St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Church

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Tone 4 **August 30, 2026** Eothinon 2

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW
LEAVE-TAKING OF THE COMMEMORATION OF
THE BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
ALEXANDER, PAUL THE NEW, AND JOHN, PATRIARCHS OF CONSTANTINOPLE

Today's Reader: Elizabeth Clay

Next Sunday – September 6, 2026

Reader for September 6, 2026: **Liz Daigle**

Commemorations and Bread Offering for September 6: **John Stroud & Liz Daigle**

Coffee Hour Luncheon next week is POT LUCK! Bring a favorite dish to share!

Bread for the Holy Oblation is Offered for the health and salvation of Anastasia, Alexander, Olga Maria, Elena and Tanya.

It is also offered in loving memory of Jack, Evan, Evgemiy, Alexander, Zoya, and Victor.

"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 today at 1:30 pm in the Conference Room.

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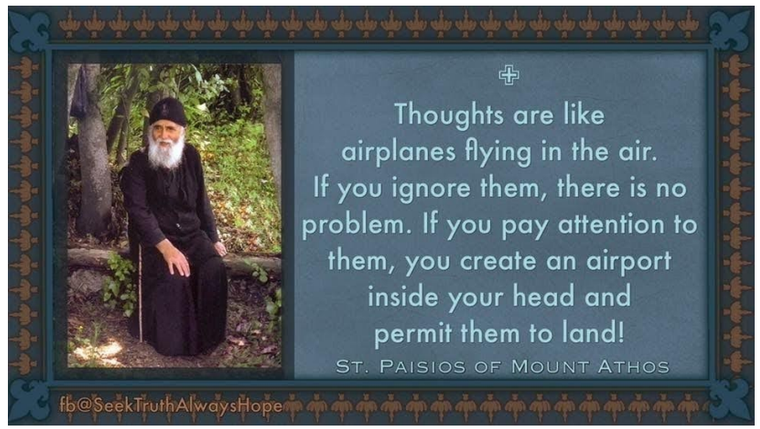

"Blessings Box" Collection Update

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 4 — Eothinon 2

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost & Thirteenth Sunday of Matthew
Leave-taking of the Commemoration of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist
Alexander, Paul the New, and John, Patriarchs of Constantinople

Troparion for the Resurrection, *in the Fourth Tone*

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying, Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

Troparion of the Baptist's Beheading, *in the Second Tone*

The memory of the righteous is celebrated with songs of praise, but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for thee, O Forerunner. Thou wast shown indeed to be the most honorable of the prophets, for in the waters thou didst baptize Him Who had been proclaimed. After suffering with joy in behalf of the truth, thou didst proclaim even to those in Hades the God Who appeared in the flesh, Who takest away the sin of the world, and granteth us the Great Mercy.

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 of the Nativity of the Theotokos, *in the Fourth Tone*

By thy holy birth-giving, O pure one, Joachim and Anne were delivered from the reproach of barrenness; and Adam and Eve were delivered from the corruption of death; thy people do celebrate it, having been saved from the stain of iniquity, crying unto thee, the barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, who nourisheth our life.

Epistle
I Corinthians 16:13-24

Prokeimenon: O Lord, how marvelous are Thy works. In wisdom hast Thou made them all. Bless the Lord, O my soul!

Brethren, be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, and be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. Now, brethren, you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; I urge you to be subject to such men and to every fellow worker and laborer. I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because they have made up for your absence; for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such men. The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. All the brethren send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. If anyone has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Gospel
Matthew 21:33-43

The Lord spoke this parable: "There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?'"

Calendar: August ~ November 2026

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
9/06/2026 (Sun)	10:00 am	Chrismation of Caleb and Persephone Winnell
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 (All are Invited!) 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 30, 2026	Saints of the Day
Sunday— August 30, 2026 **9:20 am** Orthros **10:30 am** Divine Liturgy **1:30 pm** Parish Council Meeting	Alexander, John, and New Paul Patriarchs of Constantinople
Monday— August 31, 2026	Myron the Martyr
Tuesday– September 1, 2026	**The Indiction** Simeon the Stylite
Wednesday—September 2, 2026 **Fast**	John the Faster, Patriarch of Constantinople
Thursday—September 3, 2026	Anthimus the Martyr among Priests
Friday—September 4, 2026 **Fast**	Moses the Prophet & Babylas, Martyr among Priests
Saturday— September 5, 2026 **11:00 am** Baptism **12:30 pm** Luncheon Celebration **5:00 pm** Great Vespers Confessions afterward	Zacharias the Prophet, Father of John the Baptist
Sunday—September 6, 2026 **First day of School** **9:00 am** Orthros **9:30 am - High School 10:00 am – Youth Ministry** **10:00 am** Chrismation—Caleb & Persephone **10:30 am** Divine Liturgy **After Liturgy- Junior &Youngsters Church School**	Eudoxioa the Martyr and His Companions

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 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

and

The Chrismation of

Caleb and Persephone Winnell

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

Which will take place on

On Sunday, September 6, 2026 (rescheduled)

During the Divine Liturgy

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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Beckley, WV

Annual Parish Picnic

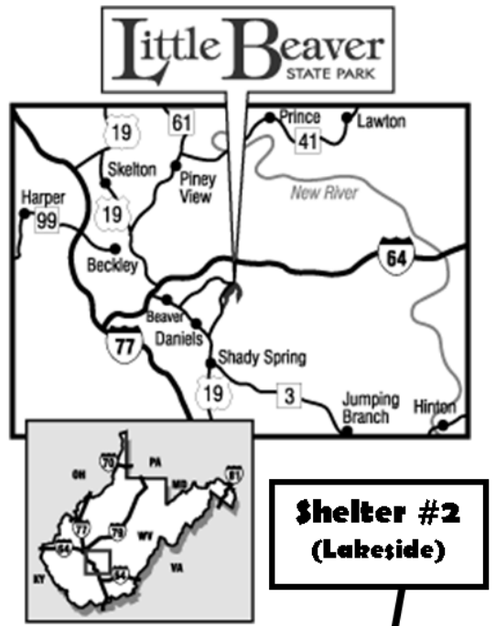
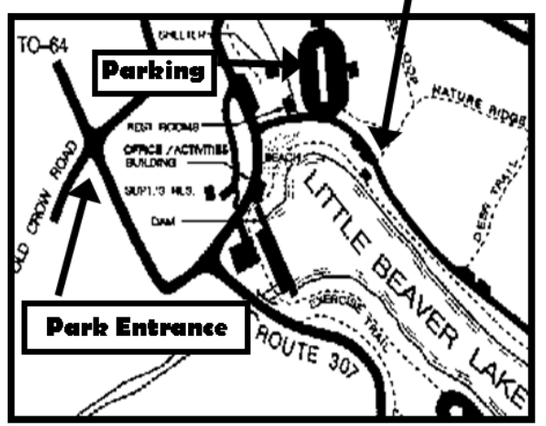
Oct. 4, 2026

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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