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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS
Fourth Week of Pascha — Tone 3
Sunday, May 26 – Saturday, June 1, 2024
[daily Scripture readings](#)

Christ is Risen! Χριστός Βοσκήσε! Χριστός Ανέστη!

1. UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

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

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

Sunday, May 26

- **Third and Sixth Hours**, 9:10am @ Madera
- **Divine Liturgy**, 9:30am
- **Coffee Hour**, following (*Bridgett S. & Grace B., sponsors*)
- **Blessing of Graves**, ~12:00 noon @ St. Mary's Cemetery, Madera

Monday, May 27
National Memorial Day (Parish Office Closed)

Wednesday, May 29
Midfeast of Pentecost

FIFTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Sunday of the Samaritan Woman [download musical texts](#)
Saturday, June 1

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

Sunday, June 2

- **Third and Sixth Hours**, 9:10am @ Irvona
- **Divine Liturgy**, 9:30am

- **Coffee Hour**, following (*Parks Family, sponsors*)
- **Blessing of Graves**, ~12:30 pm @ Ss. Peter and Paul Cemetery, Patton

2. 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.

3. REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR MEN AND WOMEN'S RETREATS = Registration is now open for two transformative retreats at the Antiochian Village Conference Center later this year in Bolivar, PA! For the men of the parish, the [Ancient Faith Men's Retreat](#) will take place from **August 22-25, 2024**. Dive deep into your faith alongside Orthodox brothers with engaging speakers like Hieromonk Basil and Fr. John Strickland. Enjoy daily services, Sunday Divine Liturgy, and meaningful fellowship. And for the women of the parish, the [Ancient Faith Women's Retreat](#) takes place from **November 7-10, 2024**. Delve into the theme, "Prayer: Entering into the Heavenly Palace," with inspiring speakers like Mother Christophora and Dr. Rossitza Shroeder. This gathering also offers worship, learning, and connection. Register now for the Men's Retreat and join the waitlist (rooms are already sold out) or come as a commuter for Women's Retreat [here](#) and [here](#), respectively. Don't miss out on these opportunities for spiritual growth and camaraderie!


4. REGISTRATION IS ALSO OPEN for the **2025 Ancient Faith Singles' Retreat**. After the 2024 retreat sold out and led to wonderful new relationships, Orthodox Christians aged 30 and over who are single, divorced, or widowed are invited to a repeat retreat held next February. This retreat offers daily Matins and Vespers, and a Sunday Divine Liturgy, along with interactive discussion sessions, community service opportunities, games, social activities, and free time for relaxation and fellowship. Bring friends or come alone. The retreat will take place from the afternoon of Thursday, February 20, 2025 to the afternoon of Sunday, February 23. For questions, please email Ellie Bernasol at ellie@ancientfaith.com.


5. ARCHDIOCESAN PRO-LIFE EVENT = St. Alexander Nevsky Orthodox Cathedral, 8290 Thompson Run Road, is inviting area Orthodox Christians to an evening of prayer and education next month on Thursday, June 20, 2024. The program will begin at 7:00 p.m. with a memorial service for the victims of abortion, followed by a talk about "Breathe," an after-abortion care program, from 7:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. This event is sponsored by Orthodox Christians for Life St. Alexander Nevsky. For more information, contact [Eileen Glisan](#).

6. 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.

7. 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, Nathan, Bishop Matthias, Blessed Matushka Olga

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

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

