

Parish Offerings – Sunday of the 1st Great Fast Sunday— March 9, 2025

“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 (\$2,029) YP (\$14)	\$2,043.00
Holy Days (\$100) Easter Décor (\$15) Easter (\$20)	135.00
Initial (\$14) Eastern European Collection (\$827)	841.00
Votive Candles	146.50

\$3,165.50

Holy Ghost Church, North Side

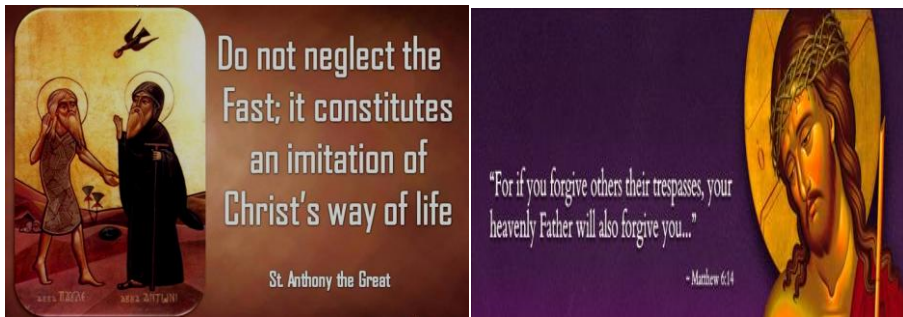
Regular Offering (\$507) YP (\$1)	\$508.00
Eastern European Collection	30.00
Votive Candles	45.00

Church Attendance Last Week \$583.00

Sat (MR), 4:00 pm (32);

Sun., (MR) 9:00 am (62); (NS) 11:00 am (25)

2nd Great Fast Wed. — (MR) 7:00 pm (14); 2nd Great Fast Fri. — (NS) 6:00 pm (n/a)





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Second Sunday of the Great Fast Sunday of the Palsied Man — March 16, 2025



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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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 Mystery of Anointing: Ask especially prior to surgery or any other time.
Personal Care & Hospitalized: Whenever admitted, Phone Church Office ASAP.
Sponsor of Christian Initiation: Godparents must be practicing Catholics.
Religious Education Classes: (MR) Associate Coordinators: Aimee Helms (412) 463-3002 & Leah Trapl (412) 297-6374.
Carpatho-Rusyn Radio: Internet Sunday afternoon: Rusyn.fm at 3:30 pm. Archive: c-rsmedia.org.
Social Hall Rental: (MR) Contact Church Office.
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!
Divine Liturgy Stipends (\$20) — Sanctuary Lamps (\$10).

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)*

March 16, 2025

Seasonal Greeting:

Volume XV Number 12



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



Liturgical Services for the Week

Date Time Intention Requested By

THE SUNDAY OF THE PALSIED MAN

2nd Sunday of The Great Fast — St. Basil Divine Liturgy

SUN., Mar 16 (14) 9:00 a.m. (MR) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes
11:00 a.m. (NS) + Anna Shirley Kalnas Family
(1st ann of passing 3/18)

4:00 p.m. Deanery Penitential Vespers at SS. Peter & Paul Church, Tarentum, PA
preceded by the Holy Mystery of Reconciliation by a Deanery Priest @ 3:30 p.m.

Mon, Mar 17 (15) 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Mary + Anna Hrivnak Grandson & Nephew: Fr. Firko

Tue, Mar 18 (16) 8:00 a.m. (MR) Health & Welfare of Tillie Krenke Tomchak Family

REQUIRED SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat)

Wed, Mar 19 (17) 8:00 a.m. (MR) 1st & 3rd Penitential Greatfast Hours
6:30 p.m. (MR) Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary
7:00 p.m. (MR) Presanctified Divine Liturgy

Thrs, Mar 20 (18) 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Dorothy H. Dobda (40th day of passing 3/9) Family

REQUIRED SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat)

Fri, Mar 21 (19) 8:00 a.m. (MR) 6th & 9th Penitential Greatfast Hours
6:00 p.m. (NS) Presanctified Divine Liturgy w/Hramoty

3RD UNIVERSAL ALL SOULS SATURDAY

Sat, Mar 22 (20) *** 9:00 a.m. (MR) All Souls w/ reading of Hramoty

Sunday anticipated Divine Liturgy of the Precious Cross — Third Sunday of The Great Fast

*** 3:50 p.m. (MR) + Nicholas Nazak Wife: Rose & Family
(32nd ann of passing 3/3)

CROSS VENERATION SUNDAY

3rd Sunday of The Great Fast — St. Basil Divine Liturgy

SUN., Mar 23 (21) *** 8:50 a.m. (MR) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes
*** 10:50 a.m. (NS) + Anna + Mike Kacmarak Family

4:00 p.m. Deanery Penitential Vespers at St. Gregory Nanzian Church, Upper St. Clair, PA
preceded by the Holy Mystery of Reconciliation by a Deanery Priest @ 3:30 p.m.

General Announcements

All Birthdays will be published in SOT each week so that prayers may be offered on these special occasions. Please advise the 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

Mar 16 — Elizabeth Poznak (101); Mar 21 — Kenneth Krempasky; Mar 22 — Margaret Belunas, Nicholas Rippole.

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

HOME: Dolores Babin, Margaret Belunas, Dolores & William Bordas, Monica Lemesh, Ilona Goyda, TAMARA HARDING, Bernice Herrick, Michael Kachuta, Steve Kosko, Theresa Kundrat, ARLENE LATTA, KIRK LATTA, BETTY LORINC, CINDY MEADERS, DEACON MICHAEL MEADERS, Kurt Perschy, Betty Spisak, Anita Wolsko.

PC MALFUNCTION — Today's S.O.T. is a short one due to computer problems. Thank you for your patience. However, we hope to return to its full edition next week.

HALUSKI SALE TODAY — Our Byzan-TEENS are having a Haluski Sale today following the Divine Liturgy. Also, they are offering Sarris Candy (cf. last S.O.T.). Let's support their fundraiser to next year's Byzantine Youth Rally.

LENT IS TIME TO ATTEND CHURCH AN EXTRA TIME — And just not on the weekend! It's a special time to incorporate an extra day of public worship into your busy schedule! The Penitential Season of The Great Fast is manifested in the Church's Greatfast liturgical Hours, and especially the Presanctified Divine Liturgy and receiving Holy Communion. If you have never attended a Presanctified before, you are truly missing something special! Join us on (MR) Wednesday and (NS) Friday evenings. Consult the schedule for these special penitential services!

PIROHI PROJECT CONTINUES — The Pirohi Project continues sales on the following Friday dates: Mar. 21, 28; Apr 4, & 11 (no sales on Holy & Great Friday. We would appreciate additional 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.

A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK — Our MR Parish sends special Birthday Greetings to Elizabeth Poznak who is celebrating her 101st Birthday today! May God grant her many happy and blessed Years! Na Mnohaja I Blahaja L'ita!

This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

March 16 — March 22, 2025

(MR): In memory of Alex Bilak, Jr.

offered by Tomchak Family

(NS): In memory of Andy Seman

FEW AVAILABLE FOR 2025

offered by Sister Velma

(NS) FEW AVAILABLE 2025