

Parish Offerings – 19th Sunday after Pentecost — October 19, 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 (\$2,582) YP (\$17)	\$2,599.00
Holy Day (\$5) Collection for Poor (\$685)	690.00
Special Donation (In mem. of + Helen Best by Fr. Stephen Wahal)	100.00
Votive Candles	169.50

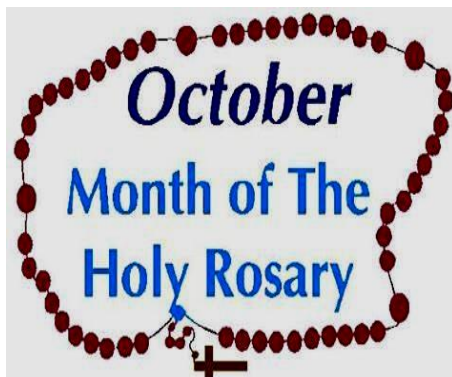
\$3,558.50

Regular Offering (\$445) YP (\$2)	\$447.00
Collection for Poor	5.00
Votive Candles	44.00

\$496.00

Church Attendance Last Week

(MR) Sat., 4:00 p.m. (34); Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (56); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (18)



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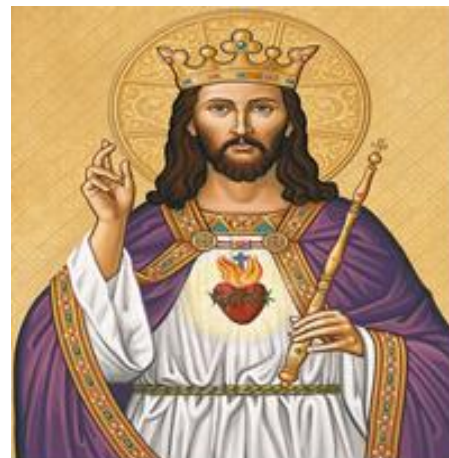
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The 20th Sunday after Pentecost

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY — October 26, 2025



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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 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.

Personal Care & Hospitalized: Phone Church Office ASAP.

Sponsor of Christian Initiation: Godparents must be practicing Catholics.

Religious Education Classes: (MR) Coordinator: Pastor (412) 771-3324.

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 will* If you would like to request a Divine Liturgy (\$20) or Sanctuary Lamp \$10) *Please contact the Church Office. Also, Blessed Decorative Sacramental/Easter Basket Candles (\$15).*

THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH

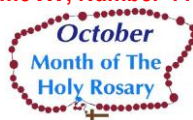
When the Most High descended and confused tongues, He scattered the people; but when He distributed the tongues of fire, He called all men to unity. Therefore, with one voice, let us glorify the Most Holy Spirit (Matins of Pentecost Sunday).

October 26, 2025

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Seasonal Christian Greeting:
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



Sunday of Christ the King

SUN, Oct 26 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Dolores Babin Pirohi Workers
 11:00 a.m. (NS) *For the Parishioners of Both Parishes*

Mon, Oct 27 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Joe Babin Joe, Mary Ann & Jim
(17th ann. of passing)

Tue, Oct 28 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Alex Bilak, Jr. Kathy & John Kulka

Wed, Oct 29 8:00 a.m. (MR) + John Hrivnak *(birthday)* Nephew: Fr. Firko

Thrs, Oct 30 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Mary Pyda Son: Bill

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

Fri, Oct 31 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Joyce Buchko Anne & Henry Zurawski
 6:00 p.m. (MR) Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary



*First Saturday of the month in reparation for blasphemies against the Immaculate Heart of Mary
 Martyrdom of Blessed Bishop-Martyr Theodore G. Romzha*

Sat, Nov 1 9:00 a.m. (NS) + Anna Shirley Kalnas Family

Anticipated Divine Liturgy for the Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

4:00 p.m. (MR) + Anna Velma Seman Maryann & Steve Puluka

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Daylight Savings Times Ends — Clocks FALL BACK 1 hour

Anticipated Divine Liturgy for the Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

SUN, Nov 2 9:00 a.m. (MR) *For the Parishioners of Both Parishes*

11:00 a.m. (NS) + Peter P. Smoley *(65th ann. of passing 11/7)* Sister: Mary Ann

3:00 p.m. (MR) Marian Moleben for our holy hierarchs for the Canonization & Beatification

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

Oct 28 – Dolores Boros

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

HOME: Ted Babin, Margaret Beliuinas, Dolores & William Boras, John Kutchmark, Sr., Monica Lemesh, Ilona Goyda, TAMARA HARDING, Michael Kachuta, Steve Kosko, Karen Krempasky, Theresa Kundrat, ARLENE LATTA, KIRK LATTA, BETTY LORINC, DEACON MICHAEL & CINDY MEADERS, Kurt Perschy, Betty Spisak, Anita Wolsko.

MAPLEWOOD PC HOME (461 Maplewood Ave. Ambridge, PA 15003): Doris Naughton.

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): Rosemarie Nazak, Mildred Terrek.

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

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

VANADIUM WOODS VILLAGE (50 Vanadium Rd, Bridgeville, PA 15017): Bea Stempkowski.

CONCORDIA OF BRIDGEVILLE (3560 Washington Pike, Bridgeville, PA 15017): Flo Charochak.

HIGHLAND HILLS POST ACUTE (1105 Perry Highway, Pittsburgh, PA 15237): Bernice Herrick.

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

October 26 — November 1, 2025



(MR): **In memory of Joe Babin** *(17th ann. of passing 10/27)*

offered by Michael, Jon, JT & Alex

(NS) **In memory of Irene M. Kittan** *(7th ann. of passing 10/10)*

offered by Sister: Theresa Fitzurka

(MR) NOW AVAILABLE FOR 2026

(NS) NOW AVAILABLE FOR 2026

General Announcements

NEXT YEAR'S RECORD BOOK CONTINUES TO RECORD DIVINE LITURGIES AND SANCTUARY LAMPS FOR 2026 — Divine Liturgy and Sanctuary Lamp reservations continue to be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. Due to a high demand of both areas only two weekends of each will be permitted until the demand subsides. When the demand lightens, you will be able to reserve additional weekend dates. Place your intention and \$10.00 stipend per Sanctuary Lamp. Also, please remember that 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 stipend; then place it in the collection basket.



FOR THE FINAL OCTOBER SUNDAY: ADDITIONAL FRESH FLOWERS FOR THE HOLY THEOTOKOS — This is the fourth 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 October. May she be comforted seeing the expression of your heart.



YOUTH GROUP TAKING CANDY ORDERS THE VIRTUAL WAY — Every two years our Youth Group attends the **Byzan-TEEN Rally**. It is a wonderful chance for our youth to meet other Byzantine Catholics from across the country. In July 2026 we are hoping to send our teens and chaperones to Cleveland. In order to defray the cost, the Holy Ghost Youth Group is holding a virtual fundraiser from Sarris Candies. This is a contactless fundraiser, and all purchases will be shipped directly to the buyer free of charge. You can purchase anything from the company, and we will receive 25% of the sale. Just follow these steps and candy will be on the way:



FUNDRAISING

1. Go to sarriscandiesfundraising.com
2. Go to the "fundraising" tab.
3. Our group code is 10-3617.
4. You do not have to put in a teen's name unless you want to.
5. Shop!

North Side

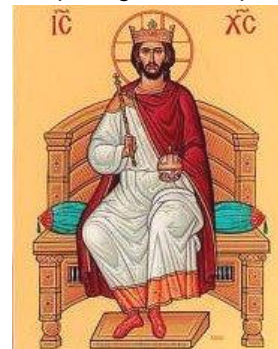
BAKELESS BAKE SALE & 50/50 RAFFLE FOR THANKSGIVING — Beginning today, we are launching these three social activities in time for the Thanksgiving Holiday including a Bakeless Bake Sale, Raffle & through two anonymous contributors 2 Gift-Cards. GCU Headquarters will provide matching funds. Tickets will 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 23 and the day the drawing will take place*. The proceeds will be applied to our *Boiler Fund Project*.



Meditation on today's Gospel

Traditional Celebration of Christ the King (John 18:33-37)

The name is found in various forms in scripture: King Eternal (1 Timothy 1:17), King of Israel (John 1:49), King of the Jews (Mt. 27:11), King of kings (1 Tim 6:15; Rev. 19:16), King of the Ages (Book of Revelation 15:3) and Ruler of the Kings of the Earth (Rev. 1:5). Christ's Kingship was addressed in the encyclical *Quas Primas* of Pope Pius XI, published in 1925, which has been called "possibly one of the most misunderstood and ignored encyclicals of all time." The Pontiff's encyclical quotes with approval Cyril of Alexandria, noting that Jesus' Kingship is not obtained by violence: "'Christ,' he says, 'has dominion over all creatures, a dominion not seized by violence nor usurped, by His by essence and by nature.'" The late Pope Pius XI instituted the feast of Christ the King in 1925 to remind Christians that their allegiance was to their spiritual ruler in heaven as opposed to earthly supremacy, which was claimed by the Italian Dictator Benito Mussolini. It was originally established to be celebrated on the last Sunday of October. Through the liturgical reforms of the Western Rites, it now is celebrated in November prior to the Advent Season. The late Pope Benedict XVI has remarked that Christ's Kingship is not based on "human power" but on loving and serving others. The perfect exemplar of that acceptance, he pointed out, is the Virgin Mary. Her humble and unconditional acceptance of God's will in her life, the Pope noted, was the reason that "God exalted her over all other creatures, and Christ crowned her Queen of heaven and earth." *The early Byzantine Catholic Liturgical book (Sluzebnik) printed in the United States in 1945 and revised in 1962 with the Imprimatur of Bishop Nicholas T. Elko lists this feast on pages 297-303 which has never been abrogated.*



October: Respect-Life Month

4th & FINAL WEEK INTENTION OF REPECT LIFE MONTH:

Lord, we pray for all people throughout the world: that they might recognize and treat each person as a masterpiece of Your creation; For the poor, the homeless, and all who are in need: that they may receive love, respect, and the material assistance they need; For all those facing an unexpected pregnancy: that the peace of Christ may fill their hearts; That all women, men, and family members suffering from abortion may know the Your tender, healing love; For those who are ill: may they draw strength from the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Who is always with us in our suffering; For parents who have lost a child through miscarriage: that they may know the comfort and hope that Jesus brings; For all elected officials: that throughout their service, they may respect the dignity of each person. Lord, teach us to know, love and serve You always by conforming ourselves to Respect all Life that You have created. Amen.



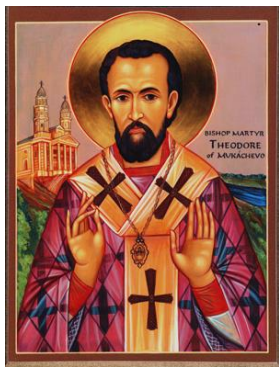
Calendar of Upcoming Events

October Fridays Each Friday: (MR) The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary @ 6:00 p.m.
October 26 Sunday of Christ the King
November 2 Annual Moleben for our 5 saintly bishops.@ 3:00 p.m.
..... Standard Time Resumes. Clocks FALL BACK ONE HOUR.
November 8 .. Synaxis of St. Michael & All Incorporeal Powers: (MR) 9:00-am & (NS) 6:00 pm

Saint of the Week

Blessed Bishop-Martyr Theodore G. Romzha — Nov 1

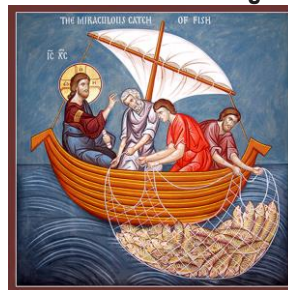
Theodore Romzha was born in the Subcarpathian region of Austria-Hungary (in the Rusyn village of Velyky Bychkiv, now in Ukraine) on April 14, 1911. Theodore was ordained a priest on Christmas Day, 1936 in the Basilica of St Mary Major, Rome. After completing his compulsory military service he served briefly as a pastor in several Transcarpathian parishes (part of Czechoslovakia since 1918) before being assigned as professor of philosophy at the Eparchial Seminary in Uzhorod in 1939, occupied by Hungary. These were difficult years for the Church in Subcarpathia as it experienced the invasions first by Hungary, one of Axis powers, then direct rule from Nazi Germany and lastly the Soviet Red Army. On September 24, 1944, at the young age of 33, he was consecrated bishop and appointed apostolic administrator of the Eparchy of Mukachevo in the cathedral of Uzhorod by Bishop Miklós Dudás. He had immediately to face the soviet Red Army, which occupied the churches, assigned them to the Orthodox and arrested priests. Bishop Romzha refused in front of General Petrov to break with the Pope. His ministry to the faithful met with many roadblocks, and he could not be tolerated by the Communist officials who now began looking for getting rid of the young bishop. On October 27, 1947, on the way home from a parish visitation celebrating Christ the King Sunday, Bishop Romzha's horse drawn carriage was purposely rammed by a Soviet military truck. The soldiers, who were dressed as civilians, jumped from the truck and beat the bishop and his companions. They were hospitalized. The Bishop was making good progress when a new Soviet nurse was assigned to him. A little after midnight Romzha was found dead. The nurse poisoned him. According to research in Soviet archives by Yevgenia Albats, the Bishop's murder was ordered personally by Nikita Khrushchev. Bishop Romzha was beatified as a Martyr for the Faith by Pope John Paul II in Lviv on June 27, 2001 with November 1 assigned as his feast day. *In most recent times the Mukachevo Eparchy petitioned the Vatican to move the feast to October 31 since their Country celebrates Memorial Day on November 1st the actual day of his martyrdom.* In the United States, we are encouraged to commemorate the actual day of his martyrdom.



**Let us continue to Pray fervently & often
For his Canonization**

General Announcements

VOCATIONAL ICON AND PRAYER BOOKS NOW MAKING ITS ROUNDS – The faithful of the Pittsburgh Metropolitan Province are encouraged to sponsor a week of prayer as a Harvest-Helper for an increase of Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Monastic life. This renewed program has been recently initiated by the Archbishop and Bishops of the Metropolitan Province. Please consider sponsoring a week of intense prayer for this important cause. Sign the list. On your week take the special icon from the tetrapod, and prayer booklets. This program is not just with families, but also individuals who must pray the from the booklets from Sunday through Saturday, and then return the icon to the tetrapod.



ANNUAL MOLEBEN FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CAUSES — The yearly prayer service for the advancement of the Causes of Beatification and Canonization of our now five holy Ruthenian Byzantine Catholic Bishops will take place at the Holy Ghost Church, McKees Rocks, PA next Sunday, November 2, 2025 @ 3:00 p.m. For the past 40 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 newly beatified Priest-Martyr Peter Oros 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. Archbishop Skurla will be in attendance. Please invite your friends! *Since we will host this event, please bake or purchase some cookies for the fellowship that follows below the church. We could use some volunteers to aid.*



Holy Ghost Pirohi Sales Commence Next Week

Holy Ghost Church in McKees Rocks will be selling our award-winning pirohi for six weeks prior to Christmas this year. Sale dates are November 7, 14, 21 and December 5, 12, 19. Prices are the same as last year – *but may be subject to change:* \$12/doz. Potato with cheese and \$13/doz. Kraut or Farmers' Cheese. *New this year:* Jalapeño \$15/doz. Check weekly by phone for availability. All orders must be placed between 9 a.m. and 12 noon on Wednesday prior to the sale date. Call the Pirohi Kitchen at (412) 331-5155. We were "Best in the Burgh" two years in a row at Kennywood's Pierogi Fest! Come on down to "The Bottoms!"

