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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS
Sixth Week of Pascha — Tone 5
Sunday, June 9 – Saturday, June 15, 2024
[daily Scripture readings](#)

Christ is Risen! Χριστός Ανέστη! Христос Воскресе! Χριστός Ανέστη!

1. UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

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
- **Monthly Panikhida for June**
- **Joint Church Councils' Picnic Planning Meeting**
- **Coffee Hour**, following (*Tammy S., sponsor*)

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD [download musical texts](#)
Wednesday, June 12

- **Vespersal Divine Liturgy***, 6:00pm @ Madera
- **Festal BBQ Potluck**, following (*meat permitted*)

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council [download musical texts](#)
Saturday, June 15

- **Great Vespers**, 5:00pm @ St. Nicholas Church, 301 S. State St., DuBois

Sunday, June 16

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

- **Coffee Hour**, following (*Mandells Family, sponsors*)
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2. **JUNE PANIKHIDA THIS SUNDAY** = This Sunday, June 9, our parish will serve a memorial for all the members of our extended parish family who reposed during the month of June. [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!**

3. **ANNUAL PICNIC PLANNING** = There will be a brief meeting of our two Church Councils following the monthly panikhida on Sunday, June 9, to finalize plans for the annual Pan-Orthodox Family Picnic at Curwensville Lake. All are invited to attend and offer suggestions to ensure a successful and well-attended event.

4. **GREAT FEAST NEXT WEDNESDAY EVENING** = On Wednesday, June 12 at 6:00 p.m., we will gather for the Vespers 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. To help coordinate our offerings, please use [this electronic sign-up sheet](#).

5. **NO GREAT VESPERS NEXT SATURDAY** = Because of Fr. Alexander's travel schedule, Great Vespers for Saturday, June 15 has been postponed. Parishioners are invited to celebrate the Resurrection and prepare for the following day's Divine Liturgy by attending Vespers at St. Nicholas Church in DuBois, 301 S. State St., at 5:00 pm instead. Next Sunday we will welcome Fr. Sam Smolcic as our supply priest.

6. **MATUSHKA OLGA FILM PREMIERE** = As we have been commemorating at our services, Matushka Olga Michael of Kwethluk, Alaska, will be canonized as a Saint. She is the first handmaiden of God to be glorified among the saints in North America. In celebration, a short film titled "Recollections of Sainly Matushka Olga" has been produced, featuring insights from the community in Kwethluk. This film will be available on the Russian Orthodox Diocese of Sitka and Alaska YouTube Channel starting Sunday, June 9. An advance viewing link is available [here](#).

The film also outlines plans to build a new church dedicated to Saint Olga, accommodations for pilgrims, and a Cultural Center for the Yup'ik peoples. These initiatives aim to preserve and foster Yup'ik Orthodox faith, culture, and language, and to educate pilgrims about Matushka Olga's life and holy labors. To learn more about or to support these efforts, please visit the [Diocese of Alaska webpage](#).


7. **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](#).


8. **ORTHODOX YOUNG PROFESSIONALS CONFERENCE** = The Antiochian Archdiocese of North America will host its 10th biennial Orthodox Young Professionals Conference from July 25-28, 2024, at the JW Marriott Resort in Anaheim, California. This event is for young adults aged 21 and over, single or married, and will feature Father Evan Armatas and Presbytera Stacy Armatas as keynote speakers. The conference will include prayer, speaker sessions, social events, and networking opportunities, focusing on the theme "Love & Relationships—God's Greatest Gift." To learn more or register, visit [oypc.org](#).

9. **"EARLY BIRD" DISCOUNT STILL AVAILABLE** = 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.

10. **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**.

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:** 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 or checking your record [here](#).

Weekly Prayer List:

Departed: The Blessed Matushka Olga, Bishop Matthias, Larry, Andrew, Nathan

Living: Metropolitan Onufriy, Igumen David, Archpriest Alexander, Mka. Genevieve, Janet, Thomas, Meredith and newborn child Lydia, Frank, Kate, Emma, Juliana, Francis, Susanne, Thekla, Mary, Catherine, Nicholas, Judith, Agnes, Paul, Maksim, Michael, Shane, Tatiana, Grace Elisabeth and the child she bears, Virginia, Marilyn, Andrei, Mark, Marian, David, Paul, Phyllis, Bob, Nathan, Michelle

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

