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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Seventh Week of Pascha and the Afterfeast of the Ascension — Tone 6

Sunday, June 1 – Saturday, June 7, 2025

[daily Scripture readings](#)

O Christ God, Thou hast ascended in Glory, granting joy to Thy disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through the blessing they were assured that Thou art the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world!

— *Troparion of the Feast of the Ascension*

1. UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council [download](#)

[musical texts](#)

Saturday, May 31

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

Sunday, June 1

- **Third and Sixth Hours**, 9:10am @ Madera
- **Divine Liturgy**, 9:30am
- **Monthly Panikhida for June**, following
- **Coffee Hour**, following (*Bridgett S. & Olivia S., sponsors*)

HOLY PENTECOST: THE FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY [download musical texts](#)

Saturday, June 7

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

Sunday, June 8

- **Third and Sixth Hours**, 9:10am @ Irvona
- **Festal Divine Liturgy** with the **Kneeling Prayers of Pentecost**, 9:30am
- **Coffee Hour**, following (*Mandells, sponsors*)

Day of the Holy Spirit

Monday, June 9

Fast Free Week Begins

2. **JUNE PANIKHIDA THIS SUNDAY** – Next Sunday, June 1, our parish will serve a memorial for all the members of our extended parish family who reposed during the month of June. [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. **KNEELING PRAYERS OF PENTECOST NEXT SUNDAY** – Next Sunday, in celebration of Holy Pentecost, the traditional "Kneeling Prayers" will be offered as part of the Divine Liturgy rather than during a separate Vespers service. These three beautiful and poetical prayers are addressed to our Lord in thanksgiving for the sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. All who are able are encouraged to kneel during these prayers, marking the return of prostrations to our personal and parish life after their 50-day absence during the Paschal season in honor of the Resurrection. These prayers beautifully mark the fulfillment of Christ's saving work, completed and promised at His Ascension. Let us come and extol the grace of the Holy Spirit in spiritual hymns!

4. **CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES** – Many years to our parish high school seniors graduating this week and next: **Jonathan** and **Kennadie Kalenish**, Forest Hills High School Class of 2025, who graduated on Wednesday, May 28, and **Zoie Sidorick**, valedictorian of the Clearfield High School Class of 2025, who will graduate on Tuesday, June 3 (weather permitting). All three took part in their Baccalaureate Ceremonies last week, with both Jonathan and Zoie offering the closing prayer. Looking ahead to the fall, Jonathan will attend Washington and Jefferson University, while Kennadie and Zoie will both begin studies at Duquesne University. We will continue to offer special prayers for our graduates this weekend. **May God grant them many years!**


5. **SAVE THE DATE: ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC** – Mark your calendars! On **Sunday, June 29, from 1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**, we will gather at Curwensville Lake for our annual Parish Picnic, a joyful way to celebrate the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul and the conclusion of the Apostles' Fast, which begins June 16. This year's picnic will focus more intentionally on fellowship within our parish family, offering us a chance to simply enjoy one another's company. That said, friends and guests are warmly welcome, especially those who might appreciate a taste of our parish life or would be blessed by being among us. The parish will provide the meats, condiments, and drinks (bottled water and sodas), and you are encouraged to bring a side dish, dessert, or extra beverages to share, along with a friend or two if you wish. More details and a shareable flyer will be available throughout June.


6. **A PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION** – Parishioners are invited to continue supporting the arts in Clearfield County by attending "A Patriotic Celebration" presented by The Dance Company on Saturday, June 14 at 6:00pm at Clearfield Area High School. This festive performance honors the nation through dance and features local talent, including our very own Zoie Sidorick. Tickets will be available at the door (doors open at 5:00pm), and attendees are encouraged to wear red, white, and blue in the spirit of the occasion. We thank God for another meaningful opportunity to support and enjoy the arts in our county.

7. **ORTHODOX STUDIES INSTITUTE MARKS ONE YEAR OF IMPACT** — On May 21, the Feast of Saints Constantine and Helen, the Orthodox Studies Institute (OSI) celebrated its first anniversary with thanks for a fruitful year of service to the Church. Highlights include major research publications—such as *The American Orthodox Priest Shortage Crisis* and *Converts to Orthodoxy*—as well as live online courses, a new partnership with St. Tikhon's Seminary, and robust blogs on Orthodox history and education. OSI's work has gained national attention and continues to grow through surveys, media, and a new Talent Database. To learn more or support their mission, visit orthodoxstudies.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.

Late May/June Milestones:

 **Birthdays:** Bill [Basil] Zapsky (May 27), Marilyn Cusick (May 30), Zoie Sidorick (June 2), Cindy [Agnes] Bihun (June 3), Crystal [Christina] Parks (June 9), Maureen Gathagan (June 12), Joyce [Christina] Lucas (June 22), Maksim Sidorick (June 23), Tamara Stodart (June 25), Nicholas I. Sidorick (June 27), Benjamin Brelo (June 29), and Jeremy Dinsmore (June 30)

 **Anniversaries:** James & Michelle Sawyer (May 27), Brandon & Chelsey Stodart (June 21), and Raymond [Romanos] & Catherine Mandell (June 30)

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](#).

Weekly Prayer List:

Departed: Schema-Archimandrite Panteleimon, Blessed Matushka Olga

Living: Metropolitan Onufriy, Igumen David, Deacon Christopher, Newly-Ordained Deacon Evan, Catherine, Basil, Nicholas, Christina, Nicole, Robin, Margaret, Child Matthias, David, Thekla, Joseph, Viktor, Sophia and the child she bears, Alexandra, Juliana, Francis, Agnes, Paul, Maksim, Alexis and Child Evelyn Louise newly born of her, Katherine and the child to be of her, Meredith and the child to be born of her, Virginia, Marilyn, Andrei, Mark, Marian, Paul, Shane, Tatiana, John, Letitia, Camryn, Catechumen Erin, Michael Raymond

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.

June Calendar:

[Click here](#) to download the June Calendar in print format.

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