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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Week of Pentecost — Tone 7

Sunday, June 8 – Saturday, June 14, 2025

[daily Scripture readings](#)

We are celebrating the day of Pentecost, the day of the Descent of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles, [the day of] the hope of perfection, the end of expectation, the longing for salvation, the fulfillment of prayer and the image of patience... Therefore, beloved, let us strive to keep our bodies uncorrupted; for one who has acquired a new body, which is a temple of the Holy Spirit, has become a true victor over the devil. What the Spirit of God has said, may it be done unto me.

— from St. John Chrysostom's *Homily on Pentecost*

1. UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

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.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: All Saints Sunday [download musical texts](#)

Saturday, June 14

(*No Vespers or Confessions*)

Sunday, June 15

- **Third and Sixth Hours**, 9:10am @ Madera
 - **Divine Liturgy**, 9:30am
 - Special **Coffee Hour** for Father's Day, following
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Monday, June 16

Apostles' Fast begins—Omit meat and dairy on all days and fish on weekdays now through 6/29.

2. 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!

3. NO VESPERS NEXT SATURDAY – Due to Father's planned travel schedule, **there will be no Great Vespers on Saturday, June 14.** Parishioners are warmly encouraged to attend one of two special arts events that evening (see below): the Orpheus Singers will present Rachmaninoff's *All-Night Vigil* at 7:00pm in State College (which may be paired with Vespers at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church at 6:00pm), or you may stay local and enjoy "A Patriotic Celebration" by The Dance Company at 6:00pm at Clearfield Area High School. Both offer meaningful opportunities to support the arts and celebrate beauty in community.

4. RACHIMANINOFF'S ALL NIGHT VIGIL TO BE PERFORMED – The Orpheus Singers and Grantham Consort, under the direction of **Jacob Mandell** and Joy Meade, are blessed to present Sergei Rachmaninoff's *All-Night Vigil*, Op. 37, on Saturday, June 14 at 7:00pm at State College Presbyterian Church, and Sunday, June 15 at 4:00pm at Christ the Savior Orthodox Church in Harrisburg. This historic collaboration brings together Orthodox and non-Orthodox singers from across central Pennsylvania and beyond to perform a beloved setting of the hymns of Vespers and Matins. Tickets are \$12 and may be [purchased ahead of time](#) or at the door. This landmark of Russian choral music truly is an experience of a lifetime.

5. A PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION – Parishioners are also invited to support 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.

6. ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS AND EVENTS – A Moleben for Victims of Abortion will be served on **Wednesday, June 11 at 7:00pm at St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral** in Allison Park (Pittsburgh), followed by a short talk from Hayley Horner, a registered nurse with Network of Life, who will introduce their new Wellness Journey program. The talk begins at 7:45pm with light refreshments provided. All are welcome to attend either the Moleben, the talk, or both.

In addition, you are warmly invited to a presentation by Dr. David Ford of St. Tikhon's Seminary on **Tuesday, June 24 at 7:00pm at St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church** in Canonsburg, PA, following Vespers at 6:00pm. The talk, titled "**Created Male and Female: The Wisdom of St. John Chrysostom on Human Sexuality**," explores the saint's teachings on the relation between the sexes, Christian marriage, and contemporary concerns about sexual identity. Dr. Ford is a professor of Church History and a respected translator of Chrysostom's works, including *Men and Women in the Early Church* and the *Sing to Your Soul* series.

7. THE APOSTLES' FAST BEGINS next Monday, June 16, and continues through Saturday, June 28, concluding with the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, which falls on a Sunday this year. This is a season of repentance, prayer, and fasting as we honor the labors of the holy apostles and prepare ourselves spiritually to join them in their mission to the world. As one of the four major fasting periods of the Church, it is a time when those who regularly receive Holy Communion are encouraged to go to confession. Please speak with Father if you have questions about how to observe the fast or would like to schedule a time for confession during the week.


8. START PLANNING TO ATTEND: ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC – Our annual **Parish Picnic** will be held on **Sunday, June 29, from 1:30pm to 6:00pm** at Curwensville Lake. This joyful gathering celebrates 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 a wonderful opportunity to enjoy one another's company. Friends and guests are warmly welcome and encouraged to attend—especially those who might appreciate a taste of our parish life or would be blessed by being among us. The parish will provide meats, condiments, and drinks (bottled water and sodas), and you're encouraged to bring a side dish, dessert, or extra beverages to share, along with a friend or two if you wish. **Start inviting now!**


9. FAREWELL, ERIN! – We give thanks for the time **Erin Hess** spent with us at Ss. Mary and Michael's and pray for her continued journey into the Orthodox Faith. Erin, who was previously enrolled as a catechumen here, has now transferred her catechumenate to Holy Trinity Orthodox Church in State College, where she has recently accepted full-time employment with a local home health care provider. May the Lord bless her studies and guide her steps as she prepares for reception into the Church. **Many years!**

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10. **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.

June Milestones:

 **Birthdays:** 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:** 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: Blessed Matushka Olga

Living: Metropolitan Onufriy, Igumen David, Deacon Christopher, Newly-Ordained Deacon Evan, Tracey, Catherine, Basil, Nicholas, Christina, 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, Michael

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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