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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS
Third Week of Pascha — Tone 2
Sunday, May 19 – Saturday, May 25, 2024
[daily Scripture readings](#)

Christ is Risen! Χριστός Βοσκήσε! Χριστός Ανέστη!

1. UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

THIRD SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Holy Myrrhbearing Women [download musical texts](#)
Saturday, May 18

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

Sunday, May 19

- **Third and Sixth Hours**, 9:10am @ Irvona
- **Divine Liturgy**, 9:30am
- **Paschal Potluck Brunch**, following
- **Blessing of Graves**, ~12:30 noon @ St. Michael's Cemetery, Irvona

Tuesday, May 21

Ss. Constantine and Helen

- **2024 Resilience Bowl** for the [Neighborhood Resilience Project](#) with Troy Polamulu, 5:00pm-8:00pm @ [Acrisure Stadium](#), Pittsburgh

FOURTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Paralytic [download musical texts](#)
Saturday, May 25

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

Sunday, May 26

- **Third and Sixth Hours**, 9:10am @ Irvona
- **Divine Liturgy**, 9:30am
- **Coffee Hour**, following (*Bridgett S. & Grace B., sponsors*)

- **Blessing of Graves**, ~12:00 noon @ St. Mary's Cemetery, Madera
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2. **PASCHAL POTLUCK BRUNCH THIS SUNDAY** = On the Sunday of the Holy Myrrhbearing Women (this Sunday, May 19), we will host our annual Paschal potluck brunch. It will take place following the Divine Liturgy in St. Michael's Hall. To assist in coordinating our offerings, a sign-up sheet was sent in a separate email earlier this week. It is not too late to sign up by [following this link](#). Thank you to all who plan to contribute to this festive event! **Christ is Risen!**

3. **GRAVE BLESSING SCHEDULE 2024** = You are invited to proclaim the Resurrection and Christ's victory over death with Father and available members from the Choir as we journey over the next several weeks to area cemeteries after our time of fellowship as follows:

- Sunday, May 19, ~12:30 p.m.: **St. Mary's Cemetery, Madera** (*rain date Sunday, June 2*)
- Sunday, May 26, ~12:00 noon: **St. Michael's Cemetery, Irvona** (*rain date Sunday, June 9*)
- Sunday, June 2, ~12:30 p.m.: **Ss. Peter and Paul Cemetery, Patton** (*rain date Sunday, June 9*)

4. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY** = The initial coin box deposit to benefit the [Orthodox Christian Mission Center](#) (OCMC) was made this week in the amount of **\$173.75!** If you forgot your coin box, please bring it to services at Irvona this weekend, and let Fr. Alexander know so it can be added to the check that will be sent to OCMC. Additionally, all of your donated non-perishable food items for the [Clearfield-based Central Pennsylvania Community Action](#) were dropped off this past week. Along with the \$50 in cash that was donated to the Food Bank, the donations are currently being tallied and will be announced at a later date. It is never too late to add to the totals! 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).

5. **RESILIENCE BOWL 2024** = Join His Eminence Archbishop Melchisedek in supporting the **2024 Resilience Bowl** this Tuesday evening (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.


6. **FORUM REGISTRATION NOW OPEN** = The [Parish Development Forum](#) returns in 2024, promising to build upon the success of its previous year's record attendance. Scheduled from 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 9, through noon on Thursday, July 11, the forum will be held at the Woodside Event Center at Archangel Michael Church in Broadview Heights, Ohio. This year's theme, "Our Parish and the Future: Equipping to Serve in a Secular World," addresses the challenges churches face in a rapidly secularizing society. Expect engaging keynote presentations, small group discussions, and opportunities for worship. Registration is now open, and you can navigate to the registration page from the press release on [OCA.org](#) or directly via [this link](#). The registration page includes detailed information on session times, hotel accommodations, agenda elements, and more. The "Early Bird" registration fee of \$110, a \$50 savings, is available until June 24. Space is limited, so please register as soon as possible to ensure your spot if you wish to attend. Last year, the event was sold out.


7. **ALTAR ROBE FUND UPDATE** = Thank you to all those who have generously donated so that our altar servers can don beautiful purple, white, and (soon to be delivered) gold robes to glorify God in their faithful service. While a generous donor has committed to supply any remaining amount, they are willing to share with you in this wonderful blessing! If you would still like to contribute to the effort, please place in any offering basket your check with "Altar Robe Fund" in the memo line or your specially-marked cash in a separate envelope. A full set of robes costs \$1,373.60, and enough funds for two sets have already been received.

8. **SAVE THE DATE** = **Sunday, July 28, 2024** from 1:00pm to 6:00pm has tentatively been set as the date and time of the third annual Orthodox Family Picnic at Curwensville Lake! This afternoon of food, fun, and games is a great way to enjoy fellowship with fellow parishioners and other Orthodox Christians from around the county—we will again be inviting those from other Clearfield County Orthodox parishes to join us. The parish will provide the meats, condiments, and drinks (bottled water and sodas), so all you need to bring a guest or two, and perhaps a covered side dish, dessert, or additional beverages to share as you wish! And, if you have friends who attend other Clearfield County parishes, please invite them to [contact Fr. Alexander](#) to serve on the pan-Orthodox planning committee.

9. **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.**

May Milestones:

 **Birthdays:** Catherine Mandell (May 1), Jay [Benjamin] Rush (May 3), Emiliya Sidorick (May 6), Patrick Stodart (May 8), Virginia Skebeck (May 15), Sharon Grubbs (May 19), Bill [Basil] Zapsky (May 27), Marilyn Cusick (May 30)

 **Anniversaries:** Paul & Cindy [Agnes] Bihun (May 23), Fr. Alexander & Mka. Jennifer [Genevieve] (May 25), Gregory & Bridgett Sidorick (May 15), Bill [Basil] & Jane Zapsky (May 16)

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: Howard, Bishop Matthias, Blessed Matushka Olga

Living: Metropolitan Onufriy, Igumen David, Mka Seraphima, Juliana, Francis, Susanne, Thekla, Mary, Catherine, Nicholas, Judith, James, Michelle, Michael, Guy, Stephen, Robin, Romanos, Basil, Basil, Meg, Agnes, Paul, Maxim, Michael, Shane, Tatiana, Grace Elisabeth and the child she bears, Virginia, Marilyn, Andrei, Mark, Marian, David, Paul, Phyllis, Bob

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.

This e-mailing list is intended for occasional messages regarding parish services, events, and announcements of the united community of St. Michael Orthodox Church, 163 Hemlock Street in Irvona, PA (all events labeled "Irvona" are held here) and Nativity of the Theotokos Orthodox Church, 151 Alexander Street, in Madera, PA (all events labeled "Madera" are held here). If you would rather not receive these messages, simply reply to this e-mail with "unsubscribe" in the subject

