HOLY GHOST ORTHODOX CHURCH

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OCTOBER 25, 2026 – 21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Scripture Readings	Services
MONDAY, OCTOBER 26 Colossians 2:13-20 Luke 10:22-24 TUESDAY, 0CTOBER 27 Colossians 2:20-3:3 Luke 11:1-10 5 WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28 Colossians 3:17-4:1 Luke 11:9-13 THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29 Colossians 4:2-9 Luke 11:14-23 FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30 Colossians 4:10-18 Luke 11:23-26 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31 2 Corinthians 5:1-19 Luke 8:16-21 *All services will also be streamed online via Facebook Live as follows: https://www.facebook.com/Holy-Ghost-Russian-Orthodox-Greek-Catholic-Church-681248091936330/* **Reminder**: The schedule of services can be found on the front page of our website, https://holyghostbpt.com/ The schedule is recorded on the Google Calendar of the church's acct. You can add it to your own Google Calendar by clicking the + sign on the bottom right corner of the calendar window.	**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21** Bible Study……6:30 p.m. ***SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24** Reader's Vespers...……4:00 p.m. ***[Fr Mark attending Diocesan Assembly in Vermont]*** **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 21st Sunday after Pentecost** Divine Liturgy……...9:00 a.m. **Panikhida** in loving memory of Fr Vadim Pismenny on the anniversary of his repose. Holy Ghost Park Committee Mtg……11:30 a.m. "*Ask the Priest*" coffee fellowship **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28** Bible Study……6:30 p.m. **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30** Bonfire at Holy Ghost Park……..6:00 p.m. **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31** Great Vespers……4:00 p.m. **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 22nd Sunday after Pentecost** Divine Liturgy…….....9:00 a.m. Annual Parish Meeting……....11:00 a.m. ***"Second Sunday" Brunch served today!***

Galatians 2:16-20 ***(Epistle)***

16 knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

17 But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not!

18 For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor.

19 For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God.

20 I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Luke 16:19-31 ***(Gospel)***

19 There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day.

20 But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate,

21 desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, the dogs came and licked his sores.

22 So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried.

23 And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

24 Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.'

25 But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented.

26 And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.'

27 Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house,

28 for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.'

29 Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.'

30 And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.'

31 But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'"

CANDLE DESK DUTY

October 25 – Tim Savisky
November 1 – Barb Dulin

Please be reminded: We need more council members to please sign up for candle desk duty, as it is part of the duties of being on the council. Parishioners that are not on the council have been assisting, of which we are grateful. Thank you.

CANDLES / DONATIONS

- Lampatki over Royal Doors for the health & happiness of Melissa (Savisky) Duarte on their first anniversary, from their family.
- An anonymous donation of $1,000 to the Building Maintenace Fund.

COFFEE-HOUR CLEAN-UP CREW … This week's cleanup crew is A through J. If this is your week to help, please see crew chief Bob Denhup. If this is your crew, please be sure to help out. Thanks! ***IMPORTANT***: Please be reminded that coffee and rolls, etc., need to paid for, utilizing the basket provided. We find that there is insufficient funds for milk, butter, cream cheese, etc. Thank you!

HOLY GHOST PARK COMMITTEE MTG … is scheduled for today, October 25. Hope to see all members at the meeting. Dave Lepesko and Mike Pasick will present the agenda at the meeting.

FUTURE OF OUR CHURCH MEETING / BONFIRE NIGHT AT HOLY GHOST PARK … has been rescheduled for **October 30 at 6PM,** weather permitting**.** Please bring snacks to share.

PARISH ANNUAL MEETING … is scheduled for **November 1**. Members in good standing are expected to attend this very important meeting. Meeting material will be emailed. ***In addition, members are reminded to please submit their reports via email to Barbara Dulin by October 25th.***

"Second Sunday" will be held on **November 1** following Divine Liturgy. Anyone interested in contributing to the 'Second Sunday' Potluck menu, please contact Daria DeAngelis by text, email, or phone, 203-218-5121.
Menu: Hotdog, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Dessert, and Beverage – $8 adults, $5 children. Thanks!

ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST for the Annual meeting is posted in the back of church and in the basement. Parishioners must be members in good standing in order to vote at the Annual meeting. Please check the list if you have any questions. Thank you.

FOCUS BRIDGEPORT is holding a Thanksgiving food drive. Please bring non-perishable items to church for donation **by November 15**. Volunteer spots are available also for the Thanksgiving party at Beardsley School on **November 19**. Please email FOCUS director Linda Kolton to sign up: Lkolton@focusna.org

October 31 — Community Meal @ Holy Ghost
November 12 - Beardsley Snack Bags
November 19 - Beardsley Family Night, Thanksgiving Food Distribution
November 28 - Community Meal @ Holy Ghost

There are lots of ways to get involved for church groups, families, employers, and individuals...all are welcome!

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER!

COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE NEEDED!

If the Lord is tugging at your heart to better serve Him and His Church, a wonderful opportunity is waiting for you at Holy Ghost. It is a rewarding ministry. We are a growing community with many positive challenges. Our council members are an excellent team, and we enjoy serving. Any voting member of our parish can run for the council. Please approach Steve Pronechen or Fr Mark before our annual meeting if you are interested. Thank you!

DIVINE LITURGY OCTOBER 18

WISHING ALL YOU TRICK-OR-TREATERS A SPOOKY, BUT SAFE TIME!

Can you identify the 'good' witch in the picture at the right? I'm sure parents, grandparents, will recognize their children featured here. 😊

Some may remember the Sunday School kids' hayride back in the 90's, whereby moms and dads dressed up too!

PARISH METRICS (OCTOBER 25 THRU OCTOBER 31)

BIRTHDAYS

Isaac Roosien, October 25th (9 years old); Richard Kendall, October 26th; and Melanie Lynn Rapoport, October 28th

ANNIVERSARIES

Lindsay & Joshua Labagnara, October 26th (7 years); Kelsey & Joseph Dias, October 28th (8 years)

God Grant them Many Years! ***Многая лета!***

DEPARTED FROM THE PARISH METRICS

OCTOBER 25 – Anastasia Turko, 1913 (1 month); Alexi Hmelnitsky, 1934 (43); Joseph Markevich, 1936 (50); John Labash, 1942 (49); Martha Tabak Labash, 1958 (81); Frances Prichard, 1965 (37); John Alesevich, Sr., 2008 (96)
OCTOBER 26 – Christopher Gilia, 1926 (50); Paul Gotta, 1944 (50); Michael Skovish, 1954 (70); Anna Tanych, 1959 (63); Mary Ablondi, 1996 (79)
OCTOBER 27 – Mary Fetcho, 1942 (3 months); Joseph S. Domkowski, 1984 (75); Helen (Dirga) Demovick, 2005 (97); Henry Romanovsky, 2007 (79)
OCTOBER 28 – James Svirida, 1930 (37); Alexander Belush, 1953 (34); John Kollar, 1966 (66); John Molochko, 2006 (84); Helen Skurja Malsky, 2017 (93)
OCTOBER 29 – Nazary Sytkov, 1918 (22); Nicholas John Turko, 1960 (74); Paraskeva (Pauline) Yesis, 1962 (74); Joseph Matusko, 1969 (59)
OCTOBER 30 – Afanazi Mandzuk, 1918 (5 months); Anna Knooring Sinder, 1966; Anna Cherniakovich Chismark, 1980 (68); Peter Thomas Hristov, Sr., 2023 (89)
OCTOBER 31 – Nicholas Stasukewich, 1955 (67); Alexandra Rodak, 1964 (74); Michael LaPut 1976; Anna Martin, 1987 (75); Mary Jankura, 1986

Memory Eternal! ***Вечная память!***