

Parish Offerings – 21st Sunday after Pentecost — Oct. 22, 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

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| Regular Offering (\$2,811) YP (\$10) | \$2,821.00 |
| Holy Days | 5.00 |
| Collection for the Poor .. | 141.00 |
| Votive Candles (\$133) Coffee Social (\$15) | 148.00 |
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| | \$3,115.00 |

Holy Ghost Church, North Side

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| Regular Offering (\$540) YP (\$1) | \$541.00 |
| Utilities | 65.00 |
| Votive Candles | 56.00 |
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| | \$662.00 |

Church Attendance Last Week

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

Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (64); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (30)



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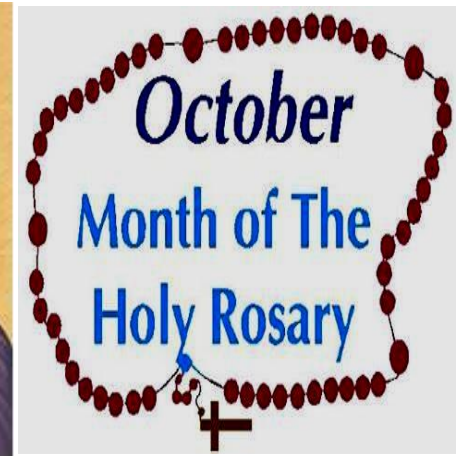
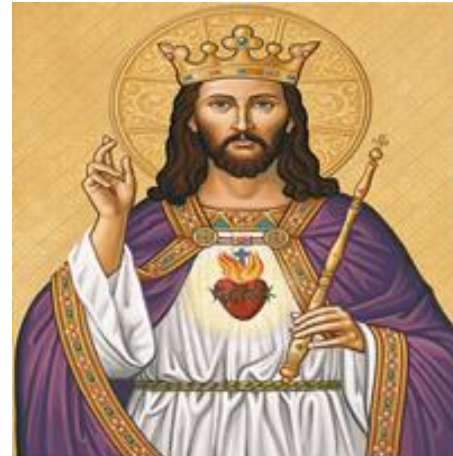
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THE 22nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday of Christ the King — October 29, 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

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.

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).

October 29, 2023

Seasonal Greeting:

Volume XIII Number 44



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



Liturgical Services for the Week

Date Time Intention Requested By

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday of Christ the King

SUN, Oct 29 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Patricia Putruna Sisters
(10th ann of passing 10/27)
11:00 a.m. (NS) Health & Welfare Alice Slagle & Family
of Betty Warhola

Mon, Oct 30 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Mary Supak Niece: Martha & Bob Maletz

Tue, Oct 31 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Fr. Ronald P. Larko Mike, Leyte & Mike Tomchak
(2nd ann of passing)


Martyrdom of Blessed Bishop-Martyr Theodore G. Romzha

Wed, Nov 1 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Mary Kundrat Theresa Kundrat
(57th ann of passing 10/31)

Thrs, Nov 2 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Bodzeuski + Zula + Smory + Kraly Zula Family

First Friday of the Month — Reparation for the sins against the Sacred Heart of Jesus

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

Fri, Nov 3  8:00 a.m. (MR) + Dan Pikras (birthday) Son: Dino & Family

First Saturday of the month in reparation for blasphemies against the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Sat, Nov 4 9:00 a.m. (NS) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes

Sunday anticipated Divine Liturgy of the 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

4:00 p.m. (MR) + Irene Bilak (birthday 11/4) Mike, Leyte & Mike Tomchak

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

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

Oct 29 — ANTIONETTE PHILLIPS; Nov 2 – KATHY MULLEN; Nov 3 – Michael W. Palahunik, JOAN SENCHYSHYN, John Wovchko.

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

HOME: Margaret Beliunas, 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. If the Eucharist is really Christ, shouldn't it heal sick or wounded people who receive it? **A. Catholic Answers Apologist:** Not necessarily. By that reasoning, the sacrament of baptism should accomplish the same thing, because we receive God in his divinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—in receiving baptism. And while baptism washes away our sins and gives us the gift of sanctifying grace—and there is nothing greater than that—the healing of sick or wounded people typically doesn't accompany reception of baptism. Similarly, in the Eucharist, we receive Jesus Christ in his divinity as well as his glorified body, blood, soul, and divinity, but physical healings don't typically accompany reception of the Eucharist. And yet, again, we receive an increase of sanctifying grace and grow closer to our Lord Jesus, and so we truly experience a foretaste of heaven.

This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

October 29 — November 4, 2023

(MR): **In memory of William H. Bell**

offered by Wife: Diane & Family

(NS): **In memory of Debra Anne Charochak**

(MR) AVAILABLE FOR 2024

offered by David S. B.

(NS) AVAILABLE 2024



General Announcements

McKees Rocks

PIROHI PROJECT WILL RESUME PRIOR TO CHRISTMAS — Plans have been finalized for the upcoming Pirohi Project. **Here are the Friday sales dates: Nov. 3, 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.**



FOR THE FINAL OCTOBER SUNDA: ADDITIONAL FRESH FLOWERS FOR THE HOLY THEOTOKOS — This is the fifth consecutive week that an anonymous donor has been sending flowers to be placed at the feet of our Blessed Mother located on the iconostasis. We are grateful to whoever you are for this noble expression of love for the Holy Virgin whom we especially extol during this month of October. May she be comforted seeing the expression of your heart.



North Side

BAKELESS BAKE SALE & 50/50 RAFFLE FOR THANKSGIVING — We are launching 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 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*.

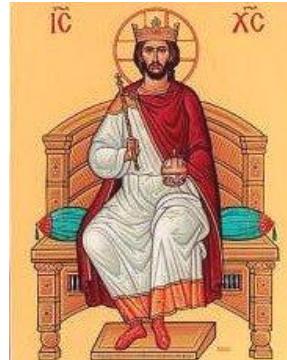


CHURCH BOILER REPAIRED THIS PAST WEEK — Upon entering the Church last week, you may have experienced some cooler temperatures. Gravener Heating and Cooling of Pittsburgh was contacted. They found a faulty Ignition Control switch box which was burned out and replaced. The total cost: \$673.62. Our boiler system has served us well over decades, and is starting to display its age. Parts are getting hard to purchase. We should be up and running for today's Divine Liturgy. The use of your Improvement Envelope partially compensates for these types of repairs. Thank you for all who use this monthly envelope.

Meditation on today's Gospel

Traditional Celebration of Christ the King (John 18:33-37)

The name is found in various forms in scripture: King Eternal (1 Timothy 1:17), King of Israel (John 1:49), King of the Jews (Mt. 27:11), King of kings (1 Tim 6:15; Rev. 19:16), King of the Ages (Book of Revelation 15:3) and Ruler of the Kings of the Earth (Rev. 1:5). Christ's Kingship was addressed in the encyclical Quas Primas of Pope Pius XI, published in 1925, which has been called "possibly one of the most misunderstood and ignored encyclicals of all time." The Pontiff's encyclical quotes with approval Cyril of Alexandria, noting that Jesus' Kingship is not obtained by violence: "'Christ,' he says, 'has dominion over all creatures, a dominion not seized by violence nor usurped, by His by essence and by nature.'" The late Pope Pius XI instituted the feast of Christ the King in 1925 to remind Christians that their allegiance was to their spiritual ruler in heaven as opposed to earthly supremacy, which was claimed by the Italian Dictator Benito Mussolini. It was originally established to be celebrated on the last Sunday of October. Through the liturgical reforms of the Western Rites, it now is celebrated in November prior to the Advent Season. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI has remarked that Christ's Kingship is not based on "human power" but on loving and serving others. The perfect exemplar of that acceptance, he pointed out, is the Virgin Mary. Her humble and unconditional acceptance of God's will in her life, the Pope noted, was the reason that "God exalted her over all other creatures, and Christ crowned her Queen of heaven and earth." *The early Byzantine Catholic Liturgical book (Sluzebnik) printed in the United States in 1945 and revised in 1962 with the Imprimatur of Bishop Nicholas T. Elko lists this feast on pages 297-303 and has never been abrogated.*



October: Respect-Life Month

5th & FINAL WEEK INTENTION OF REPECT LIFE MONTH:

Lord, we pray for all people throughout the world: that they might recognize and treat each person as a masterpiece of Your creation; For the poor, the homeless, and all who are in need: that they may receive love, respect, and the material assistance they need; For all those facing an unexpected pregnancy: that the peace of Christ may fill their hearts; That all women, men, and family members suffering from abortion may know the Your tender, healing love; For those who are ill: may they draw strength from the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Who is always with us in our suffering; For parents who have lost a child through miscarriage: that they may know the comfort and hope that Jesus brings; For all elected officials: that throughout their service, they may respect the dignity of each person. Lord, teach us to know, love and serve You always by conforming ourselves to Respect all Life that You have created. Amen.



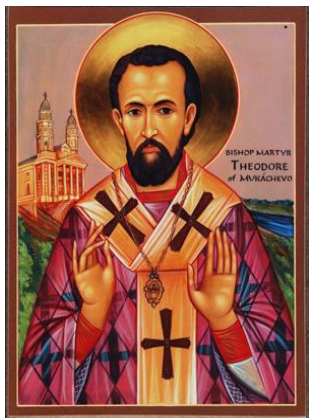
Calendar of Upcoming Events

October 29 Sunday of Christ the King.
..... Annual Moleben for our 4 saintly bishops. @ 3:00 p.m.
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 15 Commencement of the Philippian (Filipovka) Fast.

Saint of the Week

Blessed Bishop-Martyr Theodore G. Romzha — Nov 1

Theodore Romzha was born in the Subcarpathian region of Austria-Hungary (in the Rusyn village of Velyky Bychkiv, now in Ukraine) on April 14, 1911. Theodore was



ordained a priest on Christmas Day, 1936 in the Basilica of St Mary Major, Rome. After completing his compulsory military service he served briefly as a pastor in several Transcarpathian parishes (part of Czechoslovakia since 1918) before being assigned as professor of philosophy at the Eparchial Seminary in Uzhorod in 1939, occupied by Hungary. These were difficult years for the Church in Subcarpathia as it experienced the invasions first by Hungary, one of Axis powers, then direct rule from Nazi Germany and lastly the Soviet Red Army. On September 24, 1944, at the young age of 33, he was consecrated bishop and appointed apostolic administrator of the Eparchy of Mukachevo in the cathedral of Uzhorod by Bishop Miklós Dudás. He had immediately to face the

soviet Red Army, which occupied the churches, assigned them to the Orthodox and arrested priests. Bishop Romzha refused in front of General Petrov to break with the Pope. His ministry to the faithful met with many roadblocks, and he could not be tolerated by the Communist officials who now began looking for getting rid of the young bishop. On October 27, 1947, on the way home from a parish visitation celebrating Christ the King Sunday, Bishop Romzha's horse drawn carriage was purposely rammed by a Soviet military truck. The soldiers, who were dressed as civilians, jumped from the truck and beat the bishop and his companions. They were hospitalized. The Bishop was making good progress when a new Soviet nurse was assigned to him. A little after midnight Romzha was found dead. The nurse poisoned him. According to research in Soviet archives by Yevgenia Albats, the Bishop's murder was ordered personally by Nikita Khrushchev. Bishop Romzha was beatified as a Martyr for the Faith by Pope John Paul II in Lviv on June 27, 2001 with November 1 assigned as his feast day. *In most recent times the Mukachevo Eparchy petitioned the Vatican to move the feast to October 31 since their Country celebrates Memorial Day on November 1st the actual day of his martyrdom.* In the United States, we still commemorate the actual day of his martyrdom.

**Let us continue to Pray fervently & often
For his Canonization**

General Announcements

ANNUAL MOLEBEN FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CAUSES THIS AFTERNOON

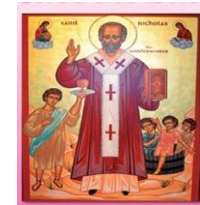


The yearly prayer service for the advancement of the Causes of Beatification and Canonization of our four holy Ruthenian Byzantine Catholic Bishops will take place at the **Holy Ghost Church, McKees Rocks, PA on Sunday, October 29, 2023 @ 3:00 p.m.**

For the past 38 years faithful through the Pittsburgh Archeparchy have gathered in various archieparchial parishes, monasteries and the seminary to pray for the Canonization of *Bishop-Martyr Theodore G. Romzha, Uzhorod (+1947); Bishop-Martyr Paul P. Gojdich, O.S.B.M., Presov (+1960); Bishop-Martyr Basil Hopko, Presov (+1976); and for the beatification of the Servant of God Bishop Alexander Chira,*

Uzhorod (+1985). A Marian Moleben is offered seeking the aid of the Holy Mother of God in helping us achieve this end. Please invite your friends! **We are grateful to those who will be baking for this event. Please bring a friend!**

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 next Sunday, 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 and to California. In order

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.