St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Church

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Tone 1 | **October 4, 2026** | Eothinon 7

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost & Second Sunday of Luke

Hieromartyr Hierotheos, bishop of Athens; Hieromartyr Peter of Capitolia in Syria; Martyrs Domnina and her daughters of Syria

Today's Reader: Reader John Stroud

Next Sunday – October 11, 2026

Reader for October 11, 2026: **Varik Meiggs**

Commemorations and Bread Offering for October 11, 2026: **The Owens Family**

The Luncheon on October 11 will be prepared by the **Cacic and Meiggs Families**

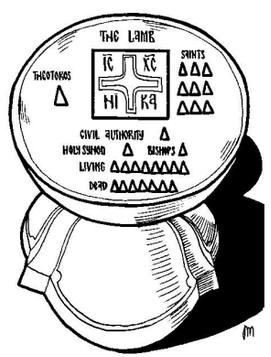
Bread for the Holy Oblation is Offered for the health & salvation of Deacon Matthew, Diakonissa Shaina, Isaiah, and the members of the Benefield and Durbin families.

It is also offered in loving memory of the departed members of the Benefield and Durbin 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.

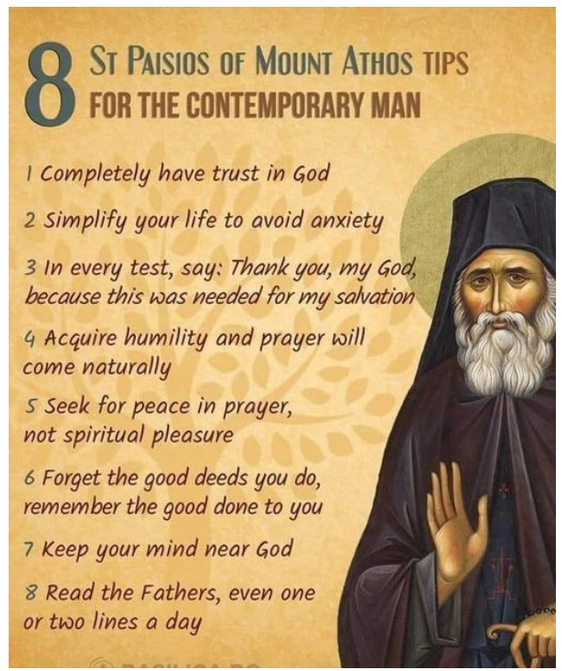
Please join us during our fellowship at the Coffee Hour immediately after the Divine Liturgy.



Important Announcements . . .

***On Saturday, October 10, 2026*, The Women of the Holy Myrrh-Bearers 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, will undertake a *Deep Cleaning of Church Kitchen.* See Christine Cacic for more Information and to sign up to volunteer to help clean.**

In like manner, *on Saturday, October 17th*, The Men's Fellowship of St. Seraphim of Sarov will undertake a *Deep Cleaning of the Church (Narthex, Nave, and Loft)* between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm. See Chris Moore for more information and to sign up to help clean.



"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 for the Resurrection, *in the First Tone*

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

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 Ordinary Sundays, *in the Fourth Tone*

O Undisputed intercessor of Christians, the mediatrix who is unrejected by the Creator, turn not away from the voice of our petitions, although we be sinners. Come to us with aid in time , who cry unto thee in faith; for thou art good. Hasten to us with intercessions O Theotokos, who dost ever intercede for those who honor thee.

Epistle

II Corinthians 9:6-11

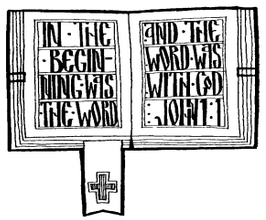
Prokeimenon: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us.
Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

Brethren, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, “He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.” He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

Gospel

Luke 6:31-36

At that time, The Lord said: “As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.”



Calendar: October ~ November 2026

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 October 4, 2026	Saints of the Day
Sunday—October 4, 2026 **No Church School Today** **9:25 am** Orthros **10:30 am** Divine Liturgy **Parish Picnic**	Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens
Monday— October 5, 2026	Charitine the Martyr
Tuesday– October 6, 2026	Thomas the Apostle
Wednesday—October 7, 2026 Fast	Sergius & Bacchus the Martyrs
Thursday—October 8, 2026	Pelagia the Righteous
Friday—October 9, 2026 Fast	James, son of Alphaeus
Saturday— October 10, 2026 **10:00 am to 2:00 pm** **Women of the Holy Myrrh-Bearers** **Deep Cleaning of Church Kitchen** **See Christine Cacic for Information** **5:00 pm** Great Vespers Confessions afterward	Euphlampius & Eulampia the Martyrs
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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 Pocahontas Center Project

Background:

The WHMB is organizing a parish-wide outreach project to provide support to The Pocahontas Center, a 68-bed nursing home in Marlinton, over the Christmas holiday and potentially beyond. This support will focus on both the residents and the staff. **We are planning a visit on the morning of Saturday, December 12; all are welcome and encouraged to come.** The visit will include distribution of gifts and Christmas cards, provision of snacks and small gifts for the staff, Christmas caroling, and spreading of goodwill and cheer.

The Angel Tree and how it works:

While we will engage with all 68 residents, we have "adopted" 10 individuals who have no one with whom to celebrate the holidays. We have their gift wish lists and have erected an Angel Tree in the social hall to give everyone the opportunity to purchase gifts for them. Each angel has a name and a corresponding gift from the wish lists. Take a look at the angels on the tree; if you would like to purchase a gift, take the angel off the tree and sign up for that gift on the itemized list on the clipboard. Keep the angel as a reminder to purchase the gift. When you bring the unwrapped gift to church, tape the angel to it to help us keep track of which gifts are for whom. Gifts range from sodas and snacks to a small TV; I hope everyone will be able to participate. If you prefer to help defray other costs (small gifts and cards, snacks, etc.), please give your donation to Fr. Samuel with a note indicating you would like it to be applied to the Pocahontas Center project.

Thank you for your enthusiastic support of this project!

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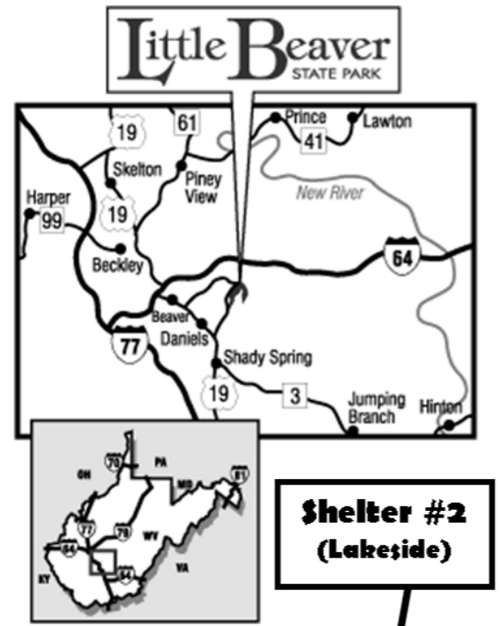
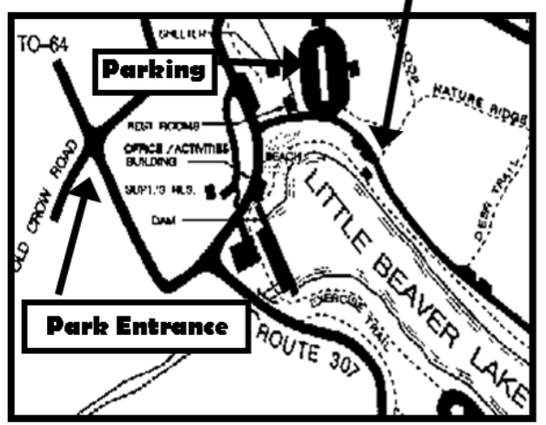
Annual Parish Picnic

TODAY !
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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