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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS
Thirty-Second Week (31st Sunday) After Pentecost — Tone 6
Sunday, January 7 – Saturday, January 13, 2024
[daily Scripture readings](#)

As many have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ! Alleluia!

— Sung in place of the Trisagion Hymn at Theophany

1. UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Synaxis of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John.
Sunday After the Theophany [download musical texts](#)
Sunday, January 7

- **Third and Sixth Hours**, 9:40am @ Madera
- **Divine Liturgy**, 10:00am
- Monthly **Panikhida** for January, following

Tuesday, January 9
House Blessings begin!
(Use the sign-up sheets in the back of either Church, [this online form](#), or [email Father](#) your general availability.)

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Saturday, January 13

- **Great Vespers**, 6:00pm @ Irvona
- **Confessions**, following

Sunday, January 14

- **Third and Sixth Hours**, 9:10am @ Irvona
- **Divine Liturgy**, 9:30am
- **Coffee Hour**, following (*Parks Family, sponsors*)

2. STAY SAFE TODAY = The parish's winter weather event policy is to cancel services in the event of a warning (that is, six inches or more of snow is expected to fall in a 24-hour period). Because Clearfield County is indeed under a Winter Storm Warning effective from 8:00am to 10:00pm today, tonight's (January 6) Great Vespers has been canceled

Winter Storm Warning effective from 6:00am to 10:00pm today, tonight (January 6), Great Vespers has been cancelled. In addition, to give parishioners more time for travel tomorrow (January 7), we will be celebrating each service on a half-hour delay, with Hours beginning at 9:40am and the Divine Liturgy beginning at 10:00am. Even though the warning will be over tomorrow, please use extreme caution when driving, looking out for blowing or drifting snow. If conditions make it unsafe for you to travel, prioritize your safety and refrain from venturing out.

3. **WELCOME CARLY MAE** = On December 31, 2023, **Jeremy and Heather Dinsmore** welcomed into the world their newborn daughter, **Carly Mae**, at Mount Nittany Medical Center. At delivery, Carly weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz., measuring 19½ inches long. Both mom and daughter are healthy and doing well, and **Norah** loves her new sister. The Dinsmore Family thanks you for your prayers and assures us that they do not need any food brought by! We look forward to celebrating Carly's baptism some time in February at a date and time to be determined.

4. **MANY YEARS TO MICHAEL THOMAS** = Anticipating the advent of the season's first major storm, Michael Thomas' baptism was moved from this morning to last night, taking place before a Vespers Divine Liturgy and the Great Blessing of Waters for the Feast of the Theophany. Paschal joy filled St. Michael the Archangel Church as yet another soul received the Holy Spirit and joined our parish. As we continue our celebration of our Lord's baptism tomorrow with the signing of the Festal Antiphons and Entrance, we will also have an opportunity to celebrate Michael's entry in the Orthodox Church with a lunch reception following the monthly Panikhida for January. **All are invited!**

5. **JANUARY PANIKHIDA THIS SUNDAY** = This Sunday, January 7, our parish will serve a memorial for all the members of our extended parish family who reposed during the month of January. [Father is collecting a list of names](#); please be sure [to email him](#) or use the black commemoration slips that are located in the Narthex if you have any additions or corrections to the diptychs he is compiling. **Memory eternal!**


6. **YOUR GENEROSITY** = Robin Clark and the Volunteers at the Clearfield Food Pantry thank you for your donations during last Advent's Food Drive. In all, 408 items were delivered to their location on 212 Hammermill Road, which amounts to more than 300 pounds of food for the disadvantaged in our area. The delivery came at a great time for the pantry as the Commonwealth has drastically cut back on the amount that is allocated each month. Even though the drive has concluded, Fr. Alexander will continue to deliver any non-perishable goods that are dropped off at either of our churches. **May God bless your generosity.**


6. **HOME BLESSINGS SET TO BEGIN** = The month of January is reserved for the blessing of all the homes in the parish—**members, inquirers, and visitors alike!** To have your home blessed, you can indicate your general availability using [this online form](#) or contact Fr. Alexander directly by [email](#) or [text](#) and he will get back with you with a specific date and time. It is essential that all of us make use of this powerful tool to protect and set apart both us and our homes for God's glory and purpose. All you need to do in advance is have your house brightly lit, a bowl set out, and a candle ready, if you have one. Father brings everything else!

7. **COUNCILS TO MEET** = Kindly keep the representatives of our church councils in your prayers as they prepare for their First Quarter meetings the week following next. The Madera Council is set to meet on Tuesday, January 16, at 7:00pm, while the Irvona Council Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 18, at 6:00pm. During these sessions, the councils will review financial statements from 2023 and begin selecting members for a new board that oversee the new fund and policies dedicated to the care and endowment of our cemeteries in Patton, Irvona, and Madera. This initiative stems from the resolutions made by both churches during our Annual Meeting last November (see the [2023 Annual Report](#) for more information). If you have an interest in contributing to this effort, please reach out to your respective Council President ([Jacob Mandell](#) for Irvona or [Greg Sidorick](#) for Madera).

8. **STAY CONNECTED** = If you or someone you know would like to have a meeting with Fr. Alexander, you may call or text the parish's phone number, 814-862-8694, or use the [online form](#) on the parish website, [orthodoxclearfield.org](#). Appointments are available at various times of the week, according to your particular availability and needs. As a reminder, be sure to let Father know if any form of sickness is keeping you away from church so he can add you to the prayer list and **bring the healing Sacraments to you.**

January Milestones:

 **Birthdays:** Asher Sidorick (January 14), Brandy Lovell (January 18), Cadence Stodart (January 18), Olivia Sidorick (January 20), and Frank Bakaysa (January 30)

 **Anniversaries:** Patrick & Tamara Stodart (January 14)

Each month we will list the special days of parishioners in this section of the bulletin. Forgive any errors or omissions as this is still a work in progress. Please make sure we don't miss your special day by emailing your information to info@orthodoxclearfield.org or checking your record [here](#).

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