St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Church

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Tone 3 — **August 23, 2026** — Eothinon 1

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST &
TWELFTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW
LEAVE-TAKING OF THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS
MARTYR LUPUS, SERVANT OF THE GREAT-MARTYR DEMETRIOS;
HIEROMARTYR IRENAIOS, BISHOP OF LYONS; VENERABLE NICHOLAS AND DIONYSIOS OF OLYMPUS

Today's Reader: Matushka Loretta

Next Sunday – August 30, 2026

Reader for August 30, 2026: **Elizabeth Clay**

Commemorations and Bread Offering for August 30: **The Cadmus Family**

Coffee Hour Luncheon next week will be prepared by the Clay, Cadmus, Greco & Keith Families

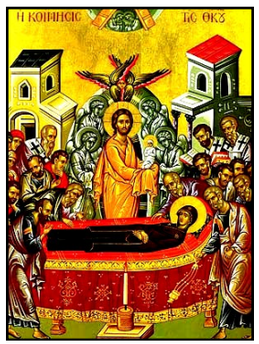
Bread for the Holy Oblation is offered for the Health and Salvation of Nathaniel and Grace and the members of the Keith and Sparks Families.

It is also Given In Loving Memory of the departed members of the Keith and Sparks Families.

"the Disciples were first called Christians in Antioch" (Acts 11:26)

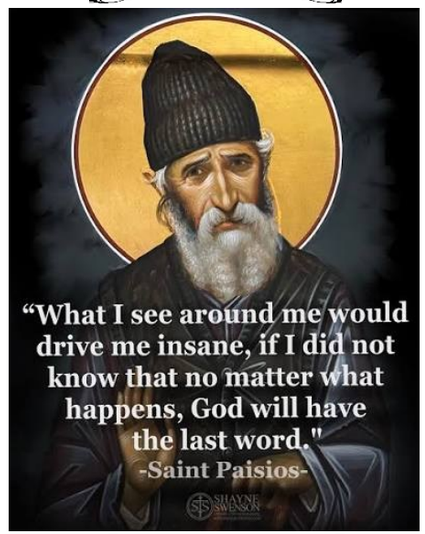
Please note that **Holy Communion is reserved for members of the Holy Orthodox Church** who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and confession. However, all are welcome to partake of the blessed bread at the dismissal.

Please join us during our fellowship at the Coffee Hour immediately after the Divine Liturgy.



Make Note of the Following:

IMPORTANT ~ The Parish Council Meeting will take place on August 30, 2026, at 1:30 pm. If you are not able to attend, please speak to Sdn. James at the Luncheon today.



"Blessings Box" Collection Update

Beloved in Christ,
This year, we are collecting non-perishable food for our new BLESSING BOX! PLEASE KEEP BRINGING FOOD so that we may continue to stock our shelves and have food to stock adequately. We need to continue our efforts in providing food for those who are truly Hungry. God bless everyone for your holy efforts!

Tone 3 **Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost &**
Twelfth Sunday of Matthew Eothinon 1

Leave-taking of the Dormition of the Theotokos

Martyr Lupus, servant of the Great-Martyr Demetrios;
Hieromartyr Irenaios, bishop of Lyons;
Venerable Nicholas and Dionysios of Olympus

Troparion of the Resurrection, *in the Third Tone*

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

Troparion of the Dormition, *in the First Tone*

In thy birth-giving, O Theotokos, thou didst keep and preserve virginity; and in thy falling-asleep thou hast not forsaken the world; for living thou wast translated, being the Mother of Life. Wherefore, by thine intercessions, deliver our souls from death.

Troparion of St. Nicholas, *in the Fourth Tone*

Thy righteous acts have manifested thee to thy flock as a model of faith, a reflection of humility, and a teacher of abstinence, O Father Bishop Nicholas. Therefore, through humility thou hast achieved exaltation, and through poverty riches. Intercede thou with Christ to save our souls.

Kontakion for the Dormition, *in the Second Tone*

Verily, the Theotokos, who is ever watchful in intercessions, who is never rejected, neither tomb nor death could control. But being the Mother of Life, He Who dwelt in her ever-Virgin womb did translate her to life.

Epistle

I Corinthians 15:1-11

Prokeimenon: Sing praises to our God, sing praises.
Verse: Clap your hands all ye nations.

Brethren, I would remind you in what terms I preached to you the gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast--unless you believe in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God which is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Gospel

Matthew 19:16-26

At that time, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, “Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?” And He said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. If you would enter life, keep the commandments.” He said to Him, “Which?” And Jesus said, “You shall not kill, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not bear false witness, honor your father and mother, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.” The young man said to Him, “All these I have observed; what do I still lack?” Jesus said to him, “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” When the young man heard this, he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. And Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?” But Jesus looked at them and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

Calendar: August ~ November 2026

8/29/2026		The Beheading of John the Baptist
8/30/2026 (Sun)	10:00 am	Chrismation of Caleb and Persephonie Winnell
8/30/2026	1:30 pm	Parish Council Meeting
9/1/2026		Feast of the Indiction (Church New Year)
9/5/2026	11:00 am	Baptism of Stacy Sparks, Terry Carter, Asa Harris, & Oliver Harris
9/6/2026		First Day of Church School
9/6/2026	1:30 pm	Choir Practice
9/7/2026 (Mon)	6:00 PM	Evening Divine Liturgy for Nativity of the Theotokos
9/8/026 (Tue)		Nativity of the Theotokos
9/12/2026 (Sat)	2 to 4:00 pm	WHMB Viewing of film "Sacred Alaska"
9/14/2026 (Mon)		Elevation of the Cross
10/1/2026		Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos
10/4/2026	After DL	Parish Picnic at Little Beaver State Park
10/13/2026 (Sun)	1:30 pm	Youth Activity (See Christopher Clay for details)
10/18/2026 (Sun)	12:30 pm	WHMB Baby Shower for Baby Keith
Advent Fast 11/15/2026—12/24/2026		
11/20/2026 (Fri)	6:00 PM	Evening Divine Liturgy for Entrance of Theotokos
11/21/2026		Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple

Calendar for the Week of August 23, 2026	Saints of the Day
Sunday— August 23, 2026 **9:20 am** Orthros **10:30 am** Divine Liturgy	Lupus the Martyr
Monday— August 24, 2026	Eutyches the Martyr among Priests
Tuesday—August 25, 2026	Return of the Body of Bartholomew the Apostle
Wednesday—August 26, 2026 **Fast**	Adrian and Natalia the Martyrs
Thursday—August 27, 2026	Poemen the Rightous
Friday—August 28, 2026 **Fast**	Moses the Abysisnian
Saturday— August 29, 2026 **Strict Fast** **5:00 pm** Great Vespers Confessions afterward	Beheading of the Forerunner John the Baptist
Sunday—August 30, 2026 **9:00 am** Orthros **10:00 am** Chrismation—Caleb & Persephone **10:30 am** Divine Liturgy	Alexander, John, and New Paul Patriarchs of Constantinople

Please note that Confessions are heard at the time noted above in the coming week's schedule, or by appointment by calling Fr. Samuel at: (304) 254-0470, (304) 562-9129, or (304) 541-8550.

We are Joyous to Announce…

The Chrismation of

Caleb and Persephone Winnell

(Sponsors: Eric Roberts ~ Caleb & Stephanie Clay ~ Persephone)

On Sunday, August 30, 2026
During the Divine Liturgy

and

The Baptism of

Stacy Sparks, Terry Carter, Asa Harris, & Oliver Harris

(Sponsors Michale Cacic ~ Terry ; George Lowen ~ Stacy, Asa and Oliver)

On Saturday, September 5, 2026 At 11 AM

May God Grant Them Many Years!

Please Note

Important Announcement about the Parish Library:

- Temporarily, we will be pausing the lending of books from the library as we add new books to our collection. It is my hope that we will complete our work and open it back for lending around September 1.
- If you have books that you have borrowed and are finished reading them, please bring them back and leave them on the Conference Room table so we can include them in our inventory accounting.

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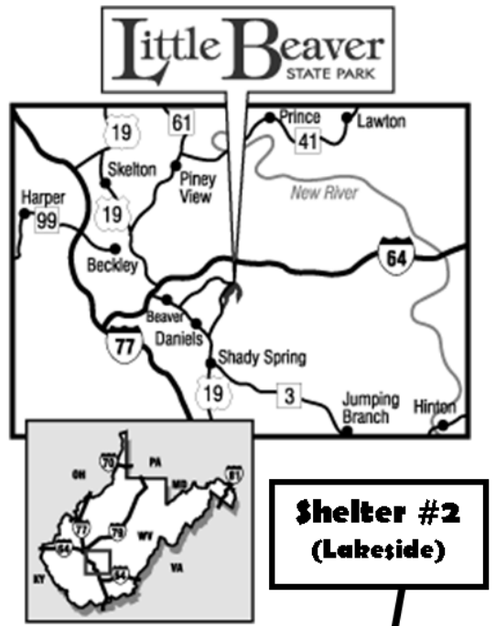
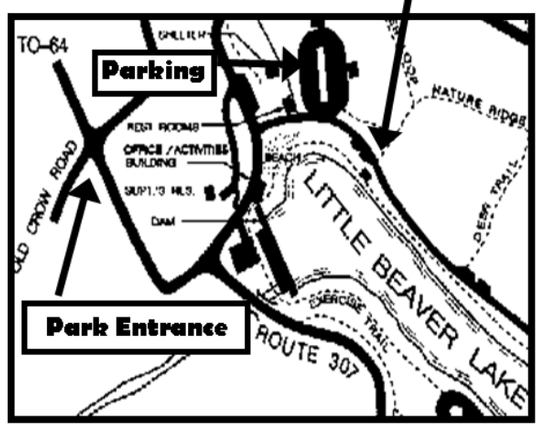
Annual Parish Picnic

Oct. 4, 2026
at
Little Beaver State Park

Directions to Little Beaver State Park

Little Beaver State Park is located in Raleigh County in southern West Virginia. From US 64, take Exit 129A, It is two miles south on WV 307 (Follow Signs to Park).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