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**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**Fifth Week of Pentecost — Tone 3**  
Sunday, July 21 – Saturday, July 27, 2024  
[daily Scripture readings](#)

O righteous Father Jacob, Adornment of Atka and the Yukon Delta; Offspring of Russian America, Flower of brotherly unity, Healer of sickness and terror of demons: You offered yourself as a living sacrifice To bring light to a searching people. Pray to Christ God that our souls may be saved.

— Troparion to St. Jacob of Alaska (commemorated July 26)

## 1. UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** [download musical texts](#)  
**Saturday, July 20**

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

**Sunday, July 21**

- **Third and Sixth Hours**, 9:10am @ Madera
- **Divine Liturgy**, 9:30am
- **Monthly Panikhida for July**, following
- **Annual Blessing of Vehicles**, following
- **Coffee Hour**, following (*Tammy S., sponsor*)

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**Wednesday, July 24**

*Fr. Alexander will be traveling and unavailable for appointments now through Friday, July 26. For pastoral emergencies, contact Fr. Mark Meholick at (814) 771-5530.*

**Friday, July 26**

**St. Jacob, Enlightener of Alaska**

**Saturday, July 27**

**Great-martyr and Healer Panteleimon**

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**Saturday, July 27**

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

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- **Confessions**, following

**Sunday, July 28**

- **Third and Sixth Hours**, 9:10am @ Irvona
- **Divine Liturgy**, 9:30am
- **Coffee Hour**, following (*Mandells, sponsors*)
- **Third Annual Parish Picnic**, 1:00pm-6:00pm @ [Curwensville Lake, Pavilion 3](#)

2. **JULY PANIKHIDA THIS SUNDAY** = This Sunday, July 21, our parish will serve a memorial for all the members of our extended parish family who reposed during the month of July. 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. **BLESSING OF VEHICLES** = Also on Sunday, July 21, being the first Sunday following the commemoration of the Prophet Elijah (July 20), Father Alexander will **bless your vehicles** (cars, trucks, etc.) according to the tradition and prayers of the Orthodox Church. Following the Prayers of Thanksgiving and the Panikhida for July, our clergy, servers, and choir will process through St. Mary's parking lot and up and down Alexander Road while you remain near your vehicle(s). If you would like the inside of your vehicle blessed, open your doors and/or windows before the procession arrives.

4. **ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC** = Next **Sunday, July 28, from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**, we will have our annual Orthodox Family Picnic at Curwensville Lake! This event promises an afternoon of food, fun, and fellowship with fellow parishioners and Orthodox Christians from the area, as we have extended invitations to local Orthodox churches. Once again, musical entertainment will be provided by Fr. Mark Meholick and Dn. Christopher Meholick. Our parish will provide meats, condiments, and drinks (bottled water and sodas), but please bring a covered side dish, dessert, or additional beverages to share. (A sign-up sheet will be circulated this week to help coordinate contributions.) Since this is an outreach event, Father Alexander and our Church Councils encourage you to specifically invite non-Orthodox friends and family for an even more wonderful day together!

5. **ONLY TEN ROOMS REMAIN FOR MEN'S RETREAT** = The **Ancient Faith Men's Retreat** will be held from August 22-25, 2024, at Antiochian Village in Bolivar, PA, just 1.5 hours outside Pittsburgh. All men are welcome—Orthodox, inquirers, married, single, etc. Enjoy fellowship with Orthodox Christian men, hear from four speakers, and participate in daily Matins and Vespers, an Akathist on Friday, and Divine Liturgy on Sunday. Participants will also have the opportunity to venerate the relics of St. Raphael and learn about his life in the Antiochian Village Museum. In addition to speakers and divine services, attendees will be able to give back through a service project, enjoy the grounds of Antiochian Village, including the Meditation Trail and hikes, and play football and other sports and activities during free time. Excellent meals, bonfires, and Christian brotherhood will further make this retreat a memorable experience. For more information or to register, visit [ancientfaith.com](#).

6. **YOUTH DAY IN NEIGHBORING DIOCESE** = The [Diocese of New York and New Jersey](#) is hosting "Youth Day 2024" at Christ the Saviour Church in Paramus, NJ, on Saturday, August 24, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. This event is open to all youth, teens, and families. Participating kids will enjoy a day of fun with field games, a water slide, bounce house, obstacle course, tug of war, water balloon toss, dunk tank, face painting, and music. The schedule includes a Molieben Service at 11 a.m., a BBQ Lunch from 12-1 p.m., and activities from 1-4 p.m., concluding with Great Vespers at 5 p.m. Register by August 15. For more info, email [admin@nynjocayouth.org](#).

7. **FALL ARCHDIOCESAN RETREAT SCHEDULED** = The Archdiocese of Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania, in collaboration with the St. Alexander Nevsky Orthodox Christians for Life Ministry, is sponsoring a retreat with Frederica Mathewes-Green on September 7, 2024. This event, entitled "The Church's Unborn Witness to Life," will take place at St. Alexander Nevsky Orthodox Cathedral, 8290 Thompson Run Road, Pittsburgh (15237). Frederica Mathewes-Green, a prolific author and commentator featured in publications like the Washington Post and Christianity Today, will lead sessions on "Pro-Life Orthodoxy Through the Centuries" and "Post-Abortion Women Speak." Registration is \$20 per person, with no fee for college students and younger. Check-in begins at 9:30 am, with the first session starting at 10:00 am, followed by lunch at 12:00 pm and the second session at 1:00 pm. For more information or to register, contact Fr. David Vernak at [frdavidvernak@verizon.net](#) or 201-704-6217, or [click here](#). The registration deadline is September 1, 2024.

8. **ALL AMERICAN COUNCIL ONE YEAR AWAY** = We are one year away from the 21st All-American Council of the [Orthodox Church in America](#) (OCA), scheduled for July 14-18, 2025, in Phoenix, AZ. The Council, themed "Gathered Together By Christ," represents the Church's highest legislative and administrative gathering, bringing together clergy and laity to guide the OCA's mission and governance. Hosted at the Arizona Grand Resort, the event will benefit from the resort's extensive meeting facilities, including a large water park, dining options, a golf course, spa, and athletic club. Our parish will be represented by Fr. Alexander and two delegates—one from Irvona and one from Madera—supported by our All-American Council Fund, to which each church contributes \$750 annually. More details will be shared as the Council approaches.

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](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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## July Milestones

 **Birthdays:** Candy [Tatiana] Lucas (July 3), Fr. Alexander Cadman (July 6), Rachele Sidorick (July 13), Walter [Vladimir] Lucas (July 17), Rachel Mandell (July 18), and Joelle [Mary] Rush (July 29).

 **Anniversaries:** Walter [Vladimir] & Candy [Tatiana] Lucas (July 6), Jeremy & Heather Dinsmore (July 21), Dimitri & Olivia Sidorick (July 22), and Vladimir & Rachele Sidorick (July 27).

*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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## Prayer List

**Departed:** Priest Nikolay, Mka. Annice, Katherine, Daniel, The Blessed Matushka Olga

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

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*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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