

Parish Offerings – Sunday of the Meat-Fare — February 8, 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 (\$2,212) YP (\$15.50)	\$2,227.50
Holy Days (\$135) B.C.W. (\$20) Initial (\$16).....	171.00
Votive Candles	629.50
	\$3,028.00

Holy Ghost Church, North Side

Regular Offering (\$570) YP (\$2)	\$572.00
B.C.W. (\$14) Initial (\$8)	22.00
Votive Candles	115.00
	\$709.00

Church Attendance Last Week

(MR) Sat., 4:00 p.m. (26); Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (61); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (25)
(Snow Fall) First All-Souls Saturday — (MR) 9:00 a.m. (3)



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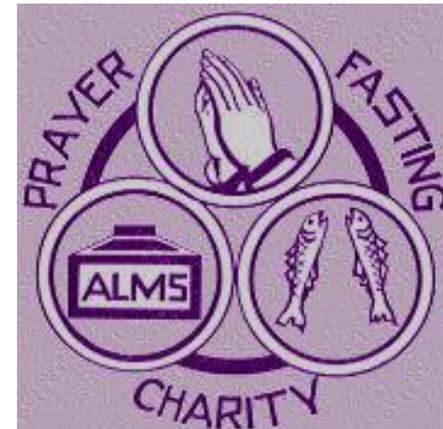
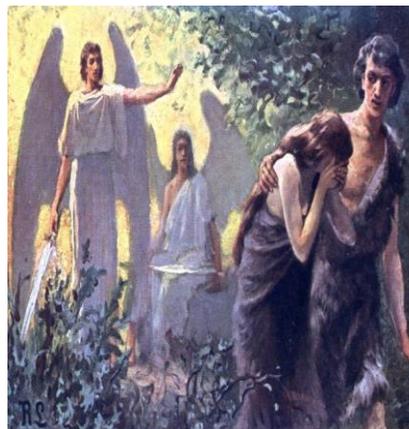
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THE SUNDAY OF CHEESE-FARE

The 5th Pregreatfast Sunday — February 15, 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).

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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 Cheese-Fare

5th & Final Pregreatfast & Forgiveness Sundays

SUN., Feb 15 9:00 a.m. (MR) Thanksgiving of Norma & Peter Kacsur Children
(70th Wedding Anniversary 2/17)

11:00 a.m. (NS) + Vivianne Grace Trapl *(Commendation)* Dad, Mom & Sister

2:00 p.m. (MR) *Forgiveness Vespers w/anointing of Oil of Gladness Initiating The Great Fast*

BEGINNING THE HOLY & GREAT 40 DAYS FAST

REQUIRED Day of STRICT ABSTINENCE — NO MEAT OR DAIRY PRODUCTS PERMITTED

PURE MON, Feb 16, (1) 9:00 a.m. (MR) 3rd & 6th Penitential Greatfast Hours
 **6:00 p.m. (NS)** Great Penitential Canon of St. Andrew with Great Metanias
 *** Holy Communion will be distributed at both Penitential Services

PURE TUE, Feb 17 3 (2) 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Mike Palahunik Sherri & Jeff Walewski

REQUIRED SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat)

PURE WED, Feb 18 (3) 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

PURE THRS, Feb 19 (4) 8:00 a.m. (MR) + A. Velma Seman Nephews

REQUIRED SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat)

PURE FRI, Feb 20 (5) 8:00 a.m. (MR) 6th & 9th Penitential Greatfast Hours
 **6:00 p.m. (NS)** Presanctified Divine Liturgy

Commemoration of the Miracle of the Holy Great-Martyr Theodore Tyro

PURE SAT, Feb 21 (6) 9:00 a.m. (NS) *For the Parishioners of Both Parishes*

Sunday anticipated Divine Liturgy of the Triumph of True Worship — First Sunday of The Great Fast

4:00 p.m. (MR) + Irene + Alex Bilak, Jr. (birthday 2/20) Leyte & Mike Tomchak

THE SUNDAY OF THE TRIUMPH OF TRUE WORSHIP

1st Sunday of The Great Fast — St. Basil Divine Liturgy

SUN., Feb 22 (7) 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Fr. Kevin Barron (birthday) Anonymous
11:00 a.m. (NS) + Esther M. Kallop Valeriano & Kallop Families
4:00 p.m. Deanery Penitential Vespers at Holy Spirit Church, Oakland.

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 15 – PAUL BODNARCHUK; Feb 16 – James Schelling, Mark Warhola; Feb 17 – Theodore Babin, Linda Chomko; Feb 19 – Matthew Warhola; Feb 20 – Monica Lemesh.

TRYING AGAIN NEXT WEEK — Good intentions do not always work out. The church office is doing its best to resume with a full Spirit Of Truth (S.O.T.) Church Bulletin. Currently, it is working to get the 2025 Individual Contribution Statements to those who are requesting them. If you would like a copy of this information, please contact the church office, please phone or email this request. Once again, thank you for your patience and understanding.

BYZAN-TEENS THANK ALL THAT SUPPORTED LAST WEEK'S BAKE SALE — Next Sunday, Feb. 22 the Youth Group 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 —The days of sales are 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!

LENTEN REGULATIONS FOR THE BYZANTINE METROPOLITAN CHURCH — The following are the Lenten Regulations for the Archeparchy.: The fasts of the liturgical year are to be kept....: SIMPLE ABSTINENCE: All the faithful of the Archeparchy who receive the Eucharist are bound to abstain from meat. *Simple Abstinence (no meat) is obligatory on all WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS of The Great Fast.* STRICT ABSTINENCE (No Meat or Dairy Products) is to be observed on the first day of The Great Fast — *PURE MONDAY, February 16 and on Holy & Great Friday, April 3.* If you are unable to keep either abstinence for a just cause, you are to seek a dispensation from the pastor.

This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

Continue to burn before the real presence of our Lord, God & Savior Jesus
February 15 — February 21, 2026

(MR): **In memory of Andrew Drukalsky**
 offered by Niece: Eileen & Kevin Finnegan

(NS): **In memory of Esther M. Kallop** *(12th ann of passing 2/19)*

(MR) Some available for 2026 offered by Valeriano & Kallop Fam. (NS) Few available for 2026

