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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS
The Entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem • Great and Holy Week
Friday, April 26 – Saturday, May 4, 2024
[daily Scripture readings](#)

What is the Pascha? It is called by its name* because of what constitutes it: from “suffer” comes “suffering.” Therefore learn who is the suffering one, and who shares in the suffering one’s suffering, and why the Lord is present on the earth to surround himself with the suffering one, and take him to the heights of the heavens.

— *Melito of Sardis, On Pascha*

1. UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

Friday, April 26

- **Great Vespers**, 6:00pm
- **Holy Unction**, 6:45pm
- **Confessions**, following

Saturday, April 27

Lazarus Saturday

- **Third and Sixth Hours**, 8:40am @ Irvona
- **Divine Liturgy**, 9:00am

THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM (Palm Sunday) [download musical texts](#)

Saturday, April 27

- **Great Vespers with Litya**, 6:00pm @ Madera
- **Confessions**, following

Sunday, April 28

- **Third and Sixth Hours**, 9:00am @ Madera
- **Blessing of Palms**, 9:20am
- **Festal Divine Liturgy with Palm Procession**, 9:30am
- **Coffee Hour**, following (*Tammy S., sponsor*)

GREAT AND HOLY MONDAY

Sunday April 28

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- **Bridegroom Matins of Great and Holy Monday**, 7:00pm @ Madera

GREAT AND HOLY TUESDAY

Monday, April 29

- **Bridegroom Matins of Great and Holy Tuesday**, 7:00pm @ Madera

GREAT AND HOLY WEDNESDAY

Tuesday, April 30

- **Bridegroom Matins of Great and Holy Wednesday**, 7:00pm @ Madera

GREAT AND HOLY THURSDAY

Wednesday, May 1

- **Matins of Great and Holy Thursday**, 7:00pm @ Madera

Thursday, May 2

- **Vespers Divine Liturgy, 9:00am** @ Madera

GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY

Thursday, May 2

- **Twelve Passion Gospels (Matins of Great and Holy Friday)**, 7:00pm @ Irvona

Friday, May 3

- **"Un-nailing" Vespers of Holy Friday, 4:30pm** @ Irvona

GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY

Friday, May 3

- **Lamentations (Matins of Great and Holy Saturday) with Funeral Procession, 6:30pm** @ Irvona

Saturday, May 4

- **Vespers Divine Liturgy, 9:30am** @ Irvona

HOLY PASCHA — THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

Saturday, May 4

- **Nocturns**, 10:30pm @ Irvona
- **Rush Procession and Paschal Matins**, 11:00pm

Sunday, May 5

- **PASCHAL DIVINE LITURGY****, 12 midnight @ Irvona
- **Blessing of Baskets and Paschal Meal**, following
- **Agape Vespers, 6:00pm** @ Madera

Monday, May 6

- **PASCHAL DIVINE LITURGY**, 9:30am @ Madera

2. **EXPERIENCE THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF CHRIST** = This week, be transformed into direct participants and eyewitnesses of the Passion of Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Download or check the Nave for a printed [calendar](#) and a [helpful guide to Holy Week](#). As in years past, the entire Paschal Triduum (that is, the "Three Days" in which we commemorate the Passion, Crucifixion, Death, Burial, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ), will take place in one location—Irvona—beginning with the Twelve Passion Gospels on Thursday, May 2. Keeping with our local practice, all

preceding midweek Holy Week services will take place in Madera. By anticipation, the beautiful and solemn Holy Week Bridegroom Matins (morning) services will be held **nightly at 7:00pm** beginning Sunday, April 28; and the Sunday, May 5 Paschal Divine Liturgy is **moved up to midnight** with the blessing of baskets and meal following. Madera's Paschal Divine Liturgy will take place on Bright Monday, May 6, at 9:30am. **Kalo Pascha!**

3. **HOLY UNCTION SERVICE TONIGHT** = To commemorate the end of the Forty Days of Great Lent and to give us strength for the Great and Holy Week ahead, the **Holy Unction service** will follow the 6:00pm Vespers tonight. (As a sacrament, the unction service is only for those who have united themselves to Christ through Baptism and Chrismation.) May God bless and keep you as we complete our journey to Pascha!

4. **LAZARUS SATURDAY LOCATION CORRECTION** = Last week's bulletin incorrectly listed the location of the Saturday, April 27 Divine Liturgy that commemorates the raising of Lazarus of Bethany from the dead. It will take place in Irvona, the same location as the prior evening's Vespers service. Lazarus Saturday kicks off the festal two-day celebration of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday). **Let us attend!**

5. **SIGN UP FOR HOLY WEEK READINGS** = To allow as many as possible to offer their talents during Great and Holy Week, an electronic [Reader's Sign-Up list](#) has been created. Volunteer opportunities for reading include the **Six Psalms** at all matins services, **kathismas** (sections of psalm readings) for all Bridegroom Matins services, **Psalm 50** for the Passion Office, and one of the fifteen (15) **Old Testament Readings** on Great and Holy Saturday. No formal experience is required, but readings should be rehearsed ahead of time. Beginners may opt to chant on one note only or plain read for a straightforward delivery of the text(s). Please be bold if a member of the Choir approaches you to read, and let us all make a joyful proclamation onto the Lord!

6. **CONFESSIONS** = Lazarus Saturday evening (tomorrow, April 27) is the **last scheduled opportunity for Confessions before Pascha**. (See or [contact Fr. Alexander](#) if you would like to schedule a confession at home or in the church during Holy Week.) Please note that the **annual** (at a minimum) **Lenten obligation of Confession and Communion** is the basis for parish membership, which is used to determine quorum and voting eligibility at the Annual Meeting held each November. Accordingly, please let Fr. Alexander know if you have gone to another priest for Confession this Lent.

7. **MONTHLY PANIKHIDA AND BLESSING OF GRAVES** = Looking ahead, Thomas Sunday (May 12), the first Sunday after Pascha, coincides with our monthly Panikhida for May. It is not too early [to submit names to Fr. Alexander](#) to be added to our [parish diptychs](#) for commemoration that day. In addition, in each of the following three Sundays, parish faithful who have loved ones laid to rest in St. Mary's, St. Michael's, and Ss. Peter and Paul Cemeteries are invited to join Fr. Alexander in **blessing the graves** in Irvona, Madera, and Patton, respectively, celebrating Christ's victory over death.

8. **LENTEN ALMSGIVING CONCLUDES** = Thomas Sunday, May 12, is also **the last opportunity** for you to contribute to the parish's Lenten Charitable Drives. Please bring your non-perishable food items for the Clearfield-based [Central Pennsylvania Community Action](#) and your filled coin box for the [Orthodox Christian Mission Center](#) to either church on or before that date. Monetary donations will also be accepted for either cause (be sure to put "Food Pantry" or "OCMC" in a specially-marked offering envelope or on the memo line of your check). **Thank you for your generosity.**

9. **ARCHDIOCESAN DAYS AT CAMP NAZARETH** = Youth of the Archdiocese of Pittsburgh (OCA) are invited to join our friends in the Carpatho-Russian Diocese (ACROD) for a week of camping in an enriching pan-Orthodox environment right here in Western Pennsylvania. This July 21-27 camping week will take place at the beautiful [Camp Nazareth](#) located within the boundaries of our Archdiocese in Mercer, PA, for our diocesan youth 8-18 years of age. An added bonus is that our very own **Luke Sidorick** will once again reprise his role as one of the camp's staff that week! This is an important step toward our diocese having its own week at Camp Nazareth, which is currently being planned for 2025. To register for this year's camp, visit [campnazareth.org](#) and select Week 2, or for more information, contact [Fr. Alexander](#).

10. **SAVE THE DATE:** The [Parish Development Forum](#) returns in 2024, promising to build upon the success of its previous year's record attendance. It is set to take place July 9-11 at the Woodside Event Center at Archangel Michael Church in Broadview Heights, Ohio. Reflecting this year's theme, "Equipping to Serve in a Secular World," the forum promotes and continues a thoughtful dialogue on the future of Orthodox parishes. Expect engaging keynote presentations, small group discussions, and opportunities for worship. Registration opens shortly after Pascha.

11. **RESILIENCE BOWL 2024** = Join His Eminence Archbishop Melchisedek in supporting the **2024 Resilience Bowl** the evening of Tuesday, May 21, 2024. This dynamic football-inspired event aims to raise awareness and funds for the [Neighborhood Resilience Project](#), dedicated to aiding trauma-affected communities in the Pittsburgh area. Tickets, priced at \$20 for adults and \$10 for children, can be [purchased online](#). Rooted in Orthodox Christian teachings, and inspired by the Civil Rights Movement, the Neighborhood Resilience Project seeks to transform communities from trauma-affected to resilient and healthy ones through trauma-informed community development. Led by Troy and Theodora Polamalu, this event promises to be nothing short of EPIC, happening in and around the grounds of Acrisure Stadium in downtown Pittsburgh.

April Milestones:

 **Birthdays:** Philip Cmor (April 7), Nicholas Harris (April 10), Andrew Kalenish (April 27), and Jane Zapsky (April 27)

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](#).


Weekly Prayer List:

Departed: Archpriest Anthony, Nancy, Amy, Blessed Matushka Olga

Living: Metropolitan Onufriy, Igumen David, Mka. Genevieve, Catherine, Guy, Stephen, Robin, Maxim, Romanos, Agnes, Paul, Basil, Basil, Juliana, Meg, Rodney, Rachelle, Frank, Jacob, Tatiana, John, Chris, Gary, Michael, Michael, Shane, Grace Elisabeth and the child she bears, Virginia, Marilyn, Zachariah, Andrei, Mark, Marian, Nicholas, David, Paul, Jane, Phyllis, Bob, John, Marion, Joseph, Trish, Ronald

To have you or your loved one(s) added to the parish's 40-day commemoration lists, please use the black (departed) and red (living) slips located in the Narthex of each Church, or [contact Fr. Alexander](#) directly. Persons are kept on the list for forty (40) days unless otherwise requested.

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May 2024

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 PALM SUNDAY Hours: Blessing of Palms 9:00am Vespers Divine Liturgy with Prayers Prostration 9:30am @ Madera Candle Hours to follow Bridgework Matins of Holy Thursday 5:00pm @ Madera 31 GLEIL AND HOLY PASCHA Paschal Divine Liturgy 9:30am @ Madera Apprs Vespers 6:00pm @ Madera	29 Holy Monday Bridgework Matins of Holy Thursday 7:00pm @ Madera 30 Holy Tuesday Bridgework Matins of Holy Wednesday 7:00pm @ Madera 1 Holy Monday Paschal Divine Liturgy 9:30am @ Madera 2 Holy Tuesday Paschal Divine Liturgy 9:30am @ Madera 3 Holy Wednesday Hours 9:00am Divine Liturgy 9:30am Monthly Praxidika for May @ Madera Candle Hours to follow	31 Holy Thursday Abbas James, Bishop of the Lord 1 Holy Thursday Bridgework Matins of Holy Thursday 7:00pm @ Madera 2 Holy Friday Bridgework Matins of Holy Thursday 7:00pm @ Madera 3 Holy Saturday Hours 9:00am Divine Liturgy 9:30am Paschal Praxidika Branch @ Irvona 4 Holy Sunday Hours 9:00am Divine Liturgy 9:30am Paschal Praxidika Branch @ Irvona 5 Holy Monday Hours 9:00am Divine Liturgy 9:30am Paschal Praxidika Branch @ Irvona 6 Holy Tuesday Hours 9:00am Divine Liturgy 9:30am Paschal Praxidika Branch @ Irvona 7 Holy Wednesday Hours 9:00am Divine Liturgy 9:30am Paschal Praxidika Branch @ Irvona 8 Holy Thursday Hours 9:00am Divine Liturgy 9:30am Paschal Praxidika Branch @ Irvona 9 Holy Friday Hours 9:00am Divine Liturgy 9:30am Paschal Praxidika Branch @ Irvona 10 Holy Saturday Hours 9:00am Divine Liturgy 9:30am Paschal Praxidika Branch @ Irvona 11 Holy Sunday Hours 9:00am Divine Liturgy 9:30am Paschal Praxidika Branch @ Irvona	1 Mar 2024 1 Holy Wednesday 2 Holy Thursday 3 Holy Friday 4 Holy Saturday 5 Holy Sunday 6 Holy Monday 7 Holy Tuesday 8 Holy Wednesday 9 Holy Thursday 10 Holy Friday 11 Holy Saturday 12 Holy Sunday 13 Holy Monday 14 Holy Tuesday 15 Holy Wednesday 16 Holy Thursday 17 Holy Friday 18 Holy Saturday 19 Holy Sunday 20 Holy Monday 21 Holy Tuesday 22 Holy Wednesday 23 Holy Thursday 24 Holy Friday 25 Holy Saturday 26 Holy Sunday 27 Holy Monday 28 Holy Tuesday 29 Holy Wednesday 30 Holy Thursday 31 Holy Friday 1 June 2024	1 Holy Thursday 2 Holy Friday 3 Holy Saturday 4 Holy Sunday 5 Holy Monday 6 Holy Tuesday 7 Holy Wednesday 8 Holy Thursday 9 Holy Friday 10 Holy Saturday 11 Holy Sunday 12 Holy Monday 13 Holy Tuesday 14 Holy Wednesday 15 Holy Thursday 16 Holy Friday 17 Holy Saturday 18 Holy Sunday 19 Holy Monday 20 Holy Tuesday 21 Holy Wednesday 22 Holy Thursday 23 Holy Friday 24 Holy Saturday 25 Holy Sunday 26 Holy Monday 27 Holy Tuesday 28 Holy Wednesday 29 Holy Thursday 30 Holy Friday 31 Holy Saturday 1 June 2024	1 Holy Thursday 2 Holy Friday 3 Holy Saturday 4 Holy Sunday 5 Holy Monday 6 Holy Tuesday 7 Holy Wednesday 8 Holy Thursday 9 Holy Friday 10 Holy Saturday 11 Holy Sunday 12 Holy Monday 13 Holy Tuesday 14 Holy Wednesday 15 Holy Thursday 16 Holy Friday 17 Holy Saturday 18 Holy Sunday 19 Holy Monday 20 Holy Tuesday 21 Holy Wednesday 22 Holy Thursday 23 Holy Friday 24 Holy Saturday 25 Holy Sunday 26 Holy Monday 27 Holy Tuesday 28 Holy Wednesday 29 Holy Thursday 30 Holy Friday 31 Holy Saturday 1 June 2024	1 Holy Thursday 2 Holy Friday 3 Holy Saturday 4 Holy Sunday 5 Holy Monday 6 Holy Tuesday 7 Holy Wednesday 8 Holy Thursday 9 Holy Friday 10 Holy Saturday 11 Holy Sunday 12 Holy Monday 13 Holy Tuesday 14 Holy Wednesday 15 Holy Thursday 16 Holy Friday 17 Holy Saturday 18 Holy Sunday 19 Holy Monday 20 Holy Tuesday 21 Holy Wednesday 22 Holy Thursday 23 Holy Friday 24 Holy Saturday 25 Holy Sunday 26 Holy Monday 27 Holy Tuesday 28 Holy Wednesday 29 Holy Thursday 30 Holy Friday 31 Holy Saturday 1 June 2024

Fasting Legend

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Coffee Hour Schedule

5/5 — **PASCHA** 5/12 — **Sally S., Cheri F. & Brandy L.**
 5/19 — **Prothack** 5/26 — **Bridget S. & Gene R.** 6/2 — **Park**

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* the Greek word paschein means "to suffer."

** to take Communion on Great and Holy Pascha, start your absolute fast (no food or drink) at or around 6:00pm on Great and Holy Saturday, unless directed otherwise by your spiritual father.

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