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**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**Fifth Week of Pascha — Tone 4**  
Sunday, June 2 – Saturday, June 8, 2024  
[daily Scripture readings](#)

## **Christ is Risen! Χριστός Βοσκρεσε! Χριστός Ανέστη!**

### 1. UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

**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

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**Thursday**, June 6

- Madera Church Council Meeting, 7:00pm @ St. Mary's Hall

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**SIXTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Sunday of the Blind Man** [download musical texts](#)  
Saturday, June 8

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

**Sunday**, June 9

- **Third and Sixth Hours**, 9:10am @ Madera
  - **Divine Liturgy**, 9:30am
  - **Coffee Hour**, following (*Tammy S., sponsor*)
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**THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD** [download musical texts](#)

Wednesday, June 12

- **Vesperal Divine Liturgy\***, 6:00pm @ Madera
  - **Festal BBQ Potluck**, following (*meat permitted and provided by the Parish*)
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**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. GREAT FEAST NEXT WEDNESDAY EVENING** = On Wednesday, June 12 at 6:00 p.m., we will gather for the Vesperal Divine Liturgy in honor of the **Great Feast of the Ascension**. This feast commemorates Christ's ascension into heaven on the fortieth day after His Resurrection. It is both a solemn and joyful occasion, as we come to fully understand the significance of His Resurrection and rejoice in the promise of the Holy Spirit. Those wishing to receive the Mystery of Holy Communion that evening should begin their absolute Eucharistic fast by noon, unless otherwise directed. After the service, we will break the fast with a festive BBQ potluck in St. Mary's Hall. The parish will provide meats, and participants are encouraged to bring additional sides and desserts. A sign-up sheet will be sent next week to help us coordinate our offerings.

**4. REGISTRATION FILLING UP FOR RETREATS** = Spaces are filling quickly for two upcoming retreats at the Antiochian Village Conference Center in Bolivar, PA. The [Ancient Faith Men's Retreat](#) will be held from August 22-25, 2024, featuring speakers like Hieromonk Basil and Fr. John Strickland, with daily services, Sunday Divine Liturgy, and fellowship. The [Ancient Faith Women's Retreat](#) is scheduled for November 7-10, 2024, focusing on "Prayer: Entering into the Heavenly Palace," with speakers like Mother Christophora and Dr. Rossitza Shroeder, offering worship and learning opportunities. Rooms at the Antiochian Village are now sold out for the Women's Retreat but registrants may join the waitlist or travel to Ligonier as a commuter. Visit [ancientfaith.com](#) to learn more and register.

**5. 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](mailto:ellie@ancientfaith.com).


**6. 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](#).

**7. 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.

**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](http://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**.

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## June Milestones:

 **Birthdays:** Zoie Sidorick (June 2), Cindy [Agnes] Bihun (June 3), Crystal [Christina] Parks (June 9), Maureen Gathagan (June 12), Joyce [Christina] Lucas (June 22), Maksim Sidorick (June 23), Tamara Stodart (June 25), Nicholas I. Sidorick (June 27), Benjamin Brelo (June 29), Jeremy Dinsmore (June 30),

 **Anniversaries:** James & Michelle Sawyer (May 27), Brandon & Chelsey Stodart (June 21), Raymond [Romanos] & Catherine Mandell (June 30)

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](mailto:info@orthodoxclearfield.org) or checking your record [here](#).

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151 Alexander St, Madera, PA



### June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>3 <b>Samaritan Women</b> Hours 9:30am Divine Liturgy 9:30am Monthly Praxidika for June Cafeteria Hour @ Irvona Blessing of Candles — 12:00pm @ St. Peter @ Paul Cemetery, Palm</p>						<p>1 Great Vespers 6:00pm Confessions following @ Irvona</p>
<p>9 <b>Blind Men</b> Hours 9:30am Divine Liturgy 9:30am @ Madera Cafeteria Hour @ Irvona</p>			<p>12 Vespers Divine Liturgy for the Ascension 6:00pm @ Madera 8:00pm Praxidika @ Irvona (see personnel and provided by the Parish)</p>	<p>13 <b>ARGENTINE OF ORLEANS JESUS CHRIST</b> Madera Church Council Meeting 7:00pm @ St. Mary's Hall</p>		<p>8 Great Vespers 6:00pm Confessions following @ Madera</p>
<p>16 <b>Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council</b> Hours 9:30am Divine Liturgy 9:30am @ Irvona Cafeteria Hour @ Irvona</p>				<p>20 Prayer Service for the Father and Son Abraham Lincoln Talk 7:00pm @ St. Nicholas Cathedral, Allentown Park</p>		<p>15 Great Vespers 6:00pm @ St. I. Stan. St., Dallas @ St. Catherine</p>
<p>23 <b>PENTECOST</b> Hours 9:30am Divine Liturgy 9:30am "Censing" Vespers of Pentecost @ Madera Cafeteria Hour @ Irvona</p>		<p>18 Irvona Church Council Meeting 6:00pm @ St. Michael's Hall</p>				<p>22 Great Vespers 6:00pm Confessions following @ Madera</p>
<p>30 <b>All Saints Sunday</b> Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles Hours 9:30am Divine Liturgy 9:30am @ Irvona Cafeteria Hour @ Irvona</p>	<p>1 • June 2024</p>			<p>4 Independence Day (Parish Office Closed)</p>		<p>29 <b>Apollonia Praxidika @ Paul</b> Hours 9:30am Divine Liturgy 9:30am @ Irvona Great Vespers 6:00pm Confessions following @ Irvona</p>

**Fasting Legend**

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Coffee Hour Schedule

6/2 — Park    6/9 — Trinity St.    6/16 — Madera  
6/23 — Sally St.    6/30 — Branch L.    6/30 — Park

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## Weekly Prayer List:

**Departed:** Andrew, Howard, Nathan, Bishop Matthias, Blessed Matushka Olga

**Living:** Metropolitan Onufriy, Igumen David, Archpriest Alexander, Mka. Genevieve, Mka. Seraphima, Larry, Meredith and newborn child Lydia, Frank, Kate, Emma, Juliana, Francis, Susanne, Thekla, Mary, Catherine, Nicholas, Judith, James, Michelle, Michael, 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](mailto:Fr. Alexander) directly. Persons are kept on the list for forty (40) days unless otherwise requested.

\* to take Holy Communion on a weeknight, begin your absolute fast (i.e., no food or drink) by noon, unless directed otherwise by your spiritual father.

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

