St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Church

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Tone 7 **September 20, 2026** Eothinon 5

Sunday after the Elevation of the Holy Cross

Great-martyr Eustathios and his family;
Venerable-martyr Hilarion of St. Anne Skete on Athos

Today's Reader: Sdn. James Nemitz

Next Sunday – September 27, 2026

Reader for September 27, 2026: **Isaiah Benefield**

Commemorations and Bread Offering for September 27: **Eric Roberts**

The Luncheon next week will be prepared by the Benefield Family

Bread for the Holy Oblation is Offered for the health & salvation of Westley, Serenity and Solomon, and the members of the Shammaa Family.

It is also offered in memory of the Departed members of the Shammaa Family.

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

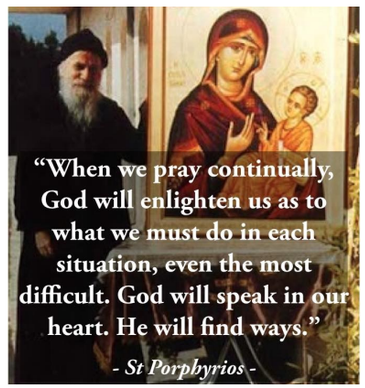
Please note that **Holy Communion is reserved for members of the Holy Orthodox Church** who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and confession. However, all are welcome to partake of the blessed bread at the dismissal.

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

Important Announcements . . .

TODAY we have an opportunity to help children in foster care through a an organization called "Communities In Schools of Greenbrier County." **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 today, Sept. 20,** during our agape luncheon. We welcome donations of home-baked goods and treats to stock our cookie table.

The Parish Council will meet TODAY promptly at 1:00 pm (*please note the earlier start time*). If you are not be able to attend, please see Fr. Samuel after the Divine Liturgy 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!

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Troparion of the Resurrection, *in the Seventh Tone*

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

Troparion of the Holy Cross, *in the First Tone*

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance; granting to Thy people victory over all their enemies; and by the power of Thy cross preserving Thy community.

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 Holy Cross, *in the Fourth Tone*

Do Thou, Who of Thine own good will was lifted up upon the Cross, O Christ our God, bestow Thy bounties upon the new Nation which is called by Thy Name; make glad in Thy might those who lawfully govern, that with them we may be led to victory over our adversaries, having in Thine aid a weapon of peace and a trophy invincible.

Epistle

Galatians 2:16-20

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

Brethren, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. Even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the Law died to the Law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Gospel

Mark 8:34-9:1

The Lord said, "If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake and the Gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And He said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Kingdom of God come with power."

Calendar: September ~ November 2026

9/20/2026 (Sun)	10:am	Sunday after the Feast of the Elevation of the Cross
9/20/2026 (Sun)	During Luncheon	"Cookie Walk" Fund Raiser for Communities in Schools Sponsored by the Women of the Holy Myrrh Bearers
9/20/2026 (Sun)	1:00 pm	Parish Council Meeting
9/27/2026 (Sun)	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 (Sun)	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
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 20, 2026	Saints of the Day
Sunday—September 20, 2026 9:25 am Orthros 9:30 am High School 10:00 am Youth Ministry 10:30 am Divine Liturgy After Liturgy- Junior &Youngsters Church School 1:00 pm Parish Council Meeting	Eustathius the Great Martyr, His Wife and 2 Children
Monday— September 21, 2026	Apostle Quadratus; Jonah the Prophet
Tuesday– September 22, 2026	Phocas the Martyr
Wednesday—September 23, 2026 Fast	Conception of John the Baptist
Thursday—September 24, 2026	Thecla, the First Martyr and Equal of the Apostles
Friday—September 25, 2026 Fast	Euphrosyne the Righteous
Saturday— September 26, 2026 5:00 pm Great Vespers Confessions afterward	Translation of John the Evangelist
Sunday—September 27, 2026 9:25 am Orthros 9:30 am High School 10:00 am Youth Ministry 10:30 am Divine Liturgy After Liturgy- Junior &Youngsters Church School 1:30 pm Men's Fellowship Meeting	Callistratus the Martyr and the 49 Martyrs with Him

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.

THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP OF ST. SERAPHIM OF SAROV

All Men

of

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church!

NEXT SUNDAY we will have a meeting of the Men's Fellowship of St. Seraphim of Sarov after the Sunday Luncheon at 1:30 in the Church Nave.

This is an important transition meeting where we will make plans for a New Year filled with important activities for the all men of our beloved parish.

SEE YOU THERE!

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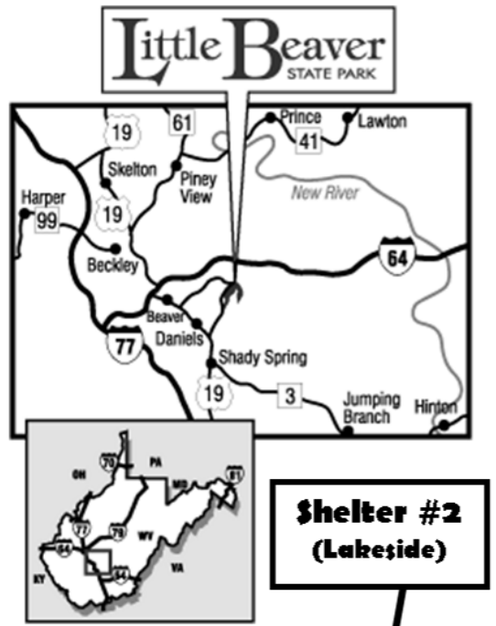
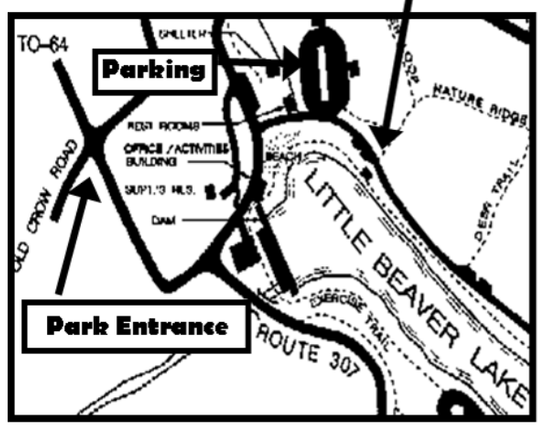
Beckley, WV

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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