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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS
Seventeenth Week of Pentecost — Tone 7
Sunday, October 13 – Saturday, October 19, 2024
[daily Scripture readings](#)

So I took the heads of your tribes, wise and knowledgeable men, and made them heads over you, leaders of thousands, leaders of hundreds, leaders of fifties, leaders of tens, and officers for your tribes. Then I commanded your judges at that time, saying, "Hear the cases between your brethren, and judge righteously between a man and his brother or the stranger who is with him. You shall not show partiality in judgment; you shall hear the small as well as the great; you shall not be afraid in any man's presence, for the judgment is God's. The case that is too hard for you, bring to me, and I will hear it."

— Deuteronomy 1:15-17 (*read Saturday night
for the Fathers of the Seventh Council*)

1. UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST [download musical texts](#)
Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council
Saturday, October 12

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

Sunday, October 13

- **Greeting of His Eminence Archbishop Melchisedek**, 9:00am @ Irvona
- **Third and Sixth Hours**, 9:10am
- **Hierarchical Divine Liturgy**, 9:30am
- **Potluck Dinner**, following

Tuesday, October 15

- Madera Church Council Follow-up Meeting, **6:00pm**

Thursday, October 17

- Irvona Church Council Follow-up Meeting, 6:00pm

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST [download musical texts](#)
Saturday, October 19

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

Sunday, October 20

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

Friday, October 25

Fall Young Adult Retreat (now thru. 10/27) @ Camp Nazareth, Mercer, PA

Saturday, October 26

(No Vespers or Confessions)

2. WELCOME ARCHBISHOP MELCHISEDEK – We are honored to welcome His Eminence, Archbishop Melchisedek, for an official archpastoral visit to our parish this weekend, October 12-13. His Eminence will be formally greeted at 9:00 a.m. at St. Michael's in Irvona, with the Hours and the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy following immediately after. In keeping with our local tradition, we will host a potluck dinner in Vladyka's honor after the liturgy this Sunday. To assist in coordinating our meal, please consider signing up using [this link](#). Thank you for your generosity!

3. SUPPORT FOR THOSE IMPACTED BY HURRICANE HELENE – Last Sunday, our parish raised \$818 for International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) to support those impacted by Hurricane Helene. We are continuing to offer special petitions for those affected by the storm and will take an additional collection this Sunday for those who couldn't give last week—let's see if we can surpass \$1,000 in contributions! Thank you for your prayers and generosity toward all who are providing emergency aid.

4. FIRST RESPONDERS PRAYER SERVICE AND LUNCHEON – This Saturday, October 19, at 10:30 a.m. in Madera, our parish will welcome first responders from across the county for our annual appreciation event. The day will begin with a brief prayer service, asking God's protection over those who serve to keep us safe. Following the service, we will bless their vehicles (police cars, fire trucks, ambulances, etc.) and provide a lunch to express our gratitude for their vital work. This is a significant outreach event for our parish—please pray for its success! The sign-up sheet for volunteers will be in Irvona this weekend and distributed electronically on Monday. Let's make every effort to be present on Saturday to support those who risk their lives for our safety.

5. THE IRVONA AND MADERA CHURCH COUNCILS convened separately last month to initiate planning for the upcoming Annual Parish Meeting, scheduled for Sunday, November 12, in Irvona, immediately following the Divine Liturgy. Agenda items and proposed resolutions for the Annual Parish Meeting will be officially approved during upcoming separate church council meetings—October 15 (Madera) and October 17 (Irvona)—and at a joint meeting of both councils on October 20 in Madera after the Divine Liturgy. In addition to certifying delegates to the November 2 Archdiocesan Assembly and passing proposed budgets, the councils will review any submitted resolutions. If you wish to propose a resolution, please submit it in writing to your respective church council president—[Jacob Mandell](#) (Irvona) or [Greg Sidorick](#) (Madera)—preferably before Sunday, October 20, to allow for proper vetting. Please note, resolutions will not be accepted from the floor at the Annual Parish Meeting.

6. 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 are serving on the planning committee and attend the event. As such, the Archdiocese is generously sponsoring Fr. Edward Hughes, a retired priest of the Antiochian Archdiocese, to serve as supply for Fr. Alexander on Sunday, October 27. We look forward to welcoming him and Matushka Anna. For more details and registration for the retreat, visit <https://tinyurl.com/yafall2024>.

7. 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.

Your Stewardship

Date	Location	Stewardship Offering	Year-To-Date
Oct. 6, 2024	Madera	\$675	\$32,661
Sept. 29, 2024	Irvona	\$665	\$32,793
<i>Budgeted Goals:</i>		<i>\$2,200 weekly</i>	<i>\$55,000 annually</i>

October Milestones

 **Birthdays:** Nicholas J. Sidorick (October 4), Jacob Mandell (October 5), John Kalenish (October 9), Luke Sidorick (October 13), Dimitri Sidorick (October 30), and Raymond Mandell (October 31).

 **Anniversaries:** Nicholas I. Sidorick & Maureen Gathagan (October 25).

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, Priest Anthony, Protodeacon Arkady, Anthony, Donald

Living: Metropolitan Onufriy, Igumen David, Rodrick, Ignatius, Child Emmanuella, Kristen, Basil, Frank, Basil, Michael, John, Sophia and the child she bears, 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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