (MR), 4:00 p.m. (26)
Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (68); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (24)



HOLY GHOST BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

225 OLIVIA STREET
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McKEES ROCKS, PA 15136
PITTSBURGH, PA 15212

THE 24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Annual Beatification & Canonization Moleben
November 3, 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)
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.

Carpatho-Rusyn Radio: Internet Sunday afternoon: Rusyn.fm at 3:30 pm. Archive: c-rsmedia.org.

Remember the Church in Your Will: Please be so kind to remember the Church in your will.

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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).

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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

24th Sunday After Pentecost

Daylight Savings Times Ends — Clocks FALL BACK 1 hour

SUN, Nov 3 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Irene + Michael Maslaney Son: Michael
11:00 a.m. (NS) + Peter P. Smoley (64th ann of passing 11/7) Sister: Mary Ann
3:00 p.m. (MR) Marian Moleben for our holy hierarchs for the Canonization & Beatification

Mon, Nov 4 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Dolores + John Koritsky Dgtr: Christine & Al Barnash
(17th ann of passing 11/3)

Presidential General Election Day 2024

Tue, Nov 5 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Steve Muska Brother: + Mike

Wed, Nov 6 *** 11:00 a.m. (MR) + Helen + George Bulazo Son: Dr. Andrew
(anniversaries of passings)

Thrs, Nov 7 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Dan Pikras (birthday 11/3) Son: Dino & Family

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

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

Wed, Nov 8 9:00 a.m. (MR) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes
 6:00 p.m. (NS) + Monsignor Peter P. Tay Antonich Family

Sat, Nov 9 9:00 a.m. (NS) + Anna Shirley Kalnas Family

Anticipated Divine Liturgy of the Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

4:00 p.m. (MR) Health & Welfare of Mildred Terrek (birthday) Dgtrs: Monica & Christine

25th Sunday After Pentecost

SUN, Nov 10 9:00 a.m. (MR) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes
11:00 a.m. (NS) + Regina Mell A. Velma Seman

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

Nov 3 – Michael W. Palahunik, JOAN SENCHYSHYN, John Wovchko; Nov 5 – Julia Mosko; Nov 6 – Barbara Stecko; Nov 7 – Mark Saber; Nov 8 – Nancy (Shanta) Wauthier; Nov 9 – Tina Burns, JOHN HELMS.

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

HOME: Dolores Babin, Margaret Belianas, Florence Charochak, Lee Feldman, Ilona Goyda, TAMARA HARDING, Bernice Herrick, Steve Kosko, ARLENE LATTA, KIRK LATTA, BETTY LORINC, DEACON MICHAEL MEADERS, 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, 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.

Public questions on Catholic spirituality, moral & spiritual problems

Q. What is the official church teaching on what happens after our earthly bodies die: Are we "dead" until Judgment Day or do we immediately go to heaven, hell, or purgatory? **A. Catholic Answers Apologist:** Although physical human bodies die, human souls never die. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that every spiritual soul "is immortal: It does not perish when it separates from the body at death, and it will be reunited with the body at the final Resurrection" (CCC 366). So, at the moment of death, the soul separates from the body, is judged immediately, and enters either heaven (immediately or through purgatory) or hell. Each man receives his eternal retribution in his immortal soul at the very moment of his death, in a particular judgment that refers his life to Christ: either entrance into the blessedness of heaven—through a purification or immediately—or immediate and everlasting damnation. (CCC 1022). (For scriptural evidence of this, see Luke 16:22; 23:43; 2 Cor. 5:8; Phil. 1:23.). Every soul will unite with its resurrected body just prior to the Last Judgment ("Judgment Day") when Christ returns.

This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

Continue to burn before the real presence of our Lord, God & Savior Jesus
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November 3 — November 9, 2024

(MR): **In memory of Brittany Tomchak** (3rd ann of passing 11/3)

offered by Aunt & Cousin: Mike, Leyte & Mike Tomchak

(NS): **In memory of Thomas Seman**

(MR) AVAILABLE FOR 2025

offered by Sister: A. Velma Seman

(NS) AVAILABLE 2025

General Announcements

McKees Rocks

CONDOLENCES EXTENDED — The *Spirit of Truth* announces the passing of parishioner, **Margaret Cifrulak, 97**, formally of McKees Rocks “The Bottoms”, and resident of the Willows on Wednesday, October 23, 2024. She is survived by her beloved children, Burt (Nanine) and Robert (Michelle), grandchildren, and sister, Helen Best. The Valerian F. Szal Funeral Home handled arrangements. The Funeral Divine Liturgy was celebrated on Saturday, Oct 26, 2024 here at Holy Ghost Church at 9:00 a.m. followed by interment at St. Mark Cemetery, Kennedy Township. Our parish extends its most *sincere condolences to the Cifrulak Family*. In blessed repose, grant O Lord, *eternal* rest to your servant, Margaret, and remember her forever. Vičnaja Jej Pamjat’



PIROHI PROJECT WILL COMMENCE THIS WEEK — Plans have been set for the upcoming Pirohi Project. **Listed are the Friday sales dates: Nov. 8, 15, 22, Dec. 6, 13, & 20 (no sales on the Friday following Thanksgiving). Remember, all orders must be placed on the Wednesday prior to the sale date between 9:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon @ (412) 331-5155. MR & NS may sign the list located in the narthex on upcoming weekends.**

BYZAN-TEEN BAKE SALE THIS WEEKEND — The ongoing monthly Bake Sale will take place today, Sunday, Nov. 3 following the 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy. Once again, proceeds will help our younger members obtain funds for the next Byzan-Teen Youth Rally in two years.

North Side

BAKELESS BAKE SALE & 50/50 RAFFLE FOR THANKSGIVING — We are launching these two social activities in time for Thanksgiving Holiday including a Brakeless Bake Sale. We will see if matching funds from GCU Headquarters are available. 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, November 24 and the day the drawing will take place**. The proceeds will be applied to our *Tower Bell Project*.



Take a PRO-LIFE Voting Guide with you to the polls this Election Day. 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.

When Does Daylight Saving End?

Daylight Saving Time 2024 ends on the **first Sunday in November**. We “fall back” one hour and return to Standard Time on Sunday, **November 3, 2024 at 2 a.m.** (2 a.m. on this date becomes 1 a.m.) Hope that you set your clocks *back* one hour before bed Saturday night! The return of standard time means the **Sun will rise a little earlier according to your clock. If you’re an early riser, you’ll enjoy more natural light with your breakfast. You’ll also “gain” one more hour of sleep.** The bad news? It will be dark by the time most of us get out of work.



Meditation on today's Gospel

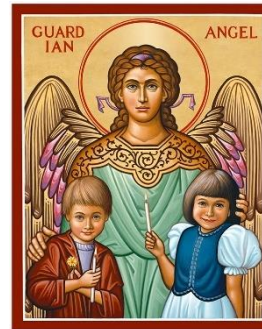
Faith in Jesus is Necessary for Salvation — Luke 8:41-56

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.



Pope Francis: Teaches about the Guardian Angel

In his 2014 homily for the Feast of Holy Guardian Angels, Pope Francis told those gathered for daily Mass (Divine Liturgy) to be like children who pay attention to their “traveling companion”. “No one journeys alone and no one should think that they are alone”, the Pope said. During the Morning Meditation in the chapel of Santa Marta, the Pope noted that oftentimes, we have the feeling that “I should do this, this is not right, be careful.” This, he said, “is the voice of” our guardian angel. “According to Church tradition we all have an angel with us, who guards us...” The Pope instructed each, “Do not rebel, follow his advice!” The Pope urged that this “doctrine on the angels” not be considered “a little imaginative”. It is rather one of “truth”. It is “what Jesus, what God said: ‘I send an angel before you, to guard you, to accompany you on the way, so you will not make a mistake’”. Pope Francis concluded with a series of questions so that each one can examine their own conscience: “How is my relationship with my guardian angel? Do I listen to him? Do I bid him good day in the morning? Do I tell him: ‘guard me while I sleep?’ Do I speak with him? Do I ask his advice? ...Each one of us can do so in order to evaluate “the relationship with this angel that the Lord has sent to guard me and to accompany me on the path, and who always beholds the face of the Father who is in heaven.” He reiterated this in a homily on October 2, 2018: “Listen to the inspirations, which are always from the Holy Spirit – but the angel inspires them. But I want to ask you a question: Do you speak with your angel? Do you know the name of your angel? Do you listen to your angel? The Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments discourages assigning names to angels beyond those revealed in scripture: Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael.



Calendar of Upcoming Events

- November 3 Standard Time resumes (clocks FALL BACK one hour.
..... Annual Moleben for our 4 saintly bishops. @ 3:00 p.m.
- November 5 General Election Day — Defend the most vulnerable – Cast a Pro-Life Vote.
- November 8 Synaxis of St. Michael & All Angels (MR) 9:00 a.m.; (NS) 6:00 p.m.
..... Pirohi Sales
- November 10 Deanery Pasta Dinner, St. Elias Church, Munhall from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- November 12 Greater Pittsburgh Deanery Meeting @ 12:00 noon at a place to be determined.
- November 15 Commencement of the Philippian (Filipovka) Fast.
- November 24..... Decorating the (MR) Church for Christmas following the Divine Liturgy.
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- November 28 Annual Thanksgiving Day Divine Liturgy @ 9:00 a.m.

Solemn Holy Day This Week — November 8 Synaxis of Holy Angelic Commander Michael & All Holy Incorporael Powers

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 attend! Let us stand aright! Let us stand with fear!" 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 their reign 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.

General Announcements

ANNUAL MOLEBEN FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CAUSES THIS AFTERNOON

— 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, November 3, 2024 @ 3:00 p.m.** For the past 41 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. Please invite your friends! **We are grateful to those who will be baking for this event. A special DVD presentation of the life of + Bishop Gojdich will also be viewed Please bring a friend!**

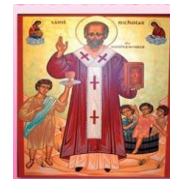
ARCHIEPARICHAL ST. NICHOLAS 50/50 RAFFLE — Since many will not be able to attend the 66th *Annual St. Nicholas Celebration* at the Cathedral and Cathedral Center on **Sunday,**



December 8, 2024, a minimal number of tickets (14) from GCU Headquarters have been sent to each parish in order to acquire additional capital for the Seminary. Very little profit is made from the dinner tickets themselves. To help subsidize this charity event, please support this worthy cause by

purchasing a ticket. Each Parish is requested to sell these tickets. **They are \$10.00** and the first 3-digit number based on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday **December 9, 10 & 11, 2024** PA Daily Drawing at 7:00 p.m. Holiday Cash will be awarded..

ARCHIEPARICHAL ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION — The 66th Annual St. Nicholas Celebration will take place at the Cathedral and Cathedral Center on **Sunday, December 8, 2024.** Tickets will be available in the near future. We would like to get at least one full table per parish(s) family. Please sign the list in the (MR) Side Vestibule; (NS) Narthex.



DEANERY PASTA DINNER SERVED BY CLERGY FORTHCOMING — 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. We must know how many to prepare for! **The final day for registration is today, 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.*

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER FOOD DRIVE — In our love for the less fortunate, we will be holding our annual non-perishable food drive to be delivered to *Inter-Church Food Bank* 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 Julia or George (412) 771-4244. Once again, we are grateful to them for leading this project.