

Parish Offerings – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost — Oct. 29, 2023

“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 (\$2,183) YP (\$19)	\$2,202.00
Holy Days	20.00
Collection for the Poor (\$60) Bakeless Bake Sale (\$55)..	115.00
Votive Candles (\$144) Coffee Social (\$40)	184.00
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	\$2,521.00

Holy Ghost Church, North Side

Regular Offering (\$611) YP (\$1)	\$612.00
Utilities	20.00
Bakeless Bake Sale	20.00
Votive Candles	30.50
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	\$682.50

Church Attendance Last Week

Sat., 4:00 p.m. (34)

9:00 a.m. (64); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (20)

Archieparchial Moleben of Canonization — (MR) 3:00 pm (40)



HOLY GHOST BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

225 OLIVIA STREET
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McKEES ROCKS, PA 15136
PITTSBURGH, PA 15212

THE 23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Standard Time Resumes *** November 5, 2023



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

The Very Reverend Father Frank A. Firko, Pastor

The Reverend Deacon Michael 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



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North Side Parishioner

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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.

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

Sacramental Call to Homebound, Personal Care & Hospitalized: Phone Church Office ASAP.

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.

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 last will and testament. This helps to secure its future & a Byzantine Catholic witness to all!

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).

November 5, 2023

Seasonal Greeting:

Volume XIII Number 45



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



Liturgical Services for the Week

Date **Time** **Intention** **Requested By**

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Daylight Savings Times Ends — Clocks FALL BACK 1 hour

SUN, Nov 5 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Beverly Harsh (40th day of passing 10/31) Harsh & Ruud
11:00 a.m. (NS) + Peter P. Smoley (63rd ann of passing 11/7) Sister: Mary Ann

Mon, Nov 6 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Poor Souls in Purgatory Hubal Family


General Election Day ** Let us be the voice of the most vulnerable ** Vote PRO-LIFE
Tue, Nov 7 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Irene O. Bordas Theresa Kundrat

Synaxis Feast of the Holy Angelic Commander Michael the Archangel & all the Heavenly Incorporeal Powers

Wed, Nov 8 9:00 a.m. (MR) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes
6:00 p.m. (NS) + Archpriest John G. Petro Wilson Family

Thrs, Nov 9 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Kurt Marks (40th day of passing 10/22) Tomchak Family

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

Fri, Nov 10  8:00 a.m. (MR) + Eleanor Kulka (birthday 11/11) Children: Kathy & John

Sat, Nov 11 9:00 a.m. (NS) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes

Sunday anticipated Divine Liturgy of the 24th Sunday after Pentecost

4:00 p.m. (MR) + Mike J. Sotak Dgr: Elaine M. Cassidy
(33rd Ann of passing 11/14)

24th Sunday after Pentecost

SUN, Nov 12 9:00 a.m. (MR) Health & Welfare Dgrs: Monica & Christine
of Mildred Terrek (Birthday 11/9)

11:00 a.m. (NS) + Joyce Spontak (1st ann of passing 10/7) Husband: Robert

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 to be published.

Note: Capitalized Names designate North Side parishioners

Nov 5 — Julia Ann Mosko; **Nov 6** – Barbara Stecko; **Nov 7** – Mark Saber; **Nov 8** – Nancy (Shanta) Wauthier; **Nov 9** – Tina Burns, JOHN HELMS, Mildred Terrek.

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

HOME: Margaret Beliuinas, Florence Charochak, DEACON MICHAEL MEADERS, Ilona Goyda, TAMARA HARDING, Bernice Herrick, Steve Kosko, Kathe Kress, Julia Kutchmark, ARLENE LATTA, KIRK LATTA, Nancy Lecci, BETTY LORINC, Irene Muha, Kurt Perschy, MARLENE PFEIFFER, Elizabeth Poznak, Betty Spisak, MONSIGNOR PETER TAY, Betty Warhola, Anita Wolsko, Nancy (Shanta) Wauthier.

MAPLEWOOD PC HOME (461 Maplewood Ave. Ambridge, PA 15003): Doris Naughton.
HIGHLAND PARK CARE CENTER (745 North Highland Ave., Pgh, PA 15206): Linda Reiger.
CHIPPEWA PLACE (7005 Stadium Dr., Apt 427, Brecksville, OH 44141): Stephen Katrenich.
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 Cifrulak, Mildred Terrek.
LUTHERAN SENIORLIFE (500 Wittenberg Way, Mars PA 16046): A. SHIRLEY KALNAS.

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

November 5 — November 11, 2023

(MR): **In memory of Eleanor & John Kulka**

offered by Children: Kathy & John

(NS): **In memory of Fr. Ronald P. Larko** (2nd ann of pass 10/31)

(MR) AVAILABLE FOR 2024

offered by parishioners.

(NS) AVAILABLE 2024

General Announcements

McKees Rocks

LAST WEEK'S PIROHI WAS CANCELLED — We were all ready to go with the initial project when mother nature decided to rain on the Pirohi Kitchen. Triangle Roofing, Inc., on Mt. Nebo Road, which specializes in flat roofs was contacted. The analysis was that the rubber membrane shifted and tore two large holes draining the rain water into the kitchen from the ceiling. It was repaired, and now we await our next rainfall to see if there are any additional leaks. They were called upon twice. The total cost of the repair was \$1,407.76. All our roofs are antiquated and will have to be replaced in the



near future.

PIROHI PROJECT WILL RESUME PRIOR TO CHRISTMAS — Plans have been finalized for the upcoming Pirohi Project. *Here are the Friday sales dates: Nov. 10, 17, Dec. 1, 8 & 15 (no sales on the Friday following Thanksgiving).* We would appreciate more volunteers especially pinchers! **Remember, all orders must be placed on the Wednesday prior to the sale date between 9:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon. Also, you may sign the list on weekends prior to Wednesday phone orders. Call the Pirohi Kitchen: (412) 331-5155.**



North Side

BAKELESS BAKE SALE & 50/50 RAFFLE FOR THANKSGIVING — We are continuing these two social activities in time for Thanksgiving Holiday including a Bakeless Bake Sale. We will see if matching funds from GCU Headquarters are available. 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 Churches will be credited on your donation statement for tax purposes. Both the Raffle and Bakeless Bake Sale will terminate on **Sunday, November 26 and the day the drawing will take place.** The proceeds will be applied to our Tower Bell Project.



Take a PRO-LIFE Voting Guide with you to the polls this Tuesday. They are located in the Narthex of both Churches, and the Side Vestibule in McKees Rocks. Let us speak up for the most vulnerable people awaiting to be born, and for our Catholic Faith.

Meditation on today's Gospel

Faith in Jesus is Necessary for Salvation

Like 8:41-56

When the woman with a hemorrhage learned that the Lord said to the leader of the synagogue, "Believe, and your daughter **will live,**" **she thought to herself that he who could bring back the soul of a little girl of twelve into her body would also be able to take away an illness of twelve years and expel it from the body.** When she heard him say, "Believe firmly and your daughter will live," this woman reflected, "can give the faith he requires as the price." The healing came forth from his mouth, and he negotiated as its price the faith expressed by the woman's mouth. He gave a clear healing and demanded a clear price. The healing that came out from his lips could be heard publicly, and he required from the lips a faith openly professed. Although the woman professed before everyone, they did not believe her, especially since her pains were hidden. When the Lord opened the eyes of the blind man, they called him a madman, and when he restored Lazarus to life, certain people, even among those who had seen for themselves, did not believe. This is why he restored the little girl of twelve years to life. He who was able to put the continued vitality of twelve years in the body back into its place was also able to arrest and banish from its place a flow of blood that continued for twelve years. He who was able to alleviate one illness was also able to banish another. He who was able to vivify all the dead members of this little girl was also able to heal the woman's womb.



CATECHESIS OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Pope's Past General Wednesday Audience

Dear brothers and sisters: We are discussing the sixth commandment: "You shall not commit adultery." It deals specifically with marital fidelity, yet it also speaks to every human relationship and vocation. In the light of Christ, we see that all love is meant to be pure, faithful, generous and fruitful. True love enables us to find ourselves by giving ourselves away. Hence, authentic love is always spousal, life-giving and self-sacrificing. The undying love of Christ that is the basis of marital fidelity is likewise reflected in the spousal love and spiritual parenthood...In the mystery of Christ's love, we come to understand the full meaning of the gift of our human sexuality and the fidelity demanded by the marriage Covenant. As men and women, body and spirit, we are called to love in ways that leave no room for lust or promiscuity. The Latin inscription taken by a homily of St. Bede reads "... By having mercy and by choosing Him."



Calendar of Upcoming Events

November 5 Daylight STANDARD Time begins. Clocks FALL BACK ONE HOUR.
 November 7 General Election Day — Defend the most vulnerable – Cast a Pro-Life Vote.
 November 8 Synaxis of St. Michael & All Angels (MR) 9:00 a.m.; (NS) 6:00 p.m.
 November 13 ... Greater Pit5tsburgh Deanery Meeting @ 12:00 noon at a place to be determined.
 November 15 Commencement of the Philippian (Filipovka) Fast.
 November 19 Moleben to Blessed-Martyr Theodore G. Romzha, Cathedral @ 3:00 p.m.
 November 23 Annual Thanksgiving Day Divine Liturgy @ 9:00 a.m.
 November 26..... Decorating the (MR) Church for Christmas following the Divine Liturgy.
 Decorating the (NS) Church for Christmas following the Divine Liturgy.

Solemn Holy Day This Week — November 8 Holy Angelic Commander Michael & All Holy Angels

The angels of God were celebrated by men from earliest times but this celebration was often turned into the divinization of angels (II Kings 23:5). The local Council of Laodicea (four



or five years before the First Ecumenical Council) rejected the worship of angels as gods and established the proper veneration of angels in its Thirty-fifth Canon. The Church celebrates all the bodiless Powers, and is why the same feast is called the Synaxis (Assembly). In the fourth century, during the time of Sylvester, Pope of Rome, and Alexander, Patriarch of Alexandria, the present Feast of Archangel Michael and all the other heavenly powers was instituted for celebration in the month of November. *Why precisely in November? Because November is the ninth month after March, and March is considered to be the month in which the world was created. Also, as the ninth month after March, November*

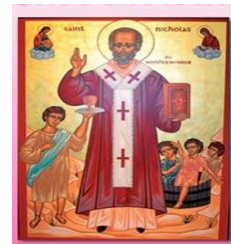
was chosen for the nine orders of angels who were created first. St. Dionysius the Areopagite, a disciple of the Apostle Paul (who was taken up into the third heaven), described these nine orders of angels in his book, *On the Celestial Hierarchies*, as follows: (1) **six-winged Seraphim**, (2) **many-eyed Cherubim**, (3) **God-bearing Thrones**, (4) **Dominations (also referred to as Dominions)**, (5) **Powers**, (6) **Virtues**, (7) **Principalities**, (8) **Archangels**, and (9) **Angels**. The leader of all the angelic hosts is the Archangel Michael. When Satan, Lucifer, fell away from God and drew a part of the angels with him to destruction, then Michael stood up and cried out before the faithful angels: "Let us attend! Let us stand aright! Let us stand with fear!" and all of the faithful angelic heavenly hosts cried out: "Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God of Sabaoth! Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory!" Concerning the Archangel Michael, see Joshua 5:13-15 and Jude 1:9. Among the angels their reign perfect oneness of mind, oneness of soul, and love. The lower orders also show complete obedience to the higher orders, and all of them together to the holy will of God. Every nation has its guardian angel, as does every Christian. We must always remember that whatever we do, in open or in secret, we do in the presence of our guardian angel. May God have mercy on us and save us by the prayers of the Archangel Michael and all the holy incorporeal powers of heaven.

General Announcements

GRATITUDE EXTENDED — A special thank you is extend to all our parishioners and friends who brought special cookies, etc. for the fellowship that followed last Sunday's Moleben for the Beatification and Canonization our four saintly bishops. We especially thank our church volunteers and all who served the fellowship in the Church Basement. To all who worked in setting up and decorated the tables, and for all who have prayerfully attended the liturgical service and participated in the placement of the icons. Many expressed gratitude for the privilege of venerating their sacred relics. — **A BIG THANK YOU** for all your sacrifices. May God Bless You!!!



ARCHIEPARICHAL ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION — The 64th Annual St. Nicholas Celebration will take place at the Cathedral and Cathedral Center on **Sunday, December 3, 2023**. Tickets are now priced at \$45.00 per adult and \$20.00 per child ages 12 and under. We would like to get at least one full table per parish(s) family. Please sign the list in the (MR) Side Vestibule; (NS) Narthex. **Parish deadline is today, November 5.** Make check out to Holy Ghost Church. In the memo write: *Annual St. Nicholas Moleben-Dinner.*



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 2024 we are hoping to send Teens to California.



FUNDRAISING

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:

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!

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER FOOD DRIVE — In our love for the less fortunate, we will be holding our annual non-perishable food drive to be delivered to *Focus On Renewal* in time for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Please bring the non-expired items to the Church and place them at the entrance. For additional information contact Elaine Kurtanich (412) 370-9092. Once again, we are grateful to her for leading this project.

