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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS
Eleventh Week of Pentecost — Tone 1
Sunday, September 1 – Saturday, September 7, 2024
[daily Scripture readings](#)

O Creator of the universe, Thou didst appoint times by Thy power; bless the crown of this year with Thy goodness, O Lord. Preserve in safety Thy rulers and cities: and through the intercessions of the Theotokos, save us!

— *Troparion for the Church New Year*

1. UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST [download musical texts](#)

Church New Year (Indiction)

Saturday, August 31

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

Sunday, September 1

- **Third and Sixth Hours**, 9:10am @ Madera
- **Divine Liturgy**, 9:30am
- **Coffee Hour**, following (*Tammy S., sponsor*)

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY [download musical texts](#)

Sunday Before the Elevation of the Cross

Saturday, September 7

- **Great Vespers** with **Litya** for the Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos, 6:00pm @ Madera
- **Confessions**, following

Sunday, September 8

- **Third and Sixth Hours**, 9:10am @ Madera
- **Festal Divine Liturgy**, 9:30am
- **Festal Patronal Potluck Dinner**, following

Tuesday, September 10

- **Cemetery Endowment Committee Meeting**, 4:00pm @ Clearfield Area Charitable Foundation, 236 E. Market St., Clearfield

ELEVATION OF THE CROSS [download musical texts](#)

Friday, September 13

- **Vesperal Divine Liturgy***, 6:00pm @ Irvona

Saturday, September 14
(Strict Fast Day)

2. **HAPPY NEW YEAR** = This weekend, August 31-September 1, we will celebrate the Indiction, or **Church New Year of the Orthodox Church**, with special prayers during the weekend services. According to Holy Tradition, Christ entered the synagogue on September 1 to announce His mission to mankind ([Luke 4:16-22](#)). The Indiction marks the beginning of the ecclesiastical year, a time for renewal and reflection as we begin planning conciliarly for the months ahead. Just like its January civil calendar counterpart, the start of the new Church Year is an excellent opportunity to make resolutions to deepen one's spiritual life. **Happy New Year!**

3. **PATRONAL FEAST NEXT SUNDAY** = Next weekend, **September 7-8**, we will celebrate the patronal feast of **Nativity of the Theotokos Church** with Great Vespers and Litya on Saturday and the Festal Divine Liturgy on Sunday, both at their usual times. Since the patronal feast falls on a Sunday this year, we will be in Madera for two consecutive Sundays, this weekend and next. A festal potluck will follow the Sunday Divine Liturgy. You can indicate what you plan to bring [here](#) to help coordinate our offerings.

While this means back-to-back Sundays in Madera, the parish calendar will now better align for Irvona's patronal feast. We will celebrate St. Michael with a Vesperal Divine Liturgy on Thursday, November 7, and a festal potluck on the following Sunday, held in conjunction with the Parish Annual Meeting. Please make every effort to attend and honor our patron saints, giving thanks for their prayers and protection over our beloved churches!

4. **ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE FOLLOW-UP MEETING** = The **Cemetery Endowment Committee** met last Tuesday, August 27 to begin reviewing potential investment vehicles for a future endowment to support the three cemeteries currently under our care in Irvona, Madera, and Patton. A follow-up meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 10, at 4:00 p.m. in Downtown Clearfield. Based on the committee's findings, draft bylaws will be tailored to govern the future endowment. Members of the committee plan to present their recommendations to the Irvona and Madera Church Councils later this month for review. The Councils will then meet jointly in October to plan for the Parish Annual Meeting in November, where the creation of the Cemetery Endowment is expected to be on the agenda. For more information, please see or contact Fr. Alexander.

5. **PANIKHIDA SCHEDULE UPDATE** = The **September Panikhida**, originally scheduled for this Sunday, September 1, has been rescheduled to Sunday, September 29, because of the Labor Day weekend. The October Panikhida will return to the regular schedule, taking place on the following Sunday, October 6. Now that we have a full year of departed names, Father Alexander will print out a list and place it in both churches for review and updates. You can also access the full list of diptychs here: [Parish Memorials](#)

6. **WITNESS OF FAITH: FR. ROMAN BRAGA** = St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church in Canonsburg, PA, will present a talk by Dr. Daniel Hinshaw titled "From the Crucible of Romanian Communism to the United States: **The Witness of Fr. Roman Braga**" on Tuesday, September 10. Dr. Hinshaw's book on Fr. Roman, *Journey to Simplicity: The Life and Wisdom of Archimandrite Roman Braga*, was recently published by St. Vladimir's Seminary Press. It tells the story of a man who survived the most brutal persecution and torture in the Romanian Communist prison system and eventually immigrated to the United States. Dr. Hinshaw will share his insights on Orthodox Christianity taking root in this country. The evening will begin with Vespers at 6 pm, followed by refreshments in the church hall. Dr. Hinshaw's presentation will start at approximately 7 pm. All are welcome to attend.

7. **MUSIC AVAILABLE FOR OUTREACH** = Our Ss. Mary and Michael's Outreach Fund has acquired a selection of CDs performed by the **St. Mary's Orthodox Cathedral Choir** in Minneapolis, when it was under the direction of our very own Zach Mandell. These CDs are a wonderful way to introduce non-Orthodox family and friends to the beautiful music of the Orthodox Church. The CDs will be available at both our churches in exchange for any size donation to our parish's outreach fund. Please leave a check with "Outreach CDs" in the memo line or cash in a specially marked envelope in the offering basket.


This recording features hymnography from contemporary Orthodox composers, including Resa Ellison, a talented conductor of the Cathedral Choir and a good friend of Fr. Alexander, who passed away unexpectedly at the young age of 31 in 2010. Her composition was providentially discovered several years after her repose and was therefore able to

of St. in 2010. Her composition was providentially discovered several years after her repose and was therefore able to be included in her loving memory.

8. SAVE THE DATE = On Saturday, October 19 at 10:30 a.m. in Madera, our parish will once again host first responders from throughout our county. The morning will begin with a brief prayer service interceding for those who keep us safe and free from harm. It will be immediately followed by the blessing of their vehicles (police cars, firetrucks, ambulances, etc.), and a catered lunch in appreciation for their holy work. As a significant outreach event for our parish, please pray for the success of this gathering! If you would like to be involved in the planning and promotion of this year's luncheon, please see, email, call, or text Fr. Alexander.

9. STAY CONNECTED = If you or someone you know would like to meet with Fr. Alexander, you can call or text the parish number at (814) 862-8694 or use the [online form](#) on the parish website, orthodoxclearfield.org. Appointments are available throughout the week, tailored to your schedule and needs. If illness prevents you from attending church, please inform Father so he can add you to the prayer list and arrange to **bring the healing Sacraments to you** if needed. In case of an emergency after hours, repeated phone calls will automatically bypass silent mode and connect you directly to Father.

September Milestones

 **Birthdays:** Sally [Sara] Sidorick (August 28), Josiah Cadman (September 10), Laura [Elisabeth] Rush (September 14), Hope Mandell (September 14), Brandon Stodart (September 17), Christine Ferlitch (September 18), and Mary Lanser (September 26),

 **Anniversaries:** Ben & Grace Brelo (August 30), Michael & Katrina Lucas (September 11), Jay [Benjamin] & Laura [Elisabeth] Rush (September 23), and Michael & Crystal [Christina] Parks (September 26).

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](#).

Prayer List

Departed: The Blessed Matushka Olga

Living: Metropolitan Onufriy, Igumen David, Grace Elisabeth and her newborn child, Don, Basil, Michael, John, Joseph, Scott, Sophia, Arif, Mary, Alexandra, Juliana, Francis, Thekla, Agnes, Paul, Maksim, Anya and the child she bears, Lucy and the child she bears, Virginia, Marilyn, Andrei, Mark, Marian, David, Michael, Shane, Tatiana, Nadia, Ethan, Phyllis, Bob, Nathan, Michelle, Marion, Robert

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.

St. Michael's Orthodox Church —
163 Hemlock St, Irvona, PA
Nativity of the Theotokos Orthodox Church —
151 Alexander St, Madera, PA



September 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Closed New Year (Sunday) Hours 9:30am Divine Liturgy 9:30am @ Madera Candle Hours in July	2	3	4	5	6
8 NATHANIEL OF THE THEOTOKOS (Makari) (Patron of Priest (Dag)) Hours 9:30am Festal Divine Liturgy 9:30am @ Madera Festal Parokhi in July	9 Assumption of God <i>Justine and Anna</i>	10 Caretaker Committee Meeting 4:00pm @ 214 E. Market Street, @ Clearfield	11	12	13
15 Monday After the Elevation Hours 9:30am Divine Liturgy 9:30am @ Irvona Candle Hours in July	16	17	18	19	20
22 Hours 9:30am Divine Liturgy 9:30am @ Madera Candle Hours in July	23 Compassion of the People (Eusebius) and Baptist John	24 New Masters of St. Athanasius (Athanasius) and Peter the Elder	25 St. Simeon the Stylite	26 St. John the Evangelist	27
29 Hours 9:30am Divine Liturgy 9:30am September Parokhiada following @ Irvona Candle Hours in July	30	1 • OCTOBER 2024 Proclamation of the Theotokos	2	3	4
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Fasting Legend

● indicates that you are fasting today.
● indicates that you are not fasting today.
● indicates that you are not fasting today, but you are not allowed to eat meat.
● indicates that you are not fasting today, but you are not allowed to eat dairy.
● indicates that you are not fasting today, but you are not allowed to eat eggs.

Coffee House Schedule

9/1 – Tammy S. 9/8 – Ferial Parokhi 9/15 – Maudie
 9/22 – Maureen G. & Rachelle S. 9/29 – Parks

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Irvona, Madera, September 2024

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