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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS
Eighteenth Week of Pentecost — Tone 8
Sunday, October 20 – Saturday, October 26, 2024
[daily Scripture readings](#)

Grant rest eternal in blessed repose, O Lord, to the soul of your servant, **Frank**, who has fallen asleep, and make his memory to be eternal!

1. UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

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
- **Panikhida** for Frank Bakaysa, following
- Brief **Joint Irvona and Madera Council Meeting**, following
- **Coffee Hour**, following (*Tammy S., sponsors*)

Friday, October 25
Fall Young Adult Retreat (now through 10/27) @ Camp Nazareth, Mercer, PA

Saturday, October 26
(No Vespers or Confessions)

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST [download musical texts](#)
Sunday, October 27

- **Third and Sixth Hours**, 9:10am
 - **Divine Liturgy**, 9:30am
 - **Coffee Hour**, following (*Mandells, sponsors*)
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Tuesday, October 29

- Madera Church Council Follow-up Meeting, 6:00pm
(rescheduled from October 15)

Wednesday, October 30

- Irvona Church Council Follow-up Meeting, 6:00pm
(rescheduled from October 17)

2. MEMORY ETERNAL FOR FRANK BAKAYSA = Today, following the Divine Liturgy, we will serve a Panikhida for the repose of the soul of our beloved brother in Christ, Frank Bakaysa, who unexpectedly but peacefully fell asleep in the Lord this past Monday, October 14. Frank's joyful and faithful presence was a true blessing to our parish. His lifelong dedication to St. Michael's, along with his warm and welcoming spirit to all who entered the doors of both our churches, will have a lasting impact on us. As we honor Frank's memory, may we embrace all those who come to our holy churches and pray that God continues to add daily to our parish those who are being saved. In doing so, we will always remember Frank during each service, together with all the founders of our holy temples. Please also keep his son Doug in your prayers during this difficult time.

3. SUPPORT FOR THOSE IMPACTED BY HURRICANE HELENE – Last Sunday, our parish raised an additional \$282 for International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC), bringing our total contribution to \$1,100 to support those impacted by the devastating flooding in North Carolina. A check has been sent from our parish to directly assist those in need. Thank you for your prayers and generosity in supporting the ongoing emergency relief efforts.

4. THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS! – A heartfelt thank you to all of our parishioners who made this year's First Responders' Appreciation Prayer Service and Luncheon a beautiful experience for our visitors and guests. Representatives from the Irvona Fire Company, Madera Fire Company, and Glendale Volunteer Fire Department brought vehicles to be blessed, and nearly all attendees stayed for the delicious meal served afterward. Now in its third year, this outreach has become a regular part of our local first responders' schedules. While some invitees were unable to attend due to coverage limitations, all Clearfield County companies, departments, and precincts expressed their gratitude for our prayers and support. Next year, we hope to extend this outreach directly to the departments themselves and collect the names of those who have given their lives in the line of duty, so they can be remembered regularly by our parish. For a photo album of the event, [click here](#).

5. THE IRVONA AND MADERA CHURCH COUNCILS were originally scheduled to meet last week, but those meetings were rescheduled. The Madera Church Council will now meet on Tuesday, October 29, and the Irvona Church Council will meet on Wednesday, October 30. Both meetings will take place at 6:00 p.m. A joint meeting of both councils will convene following the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, November 3, to reconcile and mirror any resolutions that apply to our shared life as a united parish community. During this joint meeting, the date and agenda of the Annual Parish Meeting will be finalized, with the proposed new date now tentatively set for Sunday, November 24 at St. Michael's Hall.

Additionally, a very brief meeting of both councils will be held immediately after today's Panikhida for Frank Bakaysa to certify our parish's delegates for the November 2 Archdiocesan Assembly.

If you wish to propose a resolution for the Annual Parish Meeting, please submit it in writing to your respective church council president—[Jacob Mandell](#) (Irvona) or [Greg Sidorick](#) (Madera)—preferably before the November 3 joint meeting to allow for proper vetting. 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 this Thursday, October 25 through Sunday, 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 will 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. YOUR VOICE NEEDED FOR NATIONAL STUDY – Our parish has been invited to participate in the national study, *Exploring the Pandemic Impact on Communitarianism*. This study aims to understand how church life has changed since

Exploring the Pandemic Impact on Congregations. This study aims to understand how church life has changed since the pandemic and how we can strengthen our community moving forward. All adult members of our parish (18+) are invited to complete the confidential 15-minute survey. Your input is invaluable to ensure that Orthodox Churches are properly represented. If enough responses are gathered from Ss. Mary and Michael's, the parish will receive a \$200 gift card and a personalized report providing insights into our specific parish life. To access the survey, [click here](https://covidreligionresearch.org), and for more information, visit covidreligionresearch.org.

8. 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. 13, 2024	Irvona	\$2,801	\$34,156
Oct. 6, 2024	Madera	\$675	\$34,004
<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: Frank, Donald, Protodeacon Arkady, Blessed Matushka Olga

Living: Metropolitan Onufriy, Igumen David, Doug, John, Joseph, Zachariah, Rodrick, Ignatius, Child Emmanuella, Kristen, Basil, 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.

† Includes the Sunday offering from that date, as well as all online donations made at orthodoxclearfield.org/give/ during the preceding 14-day period.

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