

Parish Offerings – 6th Sunday after Pentecost — June 30, 2024

“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 (\$1,903) YP (\$5)	\$1,908.00
Holy Days (\$621) YP (\$9) Peter's Pence (\$78)	708.00
Votive Candles	180.00
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	\$2,796.00

Holy Ghost Church, North Side

Regular Offering (\$718.60) YP (\$1)	\$719.60
Holy Days (\$110) YP (\$1) Utilities (\$10) Improvement (\$5)	126.00
Votive Candles	117.50

Church Attendance Last Week \$963.10

Sat (MR), 4:00 p.m. (29)

Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (56); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (31)

SS. Peter & Paul (Jun. 29) Obligation — Fri. (NS) 6:00 pm (25) & Sat. (MR) 9:00 am (27)

Independence Day (Jul. 4) — Thurs., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (5)





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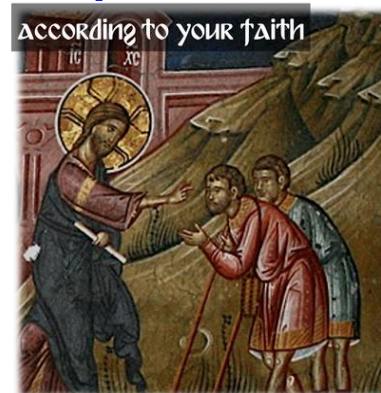


HOLY GHOST BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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THE 7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Independence Weekend — July 7, 2024



Catholics of the Ruthenian – Byzantine Rite in full communion with the Pope of Rome

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The Reverend Father David A. Bosnich

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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.

Holy Mystery of Matrimony: Contact pastor one year in advance; Pre-Cana Classes required.

Sponsor of Christian Initiation: Godparents must be practicing Catholics.

Religious Education Classes: (MR) Coordinator: Subdeacon Luke Iyengar (412) 863-3285.

Carpatho-Rusyn Radio: Internet Sunday afternoon: Rusyn.fm at 3:30 pm. Archive: c-rsmedia.org.

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.

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).

July 7, 2024

Seasonal Greeting:

Volume XIV Number 27



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



Liturgical Services for the Week

Date Time Intention Requested By

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Independence Weekend

SUN, Jul 7 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Glee Hart Family
11:00 a.m. (NS) + Daniel J. Galida (birthday 7/5) Sister: Kathy L. Mullen

Faith & Fun Days

Mon, Jul 8 *** 9:30 a.m. (MR) + Helen P. Petak (birthday 6/7) Family & Friends

Tue, Jul 9 8:00 a.m. (MR) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes

Wed, Jul 10 8:00 a.m. (MR) + John Kulka M/M Ken Medvid
6:00 p.m. (NS) Akathist Service to St. Theresa of the Little Flower.

Thrs, Jul 11 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Debra Charochak Kathy & Dale Charochak

REQUIRED SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat) or **Equivalent Penance** (your choice): in reparation for sins committed in our Country

Fri, Jul 12 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Alex Bilak, Jr. Elizabeth Gottus
(11th ann of passing)

Sat, Jul 13 9:00 a.m. (NS) + Mary Sahayda Dgtr: + Mimi Smith

Anticipated Divine Liturgy of the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

4:00 p.m. (MR) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils

SUN, Jul 14 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Hrebenak + Burda Families Families
11:00 a.m. (NS) + Susan Jupinko (44th ann of passing 7/15) Grnd-Dgtr: Marianne Farabaugh

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

Jul 7 – Tim Bedard, Anna Stebbins; Jul 9 – Albert Kovacs, John Kutchmark, Sr. DEACON MICHAEL MEADERS; Jul 10 – Albert Kovacs, Jr., Jul 12 – Michael S. Muska Jul 13 – Michael Maslaney.

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

HOME: Margaret Belunas, Florence Charochak, DEACON MICHAEL MEADERS, Ilona Goyda, TAMARA HARDING, Bernice Herrick, Steve Kosko, Albert Kovacs, Sr., Kathe Kress, William Kress, Julia Kutchmark, ARLENE LATTA, KIRK LATTA, Nancy Lecci, BETTY LORINC, Irene Muha, JOHN NEWPORT, Kurt Perschy, Betty Spisak, Anita Wolsko.

HIGHLAND PARK CARE CENTER (745 North Highland Ave., Pgh, PA 15206): Linda Reiger. **VETERANS HOSPITAL** (1010 Delafield St., Pittsburgh, PA 15215): JOHN VEREB.

THE RESIDENCE AT WILLOW LANE (30 Heckel Rd., McKees Rocks, PA 15136): Helen Best, Margaret Cifrutlak, Mildred Terrek.

FORBES REGIONAL HOSPITAL (2570 Haymaker Rd., Monroeville, PA 15146): Nancy (Shanta) Wurthier.

GREENTREE REHAB CENTER (1848 Greentree Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15220): Diane Bell.

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

Public questions on Catholic spirituality, moral & spiritual problems

Q. A friend of mine has used a Ouija board on several occasions. I have advised him against using it, but he insists it is used just for fun and that it is harmless. Is this true? **A. Catholic Answers Apologist:** No. The Ouija board is far from harmless, as it is a form of divination (seeking information from supernatural sources). The fact of the matter is, the Ouija board really does work, and the only "spirits" that will be contacted through it are evil ones. ... The Lord repeatedly condemns any and all occultic practices, including divination. While many Bible passages could be cited, the following one is typical of his view of occultic practices (cf. Dt 18:10–12). ... Simply put, nothing positive can ever come from the use of the Ouija board, and God warns us against such things for our own spiritual safety.



This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

July 7 — July 13, 2024

(MR): In memory of Helen & Carl Wincalow

offered by Bilak & Tomchak Families

(NS): In memory of Monsignor Peter P. Tay (birthday 7/7)

(MR) None available 2024

offered by Marianne Farabaugh

(NS) None available 2024



General Announcements

McKees Rocks

SCHEDULE OF ALTAR SERVER FAITH & FUN DAY — For those who have registered, the 2024 Faith & Fun Day is tomorrow, **Monday, July 8, 2024**. The day will begin at 9:30 am at Holy Ghost Byzantine Catholic Church, McKees Rocks, PA with the Divine Liturgy. Then immediately off to PNC Park to eat at the Pirates game. The afternoon Pirates vs. the New York Mets will be featured. Following the game, we will travel to the Pittsburgh National Aviary, and then at 5:00 p.m. depart for Dave & Busters, North Hills for dinner and game play. We will return at 7:30 p.m. to Holy Ghost Church to head back home.



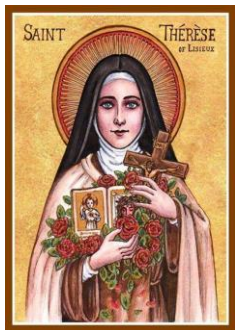
BYZANTINE YOUTH RALLY PARISHIONERS RETURN HOME —

Holy Ghost Youth Group would like to say **THANK YOU!** to the parish for all the support of our fundraisers. Byzantine Rally 2024 was amazing. Your help with fundraising sent teens: Olivia Leasure and Tom Rubish along with chaperones Dana Leasure and Paul Rubish all the way to San Diego. Our Subdeacon Luke Iyengar worked the Rally, too. Thanks again!



PARKING LOT SEALED AND CRACKS FILLED — This past week our Church Parking Lot was renovated by the TABS ASPHALT & CONCRETE, INC. of Pittsburgh. We have contracted them for the past approx. 3 times. The official description of work detail: 2024 Crack Filling, Seal Coating & Line Stripping. Once again, we are grateful to all members of our Pirohi Project who subsidized this work. The total cost of the project was \$4,170.00. God bless our Pirohi Project Members!

North Side



sanctified.

AKATHIST LITURGICAL SERVICE — Fr. Bosnich is offering an Akathist (without sitting) Service this week in honor of St. Theresa at **6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 10**. It is open to anyone who wishes to attend. St. Theresa of the Little Flower had a great devotion and love for the Byzantine Catholic Church throughout her life. Through her constant intercession, may she always intercede for our church and make all hearts yearn for our loving God, who wishes that all souls be saved and

7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

They wanted desperately to be healed — Matthew 9: 27-35)

One of the reasons Jesus came to earth was to show us what God is really like. Although God had revealed himself continually to his people, it was difficult for them to



understand how he thought because of their fallen minds. By giving us the Holy Spirit, Jesus enabled us to understand how he thought because of their fallen minds. By giving us the Holy Spirit, Jesus enabled us to understand the mind of God (see John 16:13). By living a perfect human life, Jesus showed how God wants us to live. The two blind beggars in today's reading were probably very needy individuals, both materially and emotionally. They wanted desperately to be healed of their blindness. From what they had heard about him, they realized that Jesus was their only hope. They believed that he could heal them and so they came to

him, begging for mercy. Seeing their faith, God granted their request. The gift that the Lord most wants to give us is spiritual life through knowledge of him. All the other healings we may need are dependent upon this. Our Father is delighted when his children want to know him more deeply. He will reveal himself to us. Pray in this fashion: "Holy Spirit, I want to know more about Jesus than I've ever known before. Make this a time of preparation and revelation. Teach me how to ask the Lord questions and give me the faith to expect answers."

Byzantine Catholic Ruthenian Metropolitan Directives Regarding the Mentioning of Deceased Names on Sundays & Holy Days

*(Many times, parishioners have asked, "why aren't the names of our deceased loved one's name audibly mentioned at the Divine Liturgy on **Sundays and Holy Days**, but mentioned many times at a Week Day Divine Liturgy?" The following abridged directive was published by our Bishops on June 25, 1975 regard this subject and remains in effect to this day).*



Norm B: ".... The Divine Liturgy of the **Holy Day** is to be celebrated in its entirety with no intonation or litanies for the deceased (N.B. the priest may pray them silently). Neither is there to be the singing of "Eternal Memory" following the Holy Day dismissal and blessing.

Norm C: "When a Divine Liturgy is taken for the deceased on a **Sunday (N.B. this includes the Saturday Anticipated for Sunday)**, it is to be celebrated in its entirety with no intonation or litanies for the deceased. Neither is there to be the singing of Eternal Memory following the Dismissal and Blessing. (N.B. an exception for the singing of Eternal Memory is on certain occasions such as Mother's Day, Father's Day, the passing of a Pope, Hierarch, or Pastor of the Church}. However, no deceased litanies are to be taken unless a Panachida follows the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.

In conclusion, if you wish to have your loved ones audibly mentioned at the Divine Liturgy, please see that are scheduled during a week day. Be assured the though you may not hear your loved one's name (s) mentioned, its efficacy is not diminished for their soul.— FFAF

Calendar of Upcoming Events

July 8 Archieparhial Altar Server Faith & Fun Days Pirates vs. Mets @ 12:35 p.m.
 July 17 Feast of our Blessed Bishop-Martyr Paul P. Gajdich, OSBM.
 July 19 HGC-NS @ 6:00 pm - Anticipated Feast of the Holy O.T. Prophet Elijah — Blessing of Vehicles.
 July 20 ... HGC-MR @ 9:00 am - Feast of the Holy O.T. Prophet Elijah — Blessing of Vehicles
 July 21 Annual Church Picnic at Clever Park, Robinson from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. Signup.

Saints of the Week — July 12

THE HOLY MARTYRS PROCLUS & HILARION

The Holy Martyrs Proclus and Hilarion were natives of the village of Kallippi, near



Ancyra, and they suffered during the time of a persecution under the emperor Trajan (98-117). Saint Proclus was put under arrest first. Brought before the governor Maximus, he fearlessly confessed his faith in Christ. The governor decided to compel the saint to submit himself to the emperor and offer sacrifice to the pagan gods. During his tortures, the martyr predicted to Maximus that soon he himself would be compelled to confess Christ as the true God. They forced the martyr to run after the chariot of the governor, heading towards the village Kallippi. Exhausted, Saint Proclus prayed that the Lord would halt the chariot. By the power of God the chariot halted, and no force could move it from the spot. The dignitary sitting in it became petrified. The martyr told him that he would remain unmoving until such

time as he would sign a document with a confession of Christ. Only after this could the chariot continue on its way with the governor. The humiliated pagan took fierce revenge on Saint Proclus. He commanded that Proclus be led out beyond the city, tied to a pillar and shot with arrows. The soldiers, leading Saint Proclus to execution, told him to give in and save his life, but the saint said that they should follow their orders. Along the way to the place of execution, they met Hilarion, the nephew of Saint Proclus, who with tears embraced his uncle and also confessed himself a Christian. The soldiers seized him, and he was thrown into prison. The holy Martyr Proclus prayed for his tormentors and surrendered his soul to God beneath a hail of arrows. Saint Hilarion was brought to trial and, with the same courage as Saint Proclus, confessed himself a Christian. After tortures he was sentenced to death. They tied the martyr's hands and dragged him by his feet through the city, wounded and bloody, and then they beheaded him three days after the death of his uncle, the holy Martyr Proclus. Christians buried them together in a single grave

General Announcements

KENNYWOOD PARK: BYZANTINE CATHOLIC FAMILY DAY — Special discounted tickets are now available online at gcuusa.com Ticket prices \$27.00 (ages 4+); free for ages 3 and under. All tickets bought at this



discounted rate must be used on July 25, 2024. All tickets include entry into the Park and All-Day Ride. Byzantine Catholic Family Day is slated for **Thursday, July 25, 2024. Deadline for these discounted tickets is this Wednesday, JULY 10.** Tickets are also available for the Luncheon Buffet at a cost of \$25.00 (ages 11+); Youth Luncheon \$20.00 (ages 3-10); Come join in the fun and set the day aside.

GCU LODGE 390 LENDS A HELPING HAND TO FISHER HOUSE — Our local GCU Lodge is continuing to collect items to help Pittsburgh's VA Fisher House.



The Pittsburgh Fisher House is a 10-bedroom "home away from home" and provides a place for visiting families to stay, free of charge, while their loved ones receive inpatient medical care at VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System. The Pittsburgh Fisher House is professionally furnished and features a common kitchen, laundry facilities, spacious dining room, living room with a library, and toys for children. They are

requesting assistance in keeping these areas stocked with supplies. Boxes will be placed at the side vestibule and narthex areas of both parishes for the **collection that will extend to August 5.** Needed items are listed on a stationery sheet near these boxes. Let's help these Veterans and their families!

CHURCHES PICNIC UPDATED INFORMATION — Thus far, our numbers are low who have signed the posted list. Your presence is very much needed! The picnic is slated at the Robinson Township Cleaver Road Picnic Grove **Sunday, July 21, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** It is necessary that all that attendees must register on the signup sheet located in the (NS) Narthex and (MR) Side Vestibule. The Churches must know how many hot dogs, hamburger, and soft drinks to order. This will be a picnic basket style event. The Church office was recently made aware that the GCU will subsidize all the food; not need to bring a picnic basket. We are looking forward to this being and 'ol fashioned' event where we can relax and enjoy the day together. *The final day of registration is next Sunday, July 14.*



REGISTER FOR A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE — The Archeparchy wishes to honor those who are celebrating their 10, 15, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70 etc.



anniversary of marriage this year. This celebration has been extended on a new format. It will take place on **Sunday, September 15, 2024 @ 3:00 p.m. at St. Elias Church, Munhall.** If you are observing one of the above milestones, please contact the Church office if you plan or DO NOT plan to attend! All specially marked anniversaries submitted will be published in a September issue of the SOT. *The final day of registration is next Sunday, July 14.*