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**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**Fourteenth Week of Pentecost — Tone 4**  
Sunday, September 22 – Saturday, September 28, 2024  
[daily Scripture readings](#)

O Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son, Who are in the bosom of the Father, True God, source of life and immortality, Light of Light, who came into the world to enlighten it, Thou wast pleased to be conceived in the womb of the Virgin Mary for the salvation of our souls by the power of Thine All-Holy Spirit. O Master, Who came that we might have life more abundantly, we ask that Thou might enlighten the minds and hearts of those blinded to the truth that life begins at conception, and that the unborn in the womb are already adorned with Thine image and likeness; enable us to guard, cherish and protect the lives of all those who are unable to care for themselves.

— from the *Augmented Litany for the Office of Prayer and Supplication for the Victims of Abortion*

## 1. UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** [download musical texts](#)

**Saturday**, September 21

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

**Sunday**, September 22

- **Third and Sixth Hours**, 9:10am @ Madera
- **Divine Liturgy**, 9:30am
- **Coffee Hour**, following (*Maureen G. & Rachelle S., sponsors*)

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**Monday**, September 23

**Conception of the Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John**

- **Pennsylvania March for Life**, 11:00am-1:00pm @ State Capitol, Harrisburg

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**Saturday**, September 28

- **Baptism of Matthias Raphael Brelo**, 10:30am @ Madera

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**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** [download musical texts](#)

**Saturday**, September 28

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

**Sunday**, September 29

- **Third and Sixth Hours**, 9:10am @ Irvona
- **Divine Liturgy**, 9:30am
- **Monthly Panikhida for September**, ~11:15am
- **Coffee Hour**, following (*Parks, sponsors*)

**2. BAPTISM OF MATTHIAS BRELO** – Join us next Saturday morning, September 28, for the baptism of Matthias Brelo, the newborn son of Ben and Grace Brelo. The service will begin at 10:30 a.m. in Madera, followed by a luncheon hosted by Matthias' godparents, Nick and Maureen Sidorick. All are welcome to attend this joyous occasion and stay for the meal as we celebrate the newest member of our Orthodox Christian parish family.

**3. FIRST RESPONDERS PRAYER SERVICE AND LUNCHEON** – On Saturday, October 19, at 10:30 a.m. in Madera, our parish will once again welcome first responders from across the county. The day will begin with a brief prayer service, asking for God's protection over those who keep us safe. Immediately afterward, we will bless their vehicles (police cars, fire trucks, ambulances, etc.) and serve lunch to show our appreciation for their important work. This is a key outreach event for our parish, so please pray for its success! A sign-up sheet for volunteers to bring food will be available by the end of the month. If you are interested in further helping with the planning or promotion of the event, please reach out to [Greg Sidorick](#) or [Fr. Alexander](#) via email, phone, or text.

**4. COLLEGE CONFERENCE REGISTRATION OPENS** – Do you have a student or know of a student who is currently in college? If so, be sure to let them know about the 2024 Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) College Conference, taking place December 27-30. There are two nearby locations: College Conference Midwest at St. Iakovos Retreat Center, Kansasville, WI, or College Conference East at Antiochian Village, Bolivar, PA. Participants will have the opportunity to explore their faith amidst life's distractions. The theme, "Christ, the King of All," aims to help students grow spiritually, intellectually, and personally. Registration is now open at [ocf.net](http://ocf.net).

**5. YOUNG ADULT RETREAT AT CAMP NAZARETH** – Orthodox Christians aged 18-35 are invited to a weekend of reflection, fellowship, and spiritual renewal at the Young Adult Fall Retreat, happening the weekend of October 25-27, 2024, at Camp Nazareth. This year's theme, "Caring for God's Creation: The Self," will be explored by keynote speaker Alex Balouris, who will guide participants in understanding how we can honor God by caring for our mental, physical, and spiritual health. Our Archdiocese is co-hosting the retreat with the American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese, the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh Y2AM, and the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA. Father Alexander and Luke Sidorick from our parish will serve on the planning committee and attend the event. For more details and registration, visit <https://tinyurl.com/yafall2024>.

**6. SEPTEMBER MONTHLY PANIKHIDA** – Next Sunday, September 29, following the Divine Liturgy in Irvona, we will celebrate the monthly panikhida for September, which had been postponed from Labor Day weekend. A printed list of names is available in the Narthex for your review. Please [email any additions or corrections](#), or use the black commemoration slips located in the Narthex of either church to have your loved ones remembered. May their memories be eternal!

**7. THE 2024 PENNSYLVANIA MARCH FOR LIFE** will take place on Monday, September 23. Orthodox Christians from several parishes across the Commonwealth will gather to peacefully and solemnly bear witness for life. A prayer service (molieben) for the victims of abortion will be chanted in a quiet, grassy section of the Capitol grounds, located at the corner of Locust Street and Third Street. Father Alexander has once again been invited to lead the service, which will begin at approximately 12:30 p.m., following a clockwise walk around the Capitol Building. If you are interested in traveling with Fr. Alexander, please contact him directly.

**8. 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.


**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](http://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.

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## September Milestones

 **Birthdays:** 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:** Michael & Katrina Lucas (September 11), Jay [Benjamin] & Laura [Elisabeth] Rush (September 23), and Michael & Crystal [Christina] Parks (September 21).

*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:** The Blessed Matushka Olga, Priest Anthony, Protodeacon Arkady, Anthony

**Living:** Metropolitan Onufriy, Igumen David, Kristen, Basil Z., Frank B., Grace Elisabeth, Child Matthias, Don, Basil L., Michael, John, Joseph, 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, Paul, Michael, Shane, Tatiana, Nadia, Ethan, Abigail, Giana, Phyllis, Bob, Nathan, Michelle, Michael, David, 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.*

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