

**Parish Offerings – Sunday of the Prodigal Son — February 1, 2026**

“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 (\$4,752) YP (\$5) .....	\$4,757.00
Holy Days (\$221) YP (\$4) B.C.W. (\$14) Initial (\$8).....	43.00
Votive Candles .....	260.50
	<b>\$5,060.50</b>

**Holy Ghost Church, North Side**

Regular Offering (\$855) YP (\$1) .....	\$856.00
Holy Day (\$20) (YP) (\$1) B.C.W. (\$20) .....	41.00
Initial (\$10) YP (\$1) Utilities (\$20) Improvements (\$40).....	71.00
Votive Candles .....	26.00
	<b>\$994.00</b>

**Church Attendance Last Week**

(MR) Sat., 4:00 p.m. (18); Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (63); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (26)  
*Feast of Encounter of the Lord — Mon., Feb 2: (MR) 9:00 a.m. (18); (NS) 6:00 p.m. (10)*

**The Corporal Works of Mercy**

- Feed the hungry
- Give drink to the thirsty
- Clothe the naked
- Shelter the homeless
- Visit the sick
- Visit the imprisoned
- Bury the dead

**The Spiritual Works of Mercy**

- Admonish the sinner
- Instruct the ignorant
- Counsel the doubtful
- Comfort the sorrowful
- Bear wrongs patiently
- Forgive all injuries
- Pray for the living and the dead



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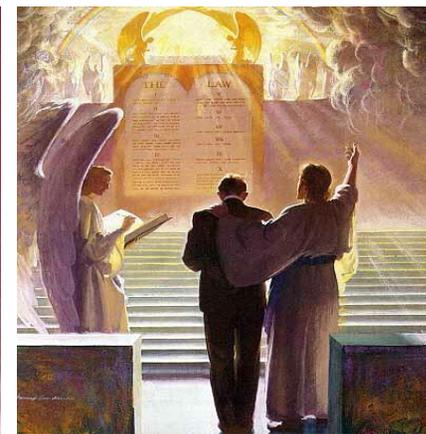
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**THE SUNDAY OF MEAT-FARE**

**The 4<sup>th</sup> Pregreatfast Sunday — February 8, 2026**



**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 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.

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).*

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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*

### Sunday of Meat-Fare

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Pregreatfast Sunday

<b>SUN, Feb 8</b>	9:00 a.m. (MR)	<i>For the Parishioners of Both Parishes</i>	
	11:00 a.m. (NS)	+ Mary (Danks) Sisak ( <i>rescheduled 1/30</i> ) Michael B. Sisak Family	
Mon, Feb. 9	8:00 a.m. (MR)	+ Mary Pyda	Son: Bill
Tue., Feb 10	8:00 a.m. (MR)	+ Alex Bilak, Jr.	Michael Maslaney
Wed, Feb 11	8:00 a.m. (MR)	+ Eleanor Kulka	Harsh & Ruud Families
Thrs, Feb 12	8:00 a.m. (MR)	+ Elsie + Francis Eberle ( <i>birthday 2/12</i> )	Dgtr: Mary Lynn C. Vorono

**REQUIRED SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat) or Equivalent Penance (your choice):**  
*reparation for our venial sins and purgative remission of temporal punishment*

Fri, Feb 13	8:00 a.m. (MR)	+ Nicholas Lemesh	Anonymous
		<i>(1<sup>st</sup> ann of pass 2/14)</i>	

#### Commemoration of the Holy Ascetics

Sat, Feb 14	9:00 a.m. (NS)	<i>For the Parishioners of Both Parishes</i>	
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**Sunday anticipated Divine Liturgy of Cheese-Fare — 5<sup>th</sup> & Final Pregreat & Forgiveness Sundays**

4:00 p.m. (MR)	+ Julie Kutchmark ( <i>birthday 2/17</i> )	Husband: John & Family
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### Sunday of Cheese-Fare

#### 5<sup>th</sup> & Final Pregreatfast & Forgiveness Sundays

<b>SUN., Feb 15</b>	9:00 a.m. (MR)	Thanksgiving of Norma & Peter Kacsur	Children
		<i>(70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary 2/17)</i>	
	11:00 a.m. (NS)	+ Vivianne Grace Trapl ( <i>Commendation</i> ) Dad, Mom & Sister	
<b>2:00 p.m. (MR)</b>	<i>Forgiveness Vespers w/anointing of Oil of Gladness Initiating The Great Fast Season</i>		

## 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*

**Feb 8** – Peggy McCusker, Maria Varga; **Feb 11** – Beth Liberatore, Beatrice Stempkowski; **Feb 13** – Charles Sell.

**FULL EDITION OF S.O.T. RESUMES NEXT WEEK** — Due to the incimate weather and a myriad of duties, the Church Bulletin will resume next weekend. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

**BYZAN-TEENS THANK ALL THAT SUPPORTED LAST WEEK'S BAKE SALE** — Our Youth Group extends it heart-felt thanks to all. It brought in \$282.00. On Feb. 22 they will be having a Haluški Sale for the start of The Great Fast. Also, online Sarris Easter Candy is forthcoming. Early bird registration for the July's Youth Rally is April 1 so participators may now be pondering attendance. Please have the applications submitted to Maria Iyengar A.S.A.P. Forms are available in the (MR) side vestibule.

**PIROHI SALES FOR THE UPCOMING LENTEN SEASON FORTHCOMING** — At last week's Pirohi Project meeting, it was decided to proceed forward. The days of sales well be on **Feb. 20, 27 & March 6, 13, 20 27**. Once again, orders may be place on Wednesdays proceeding the sales from the Pirohi Kitchen by phoning (412) 331-5155. We appreciate that all involved may continue to fulfill their responsibilities. If you would like to join our volunteers, please come. We appreciate your willingness!

**DEANERY CLERGY MEETING THIS WEEK** — The Greater Pittsburgh Protopresbytery Meeting will take place this Tuesday, Feb. 10 at a local restaurant. Please keep our priests and deacons in prayer.

**SOLEMNLY BLESSED AVAILABLE** — This past *Feast Day of the Encounter of the Lord*, Candles were solemnly blessed. They are available near the front of the Church. Everyone should have a blessed candle in their home.

**Pray for our ill parishioners that God may bring them comfort, peace & healing!**

### This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

#### February 8 — February 14, 2026

(MR): **In memory of Elizabeth & Michael Ference**

offered by Dgtr: Patricia

(NS): **In memory of John Horvat**

(MR) Some available for 2026 offered by Christine & Al Barnash (NS) Few available for 2026

