# St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Church


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Tone 6 **September 13, 2026** Eothinon 4

## Forefeast of and Sunday before Exaltation of the Cross
## Consecration of Resurrection Church in Jerusalem

**Today's Reader: Joshua Tomaino**

**Next Sunday – September 20, 2026**

*Reader for September 20, 2026*: **Dan Hardway**

*Commemorations and Bread Offering for September 20:* **The Shammaa Family**

**The Luncheon next week will be prepared by the Castello, Elswick and Williams Families**

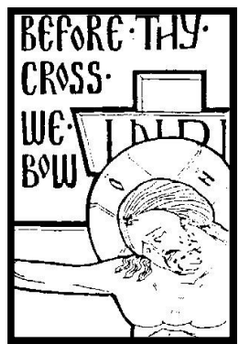
**Bread for the Holy Oblation is Offered for the for the health & salvation of** Joshua, Amara, Joseph, Elana, Markella, Timothy, Erin, Zachariah, Caleb, Allyssa, Mathew, Rebecca, Shawna, Gregory, Gabriel, Cassandra, Chase, Morganne, Nathaniel, Grace, George, and Christine.

**It is also offered in memory of** Markella, Ronald, Joseph, Constance, Rafael, Bonnie, Theodore, James, Kathy, Yevone, Jamie, and James.

*"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.




## *Important Announcements . . .*

**The Parish Council will meet NEXT SUNDAY at 1:30 pm**. If you are not be able to attend, please see Fr. Samuel after the Divine Liturgy today.

***Today,* we will observe the celebration of the Fore-Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross with the following:**

- **Procession with the Decorated Cross at the end of the Divine Liturgy.**
- **Also, today at 4:00 pm, we will celebrate the Festal Vespers for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.**
- **Monday (Sept 14th) the Feastday Celebration will include the Festal Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross at 10:00 am.**
- **Monday is a fasting day.**

We will have an opportunity to help children in foster care through a service organized by a Greenbrier County public school teacher called "Communities In Schools." **The Women of the Holy Myrrh Bearers will sponsor a Cookie Walk/Sale Fundraiser to benefit this project. This Cookie Walk/Sale will take place on Sunday, Sept. 20** during our agape luncheon. We are seeking donations of home-baked cookies and treats to stock our cookie table. **Please see Christine Cacic** to let her know what kind of cookie(s) and how many dozen you would like to contribute.

## "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!

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## Forefeast of and Sunday before Elevation of the Cross Consecration of Resurrection Church in Jerusalem

**Troparion for the Resurrection**, *in the Fifth Tone*

Angelic Powers were above Thy tomb, and they that guarded Thee became as dead. And Mary stood by the grave seeking Thine immaculate Body. Thou hast despoiled Hades and wast not tried thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst grant us life. O Thou Who didst arise from the dead, Lord, glory be to Thee.

**Troparion of Forefeast of the Holy Cross,** *in the Fourth Tone*

We offer thee in mediation the life-giving Cross which, of Thy goodness, Thou hast given unto us, the unworthy, O Lord. Save Thy hierarchs and Thy flock, and grant Thou peace through the Theotokos, O only Lover of mankind.

**Troparion of Holy Resurrection Church,** *in the Fourth Tone*

Thou hast revealed the earthly majesty of the dwelling place of the holy glory, O Lord, as the brilliance of the firmament on high. Make firm its foundation unto ages of ages and receive our fervent supplications which are offered to thee therein; through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Life and Resurrection of all.

**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 Holy Resurrection Church,** *in the Fourth Tone*

The Church is shown to be * a many-lighted heaven * that doth shine a guiding light * upon all them that do believe; * wherein while standing, we cry aloud: * Do Thou Thyself now establish this house, O Lord.

# Epistle

Galatians 6:11-18

*Prokeimenon:* O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.
Unto Thee, O Lord, will I cry, O Lord my God.

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the Law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all, who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

# Gospel

John 3:13-17

The Lord said “No one has ascended into heaven but He who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent His Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.”

# Calendar: September ~ November 2026

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| 9/13/2026 (Sun) | End D/L<br>4:00 PM | Procession with Holy Cross at end of Divine Liturgy<br>Great Vespers for the Feast of the Elevation of Holy Cross |
| 9/14/2026 (Mon) | 10:00 am | Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Elevation of the Cross |
| 9/20/2026 (Sun) | During Luncheon | "Cookie Walk" Fund Raiser for Communities in Schools<br>Sponsored by the Women of the Holy Myrrh Bearers |
| 9/20/2026 (Sun) | 1:30 pm | Parish Council Meeting |
| 9/27/2026 | 1:30 pm | Men's Fellowship of St. Seraphim of Sarov Meeting |
| 10/1/2026 | | Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos |
| 10/4/2026 | After DL | Parish Picnic at Little Beaver State Park |
| 10/10/2026 (Sat) | 10am–2pm | WHMB—Deep Cleaning of Kitchen |
| 10/11/2026 (Sun) | 1:30 pm | Youth Activity (See Christopher Clay for details) |
| 10/11/2026 (Sun) | 1:30 pm | Choir Practice |
| 10/17/2026 (Sat) | 9am-3pm | Men's Fellowship—Deep Cleaning of Church |
| 10/18/2026 (Sun) | 1:30 pm | Parish Council Meeting |
| 10/18/2026 (Sun) | 12:30 pm | WHMB Baby Shower for Baby Keith |
| 10/25/2026 (Sun) | 1:30 pm | WHMB Meeting |
| Christmas Fast 11/15/2026—12/24/2026 | | |
| 11/1/2026 (Sun) | 1:30 pm | Choir Practice |
| 11/8/2026 (Sun) | 1:30 pm | Youth Activity |
| 11/15/2026 (Sun) | 1:30 pm | Parish Council Meeting |
| 11/20/2026 (Fri) | 6:00 PM | Divine Liturgy for Entrance of Theotokos |
| 11/21/2026 | | Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple |

| Calendar for the Week of September 13, 2026 | Saints of the Day |
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| **Sunday—September 13, 2026**<br>**No Church School—Youth Activity Day**<br>**9:25 am** Orthros<br>**10:30 am** Divine Liturgy (Procession of Cross)<br>**1:30 pm** Youth Activity<br>**4:00 pm** Great Vespers - Exaltation of Cross | Cornelius the Centurion<br>Fore Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross |
| **Monday— September 14, 2026** Fast<br>**10:00 am** Divine Liturgy For Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross | **Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross** |
| **Tuesday– September 15, 2026** | Nicetas the Great Martyr |
| **Wednesday—September 16, 2026** Fast | Euphemia the Great Martyr |
| **Thursday—September 17, 2026** | Sophia & her 3 Daughters, Pistis, Elpis, and Agape |
| **Friday—September 18, 2026** Fast | Eumenius the Wonder-worker, Bishop of Gortyna |
| **Saturday— September 19, 2026**<br>**5:00 pm** Great Vespers<br>Confessions afterward | Trophimus, the Martyr |
| **Sunday—September 20, 2026**<br>**9:25 am** Orthros<br>**9:30 am** High School<br>**10:00 am** Youth Ministry<br>**10:30 am** Divine Liturgy<br>**After Liturgy-** Junior &Youngsters Church School<br>**1:30 pm** Parish Council Meeting | Eustathius, the Great Martyr, his Wife, and his two children |

***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.

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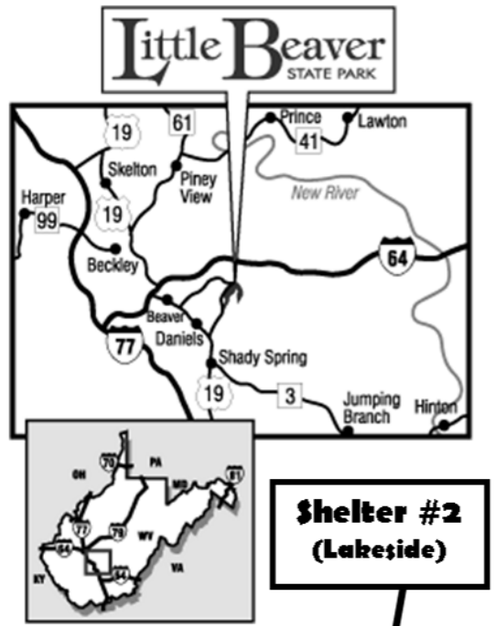
Beckley, WV

# Annual Parish Picnic

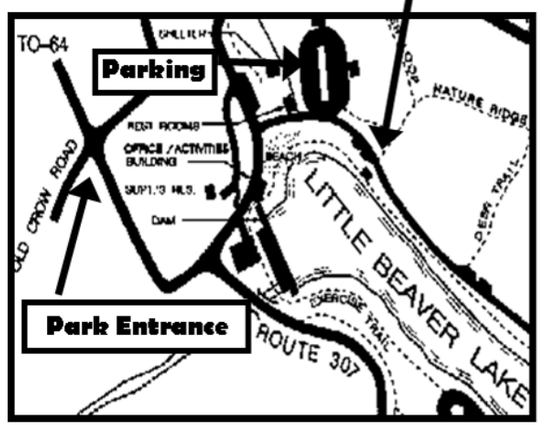
**Oct. 4, 2026**
**at**
**Little Beaver State Park**

## 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).






**Shelter #2 (Lakeside)**