

Parish Offerings – Sunday of Publican & Pharisee — January 25, 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 (\$1,287) YP (\$2)	\$1,289.00
Holy Days (\$40) YP (\$2) B.C.W. (\$14) Initial (\$5).....	61.00
Special Don In mem of + Julia Sibenik - \$560.00 by Son: Steven	560.00
Special Don In mem of + Nicholas Vrabel - \$50.00 by Jeff Nock	50.00
Votive Candles	53.00
	\$2,013.00

Holy Ghost Church, North Side

Regular Offering (\$50) YP (\$1)	\$51.00
B.C.W.	14.00
Votive Candles	10.00
	\$75.00

Church Attendance Last Week

Major Snowfall of the Winter Season: 8” to 10”

(MR) Sat., 4:00 p.m. (18); Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (9); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (1)



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THE SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

The 3rd Pregreatfast Sunday — February 1, 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 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.
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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).

February 1, 2026

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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 the Prodigal Son

3rd Pregreatfast Sunday

SUN, Feb 1 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Andrew, Jr. + Myron + Ann + Mary Theresa Kundrat
 11:00 a.m. (NS) + Julia + Andrew Kittan Family

ENCOUNTER OF THE LORD

Solemn Blessing of Candles prior to Divine Liturgy — Mirovanije

Mon, Feb. 2 **8:50 a.m. (MR) *For the Parishioners of Both Parishes*
 **5:50 p.m. (NS) + Dolores + George Hundanick, Sr. Children

Synaxis of the Elder Simeon & Prophetess Anna

Tue., Feb 3 8:00 a.m. (MR) + John J. Koa, III (5th ann of passing) Fr. Firko

Wed, Feb 4 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Susan Gramata Cusatis + Eleanor Gramata & Son: George
 (10th ann of passing 2/5)

Thrs, Feb 5 8:00 a.m. (MR) + John Horvat (ann of passing 2/6) Christine & Al Barnash

First Friday of the Month

REQUIRED SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat) or Equivalent Penance (your choice): in
 reparation for sins against the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Fri, Feb 6 8:00 a.m. (NS) + Annamae Smyda (6th ann of pass 2/7) MaryEllen & John W. Oslek
 6:00 p.m. (NS) **First Universal All-Souls w/reading of Hramoty**

First Universal All Souls Saturday

Sat, Feb 7 *** 9:00 a.m. (MR) **First Universal All-Souls w/reading of Hramoty**

Sunday anticipated Divine Liturgy for Sunday of Meat-Fare — 4th Pregreat Fast Sunday

4:00 p.m. (MR) + Kurt Marks (birthday 2/15) Wife: Kathy & Dgtr: Kayla

Sunday of Meat-Fare

4th Pregreatfast Sunday

SUN, Feb 8 9:00 a.m. (MR) *For the Parishioners of Both Parishes*
 11:00 a.m. (NS) + Mary (Danks) Sisak (rescheduled 1/30) Michael B. Sisak Family

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

Jan 28 – Daniel Colbert; **Feb 1** – Karen Grzywinski; **Feb 2** – MARIANNE FARABAUGH, Peggi Lucas, Rosemarie Nazak; **Feb 4** – Madelyn Nazak, Kerri Poloka.

SOLEMN BLESSING OF CANDLES TOMORROW — Feb. 2, is the Feast of *THE ENCOUNTER OF THE LORD*. The Righteous Simeon was promised by God that he would not pass onto eternity until he had first seen the Messiah in the flesh. It is a day that Byzantine Catholics acknowledge Jesus coming to ENCOUNTER His people. Christ is the reveling light to the Gentiles and the glory of His people Israel. Jesus comes as the LIGHT OF THE WORLD. It is on this day that candles are solemnly blessed.



PIROHI PROJECT MEETING TODAY — Volunteers for the Pirohi Project are gathering in the Church Basement following this morning's 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy. Plans will be discussed on the dates of the Project during the Great Fat Season.

BYZAN-TEENS BAKE SALE TODAY — Our Youth Group is having their monthly Bake Sale following this morning's 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy. This year the Youth Rally will be in Cleveland during July. Let us support them as they work towards this worthy project.

REMEMBER YOUR BELOVED DEPARTED — FIRST ALL SOULS THIS WEEK — The first of five All Souls commemorations will take place on **Feb. 6-7**. You are encouraged to



remember your loved ones by submitting their first names on the envelope in your contribution box. They need your help! If you have participated last year, you need only to write new names. The Church has the previous names. It is so important that we remember and commemorate our loved ones who have gone into eternity so that we may help them be purged of their venial sins and neglectful penances while they were living among us so that they enter the heavenly kingdom without hesitation purified!

This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

February 1 — February 7, 2026

(MR): **In memory of Mildred Terrek & Elizabeth Poznak**
 offered by Anonymous

(NS): **In memory of Anthony Knoll** (36th ann of passing 1/19)

(MR) Some available for 2026 offered by Dgtr: Leslie O'Donnell (NS) Few available for 2026