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#### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### Third Week of Pentecost — Tone 1

Sunday, July 7 – Saturday, July 13, 2024

[daily Scripture readings](#)

Rejoice, O mountains of Pennsylvania; leap for joy, O waters of the Great Lakes; rise up, O fertile plains of Canada; for the elect of Christ who dwell in you are glorified, men and women who left their homes for a new land! With faith, hope, and patience as their armor, they courageously fought the good fight. Comforted by the beauty of the Orthodox Faith, they labored in mines and mills, they tilled the land, they braved the challenges of the great cities, enduring many hardships and sufferings. Never failing to worship God in spirit and truth and unyielding in devotion to His most pure Mother, they erected many temples to His glory. Come, O assembly of the Orthodox, and with love let us praise the holy men, women, and children, those known to us and those known only to God, and let us cry out to them:

Rejoice, all Saints of North America and pray to God for us!

— "Lord I Call" Sticheron for the Saints of North America

#### 1. UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: All Saints of America** [download musical texts](#)

**Saturday**, July 6

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

**Sunday**, July 7

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

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**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils** [download musical texts](#)

**Saturday**, July 13

**(No Vespers or Confessions)**

**Sunday**, June 14

- **Third and Sixth Hours**, 9:10am @ Irvona
- **Divine Liturgy**, 9:30am
- **Coffee Hour**, following (*Parks Family, sponsors*)

2. **SEMINARIAN VISIT** = This weekend, July 6-7, Master of Divinity candidate Reader Evan Ashmore and his family of four will visit Nativity of the Theotokos Church in Madera. During and after the liturgy, he will have the opportunity to share with us and involve us in his ongoing calling to serve the Church. Furthermore, Reader Evan will offer the homily on Sunday. A special collection will be taken during the Prayers of Thanksgiving to support him. The Ashmores begin their second year at St. Tikhon's Seminary this fall. Thank you in advance for your support of our parish's Seminarian Fund.

3. **GUEST CHANTERS THE NEXT TWO WEEKENDS** = Reader Evan will be joined by Subdeacon Samuel Leathers from Holy Trinity Orthodox Church in State College this weekend, July 6-7. Together, they will lead us in the responses of the Divine Services in two-part harmony. Next Sunday, July 14, we will be joined by Sbdn. Michael Stickle and his daughter, Corielle, who will lead the congregation in responses at the Divine Liturgy. We thank the Ashmores, Leathers, and Stickle families for joining us and "filling in" for the Mandell family, who continue their much-deserved vacation through next Sunday.

4. **NO VESPERS OR CONFESSIONS NEXT SATURDAY** = Great Vespers and Confessions, originally scheduled for next Saturday, July 13, have been canceled to allow our visiting priest, Fr. Michael Sochka, more time to travel to Clearfield County. Depending on your location and schedule, you are encouraged to visit our dean's parish, St. Nicholas in DuBois (301 S. State St.) or Holy Trinity Church in State College (119 S. Sparks St.). Services start at 5:00 and 6:00 p.m., respectively.

5. **YOUR GENEROSITY** = The final numbers are in! This Lent, you contributed **\$351.29** through the Orthodox Christian Mission Center's Coin Box Program. These funds go directly to support priests serving in the mission field. This was in addition to the **1,166** pounds of food (**583** total food items) and **\$250** in cash donated to the Clearfield Food Pantry. Thank you for seeing Christ in others this Lent by supporting the underprivileged, both nearby and around the world.


6. **BRING A FRIEND TO OUR PICNIC** = On **Sunday, July 28, from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**, we will have our annual Parish 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 the area. We will be inviting many nearby parishes to join us. The parish will provide the meats, condiments, and drinks (bottled water and sodas), so all you need to bring is a guest or two, and perhaps a covered side dish, dessert, or additional beverages to share. As this is an outreach event, please also invite non-Orthodox friends and family to join us. **The more, the merrier!**


7. **EDUCATION DAY ONLINE 2024** = Join St. Vladimir's Seminary for their 4th Annual Seminary Education Day on Saturday, July 13, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This free online event, hosted by Dr. Peter Bouteneff, offers a unique opportunity to ask scholars your questions about Scripture, theology, ethics, pan-Orthodoxy, and more. Participate in this engaging "Zoomathon" and help raise \$50k to educate seminarians. Register today at [svots.edu/events/](https://svots.edu/events/)

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](https://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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## July Milestones:

 **Birthdays:** Fr. Alexander Cadman (July 6), Rachelle Sidorick (July 13), Walter [Vladimir] Lucas (July 17), Rachel Mandell (July 18), and Joelle [Mary] Rush (July 29).

 **Anniversaries:** Jeremy & Heather Dinsmore (July 21), Dimitri & Olivia Sidorick (July 22) and Vladimir & Rachelle Sidorick (July 29).

*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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## Weekly Prayer List:

**Departed:** The Blessed Matushka Olga, Priest Nikolay, Katherine, Larry

**Living:** Metropolitan Onufriy, Igumen David, Child Matthew, Nadia, Alexandra, Juliana, Benjamin, Basil, Frank, John, Francis, Cecilia and her newborn child Daniel, Janet, Thomas, Meredith and her newborn child Lydia, Thekla, Agnes, Paul, Maksim, Grace Elisabeth and the child she bears, Anya and the child she bears, Virginia, Marilyn, Andrei, Mark, Marian, David, Paul, Michael, Shane, Tatiana, Phyllis, Bob, Nathan, Michelle, Michael

*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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