

# THE TRISAGION

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

## Finishing the Church Year Strong



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Though seemingly disconnected from each other, the icon of the Dormition (August 15) reveals a connection to the Feast of the Transfiguration that precedes it (August 6). In it, we see the transfigured Christ in his glory holding the soul of his mother Mary.

### Ministries Prepare for the Fall Semester

EDITOR'S NOTE: Every year after Pentecost during the months of July and August, ministry leaders have an opportunity to evaluate themselves and their groups, and either recommit or take a sabbatical for the upcoming Church Year which begins in September. Here Mary Lanser previews what the Women's Group will study this Fall.

During the upcoming Holy Trinity Women's Ministry Fall Book Study, we will be reading a text by Jean-Claude Larchet entitled *The Theology of Illness*, a book which a rich sourcing of Orthodox biblical and patristic perspectives on sickness and redemptive suffering.

THIS CHURCH YEAR, we celebrated the birth of the Theotokos (Sept. 8), followed her into the Temple (Nov. 21), witnessed her Son and our Lord's Incarnation and Revelation to the world (Mar. 25, Dec. 25, Jan. 6, and Feb. 2), followed Him to the Cross and Resurrection (Sept. 14, Palm Sunday and Pascha), and were called to His glory (Ascension and Pentecost). Now it's time to prepare for the last two Great Feasts of the Church year. They fall just nine days apart, but are seemingly disconnected from each other. That is, we celebrate the Transfiguration of Christ on August 6, an event which took place some six months prior to His passion. Then on August 15, we seem to make a quantum leap to celebrate the Dormition of His Most Holy Mother, which took place several years after his death and Resurrection.

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July 16	A. Legaspi and K. Cattell	J. & R. Cadman and J. Houser	S. Stevens and H. Torbic	Team B
July 23	R. Schrauf and D. Patel	J. Pettengill and S. Pettengill	M. Fedkin and B. Haupt	Team A
July 30	L. Georgiou and B. & N. Troyan	L. Radomsky and M. Radomsky	G. Cattell and M. Stevens	Team B
August 6	A. Swisher and B. Roberts*	A. Ashmore and E. Ashmore	R. Patel and S. Stevens	All Servers
August 13	E. George and K. Oleynik*	B. Roberts and E. Miranda	M. Fedkin and H. Torbic	Team A
August 20	P. Doty and C. Strauss	J. Fryncko and M. Fedkin	B. Haupt and M. Stevens	Team B
August 27	A. Petrick and L. Radomsky	J. & R. Cadman and J. Houser	G. Cattell and S. Stevens	Team A
September 3	Russian Ladies	J. Pettengill and S. Pettengill	R. Patel and S. Stevens	Team B

\* Denotes Fast      Team A: A. Evans, D. Stickle, J. Torbic, C. Schrauf, E. Swisher, and J. Swisher.      Captains: D. Torbic and S. Oleynik  
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# On Kissing the Priest's Hand

by Fr. Andreas Blom

Q: *Why in the world do we kiss the hand of the Priest?*

The real question is, "Why don't we kiss *more* people's hands?" Kissing the hand of the priest is not an exceptional thing, but rather is the remnant of what was once a perfectly normal custom: showing reverence to our elders by kissing their right hands.

There are certainly many people alive today in Greece who remember that the kissing of the hand was the normal and expected way to show reverence not only to the clergy but to parents, grandparents, godparents, and others in authority over us or holding a revered position in our lives. The disappearance of this custom is part of the disintegration of traditional Christian society, which was based on hierarchy, humility, and respect. And based, of course, on love, which does not exist without respect.

When we kiss the hand of the bishop or priest, we are not showing respect to the *person* of the priest but to his sacred office. The priest as a man is a sinner, but the priest as *priest* represents Christ; *he is an icon of Christ*. Also, though his hand is unworthy, yet it touches the Most Holy Things—the Precious Body and Blood of the Lord. Furthermore, despite his unworthiness, in Holy Ordination he has received the Grace of God to impart spiritual gifts and blessings. Why would we deprive ourselves of the blessings of our Lord Himself, by not seeking the priest's blessing?

So when would we ask for a blessing? We typically seek this blessing whenever we greet and bid farewell to our spiritual fathers. Also, we kiss their right hands when we receive the prayer of absolution at confession or at other prayers. We do not, however, kiss the priest's hand when receiving Holy Communion, lest we risk an accident with the Holy Chalice. ■

## 12 Things Priests Cannot Do

*[Priests] are, in my judgment, amazing people. They faithfully serve Sunday after Sunday, often with no desire for recognition or fame. In faith, they can do a lot—but here are several things they can't do:*

1. **Read Minds.** *Everybody knows that, but many church members hold [priests] accountable for unstated expectations.*
2. **Be everywhere.** *No human being can be every place at once, yet some members still get angry when [priests] have to say "No."*
3. **Change hearts.** *Only God can do that.*
4. **Know everything.** *Most [priests] study hard, but nobody can answer every question somebody asks.*
5. **Please everybody.** *Even Jesus couldn't do that.*
6. **Live sinlessly.** *Nobody can, including you and me: We're all sinners.*
7. **Grow churches.** *If the church does grow, it's because God does it.*
8. **Multiply dollars.** *That's too bad, too, since some churches don't pay their pastors well.*
9. **Escape mistakes.** *All of us will mess up sometime, often unintentionally and even unknowingly.*
10. **Avoid favoritism.** *[Priests] minister to everybody, but having better (and best) friends is natural.*
11. **Reveal everything.** *No matter how much you may want to know the details, [priests] may not be in a position to tell you.*
12. **Ignore sin.** *[Priests] must address this issue, even when it's not popular.*

— Charles E. Lawless

## Fall Preview

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The study will prompt discovery and exploration of the origin, realities and meaning of evil and sin in a fallen world and their direct connection to our tribulations—physical, emotional, psychological and spiritual.

Through an examination of the graces from Scripture and the wisdom and practices of the holy fathers of prayer and the ascetic life, we will gain insight into the infinite wellspring of genuine healing that is Christ, and His Church on earth. In a slow process of meditative reading and discussion, we will begin to discover how, through prayer, the cultivation of virtue and good works of mercy. We will pray to receive God's Grace to be bearers of a profound reserve of spiritual, psychological and physical power that can not only uphold us through our own illness, pain and suffering, but also transform that suffering into healing power that can be shared with others to the benefit of all.

We are never too old or too young to be introduced or re-introduced to these great mysteries of our Orthodox Faith; and the goal of this and every study is that our time spent reading and meeting together to discuss becomes part of a larger, ongoing dialogue as a Women's Ministry and as a parish. For those unable to be physically present at one or more of the face-to-face meetings, we plan to offer an online component of the study. In this way we hope to include many more women in the book and Scripture studies this year. More information, including meeting times and dates, and instructions for online access, will be featured in the September and October *Trisagion*.

The Fall Book Study promises to be vital and revitalizing for our parish's women. I pray that as many as possible will be able to take part in it, and through it, our Lord aids and blesses our busy lives. ■

## Support Our Back to School Drive

Each year, Holy Trinity provides school supplies for dozens of children in need through our *Matthew 25* ministry. To learn more about the items being collected, look for information in the August Sunday bulletins or email [info@holytrinity-oca.org](mailto:info@holytrinity-oca.org). (Monetary donations are especially appreciated since outstanding items are purchased for the children we sponsor.) Those interested in volunteering are invited to attend an organizational meeting on Monday, August 7 at 5:30 p.m. in the Trinity House Conference Room.

## Young Adults Gather This Summer

On July 11, the parish's twenty- and early-thirty-somethings will split up for an evening of fellowship: the ladies will have dinner together at the Leathers' residence (4817 W. Whitehall Rd. in Pennsylvania Furnace) from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., and the guys will meet up at Champs on N. Atherton St. for Team Trivia and \$1 Nachos, beginning at 8 p.m. Then in August, the group rejoins for two events to close out summer: a potluck and game night at Trinity House on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 p.m. and a trip to the Grange Fair on Thursday the 24<sup>th</sup>. To learn more, email Megan at [youngadults@holytrinity-oca.org](mailto:youngadults@holytrinity-oca.org).

## News from the Parish Bookstore

For those who prefer reading digital books on their devices instead of print copies, two Orthodox publishers now offer some of their titles as E-Books. Visit [store.ancientfaith.com/ebooks/](http://store.ancientfaith.com/ebooks/) and [svspress.com/e-books](http://svspress.com/e-books).

## For the Record

### BAPTISM & WELCOME

- **Philip Joseph Miller, son of Dr. Philip and Carmen Miller, baptized June 10 by Fr. John Reeves, sponsored by Brandon and Corene Swisher.** *The Miller family moved here from Florida this Spring after Phil joined the Mount Nittany Physician Group. They have 2 daughters as well, Angela, age 4, and Alexis, age 2. Welcome and many years!*

■ ORTHODOX SPIRITUALITY

# Finishing the Year Strong (continued from pg. 1)

One begins to see why the Church year ends with both Transfiguration and the Dormition. Christ's Transfiguration gave the Apostles assurance that His Passion in the flesh as Man was voluntary, since He was also God in the flesh. In other words, He was not going down to Jerusalem only to fall in a trap unwittingly and get himself killed, thus providing a tragic ending to the life of a decent but merely mortal individual. The fact of Christ's voluntary suffering and death would not be fully grasped until after He rose from the dead. Hence, He cautioned the eye-witnesses to the event, Ss. Peter, James and John, to tell no one until He was risen. Without confirmation by the Resurrection afterwards, it would have only seemed an illusion to disappointed disciples.

Just as His followers only came to understand the events that happened on Mt. Tabor as a consequence of His Resurrection on Mt. Calvary, so our liturgical narrative recalls the Transfiguration to us after Pascha. Yet at the same time, it orients us once more to the Passion that follows, as we repeat the narrative during the next liturgical year. When we finish the Church year by commemorating the Theotokos's translation from death to Life eternal, the connection with the Transfiguration and her transfigured life is clarified. What was vouchsafed the apostles on Mt. Tabor is realized in Mary's person. Transfigured in body and soul, she rests in the arms of her Son as He welcomes her into eternal Life.

Thus, we have an ongoing opportunity to relive these saving events in the lives of Christ and His most holy mother. So, let's conclude the Church Year by endeavoring to be more observant, more faithful next year, beginning in September. This has been a difficult year, but the Great Feasts are each tremendous occasions for rejoicing. In them we see the love of God at work in and through the human race to return that human race to Himself. In celebrating the Great Feasts, we participate in this work and claim it for our own. ■

— Fr. John

## August Feast Days

### THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

VESPERS: Saturday, Aug. 5, 6pm  
*(M.K. Haupt, Litiya)*  
*(J. Takarchek, Icon)*

LITURGY: Sunday, Aug. 6, 10am



### THE DORMITION (FALLING ASLEEP) OF THE THEOTOKOS

VESPERS: Monday, Aug. 14, 7pm  
*(M.K. Haupt, Litiya)*  
*(E. George, Icon)*

LITURGY: Tuesday, Aug. 15, 8am  
*(P. Doty, Prosphora)*



## Letter to the Parish

### Thank You, Matthew 25 Lenten Drive!

*On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff at the Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry (OCPM), we sincerely thank you for your contribution of \$3,249.10. Your gift provides resources and services to people in prison, trainings on various aspects of prison ministry to churches, and clergy, along with assisting churches with people coming out of prison.*

*Thank you for personally reaching out to people in prison through your prayers and financial support to OCPM. These donations are so very needed as we move forward with a vision for the future of reaching out to more men and women in prisons across the country. As you know, OCPM freely gives all our materials to anyone in prison and these donations will help get them into the hands of more precious souls. Many depend on OCPM to connect them to the Church's resources for spiritual strength.*

— FR. STEPHEN POWLEY  
Executive Director, OCPM

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■ SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOOP

# Raising Orthodox Children to Orthodox Adulthood

by Mka. Marilisse Mars

There are a few specific things that you can include in the raising of your children which would help them build a strong foundation of faith and a lasting relationship with God.

[The] most important [thing to do] is **pray for your children!** Every day, all the time. Open an ongoing dialogue with God about your child, what they are facing, what they are going through. Give your child back to God (after all, they do belong to Him!). Ask the Theotokos, or Saints Joachim and Anna to help you as a parent. Ask God that He help you to raise your children to His glory. Ask Him to fill their hearts with His love...

Speaking of prayer: You know the old saying: the family that prays together stays together! It doesn't have to be anything fancy. Praying at meals, and spending a few minutes in the morning and before bedtime saying the Lord's Prayer, thanking God for the people in your life and the good things (and don't forget to thank Him for the challenges, too!), and asking for what your family needs are good places to start.

Also imperative, of course, is to take your children to Church. And when I say this, I don't mean walk in the door before right before Communion, walk up, receive Communion, and walk out, as though it's a drive thru. This is an unfortunate practice of some parents who are afraid to come for the entire service for fear the kids will misbehave. Go for the whole bit! Arrive [before Liturgy begins]! Leave after Coffee Hour! ...

Talk to your kids about God. Many parents think that this is not their place, that the Church should do the talking. [No priest or deacon can] talk to your children as much as you can. And the example that they need

## Vacation Bible School (VBS) Rescheduled to July 10-14

*Because of scheduling conflicts, Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2017 has been rescheduled to the **evenings of July 10-14** (5:30 p.m.–8 p.m.). The VBS clergy and staff hope these new dates will give your child(ren) an opportunity to reconnect with the church and each other right in the middle of summer.*

*VBS will be filled with prayer, games, crafts, and music. It is open to all students from age 4 to rising seventh graders. Check-in begins at 5:15 p.m. each day, except for Wednesday, when it follows Vespers at the special time of 5 p.m.*

*Register today at [holymtrinity-oca.org](http://holymtrinity-oca.org).*

to learn from is yours. If they ask a question you don't know the answer to, don't worry. Find the answer together by using the resources the Church offers (like your priest or Church websites). Either way, just engage them in discussion about their experiences in Church, about what they prayed for today, about how God helped them today... Anything having to do with their faith and God.

Talking to your kids about God will raise their perception so that they are able to see God in all things. Emphasize the right set of priorities and stick to your guns. There are so many extracurricular activities and distractions that take us away from the life of the Church... But, when facing [these tough choices], ask yourself this question: When my child is 35 and struggling with the challenges that life inevitably brings with it (like marital problems), which is going to help them—their relationship with God, or soccer?

We often forget to think long-term or to see the big picture...and realize that the most important investment in our child is the long-term investment we make in their journey through life to salvation. Remember that your child will learn by modeling from your decision... May our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ give us all the wisdom and discernment to guide our children to a life in Him! ■

## ■ IN MEMORIAM

### Charles Beechan (1939-2017)



Charles (Chuck) Beechan, 77, faithful member of Holy Trinity who dedicated his life to the Church, fell asleep in the Lord on Father's Day, Sunday, June 18, in Maryland, where he had been receiving care after battling spinal cancer. He also served the Holy Trinity Parish Council as President and Treasurer for many years.

Born November 8, 1939, in Windber, he was the son of the late Stephen and Catherine (Kaniuk) Beechan. On November 10, 1962 in Cresson, Chuck married Mary Ellen, his wife of 54 years.

In addition to Mary Ellen, Chuck is survived by his three children, Jeffrey Beechan and wife, Marcelle, of Mason, OH, Jill Crawford and husband, Dr. Steven Crawford, of Lutherville, MD, and Thomas Beechan and wife, Angela, of Collegeville, PA; and ten grandchildren, Tyler, Brooke, Paige, Kathleen, Morgan, Kevin, Kayla, Derek, Gianna, and Zoey. Also surviving Chuck are his brother and sister-in-law, George and Georgette Beechan, members of Holy Trinity, and their daughter, Teena Peachey.

Chuck received his bachelor's degree from Penn State University in Ceramic Engineering in 1961. He worked as a Supervisor of Refractories Research at Bethlehem Steel Corporation for nearly forty years. Chuck was also an active member of the Penn State Alumni Association.

A panakhida was held on June 22 at Koch Funeral Home, followed by the overnight psalm vigil and June 23 funeral at Holy Trinity. Chuck was buried in Cresson, near to where he and Mary Ellen were married. *May his memory be eternal!* ■

### Earl (Noah) Lyter (1942-2017)



Earl (Noah) Lyter, 74, one of the founding members of the Chapel of the Holy Spirit, fell asleep in the Lord on Saturday, June 12 at Harrisburg Hospital. Earl was instrumental in helping the nascent Chapel grow by building its first altar (five months before being received into Orthodoxy in September 2010), finding locations for the group to worship (including the Chapel's current location), hosting akathists and get-togethers, and making connections throughout the community.

Born Sept. 27, 1942, he was the son of the late Clyde and S. Margaret (Pecht) Lyter. On June 27, 1965, he married Margaret, his wife of almost 52 years. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his daughter, Gina R. Lyter, of Waynesboro; his brother, Wayne Lyter; and his two sisters, Grace Wieder and Audrey Ritter; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Earl served in the Army at Fort Knox, KY, from 1960-1964, as a clerk typist. After returning from the service, he was employed at Fisher Electronics where he worked in shipping for five years until he contracted Leukemia. At that time the doctors predicted his life to last six weeks. God granted him 47½ years more. He was a member of the Beaver Springs American Legion Post 23, the Beaver Springs Fire Company for 55 years, the Beaver Springs Ambulance for 21 years, and a former EMT. In his spare time, Earl enjoyed woodworking and stamp and coin collecting.

A panakhida was held on June 14 at Pheasant Funeral Home in Beavertown, followed by the overnight vigil and June 15 funeral at the Chapel. His burial was in Beaver Springs. *May his memory be eternal!* ■

## ■ ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

### In Memoriam: Matushka Barbara Oleynik, Mother of Deacon Mark

Matushka Barbara Oleynik, 93, wife of the late Archpriest John Oleynik, fell asleep in the Lord on June 12. Born in Portage in 1924, she was one of thirteen children of Joseph and Mary Chobany. After earning a Bachelor Degree from Temple University in 1944, she returned to Portage to teach and later met and married her husband on September 4, 1949. She and Fr. John faithfully served Holy Trinity Church in New Salem from 1949 until he fell asleep in the Lord in 1993.



Mka. Barbara most enjoyed the frequent dinners she hosted for family and friends, earning the title "Cookie Baba" for the cherished time spent together over meals. In addition to Dn. Mark, Mka. Kelly, Hannah, Sam, and Ben, Mka. Barbara is survived by three other children: Archpriest Joseph (Annice), Protodeacon John (Myra), and Sonya (Lee) Klingensmith, and nine other grandchildren. She is also survived by seven great-grandchildren, a brother, a sister-in-law, and many neices and nephews. She was predeceased by her son Daniel. Following three days of joy-filled services, she was laid to rest in New Salem on Friday, June 16. *May Mka. Barbara's memory be eternal!*

### Mark Your Calendars for Summer Family Events

The annual Archdiocesan Family Day will take place Saturday, August 19 from noon to 3 p.m. at the Chancery, 8641 Peters Rd., in Cranberry Twp. There will be fun and activities for the whole family with Great Vespers immediately following. This year, the Archdiocese will also host "Camp Bible School" at the Chancery from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 29 for children in grades K-6. Vespers and a bonfire follow. Call (724) 513-3489 by July 15 to RSVP. ■

## ■ CHAPEL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

### Many Celebrate the Chapel's Patronal Feast with Worship and Food

On June 11, the Chapel celebrated its patronal "Day of the Holy Spirit" feast. The day began with worship with many coming to join us for the Divine Liturgy. We then gathered at a pavilion for our festal picnic. Chef Mark Radomsky cooked hamburgers and hot dogs for the 30 that attended to enjoy. The children had a wonderful time playing games and flying kites in the open area close by. Thanks to all who joined us for the day. If you missed the festivities or want more great food, the Chapel will host its annual picnic on July 16 at the rectory (140 Old Orchard Dr. in Beavertown) following the Liturgy. We will also have an ice cream social at the Chapel on Sunday, August 20 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. We invite you all to return to enjoy more good, old fashioned Chapel food and fellowship!

— Mka. Brenda Smith

### New Catechesis Series on Doctrine to Begin in July

On July 23 the Chapel will begin a seven-week study of Fr. Thomas Hopko's book *Doctrine and Scripture* from the Rainbow Series following the Divine Liturgy and fellowship time for all who wish to stay. Pray especially for catechumens Evan and Elya Kerstetter who are preparing for Holy Illumination. ■

### Congratulations, Graduates!

*Many years to the parish's graduating high school seniors:*

- **Hannah Oleynik** will attend Penn State University (University Park), enrolling in the College of Liberal Arts and studying Political Science.
- **Jeremiah Stickle** enrolled at St. Vincent College in Latrobe and will study Computer Science. He plans to minor or get a second major in Mathematics.

# Holy Trinity Calendar

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
July 30 Divine Liturgy, 10am (Hours, 9:40am) Crowning of Stasia Roberts and Curtis Neil, 3pm <i>(NOTE: See reverse side for the July Calendar.)</i>	31	August 1 <b>Procession of the Life-giving Cross</b>	2 Vespers, 5:30pm Confessions	3	4	5 Great Vespers/Litiya/ Blessing of Fruit for the Transfiguration, 6pm (No Confessions)
6 <b>THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR</b> Divine Liturgy, 10am (Hours, 9:40am)	7 <i>Matthew 25</i> Back-to-School Drive Planning Meeting, 5:30pm @ Trinity House Conference Room	8 Homeless Ministry, 4pm @ Centre House, 217 E. Nittany Ave	9 <b>St. Herman of Alaska</b> Vespers, 5:30pm Confessions	10	11	12 Great Vespers, 6pm Confessions
13 <b>St. Tikhon of Zadonsk</b> Divine Liturgy, 10am (Hours, 9:40am)	14 Great Vespers/Litiya/ Blessing of Flowers for the Dormition, 7pm	15 <b>DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS</b> Divine Liturgy or Obednitsa with Holy Communion, 8am (Hours, 7:40am)	16 Vespers, 5:30pm Confessions Parish Council Meeting, 7pm @ Trinity House Conference Room	17	18	19 Men's Fellowship Breakfast, 9am Archdiocesan Family Day, 11am-4pm @ Chancery, 8641 Peters Rd., Cranberry Great Vespers, 6pm (No Confessions)
20 Divine Liturgy, 10am (Hours, 9:40am) Penn State OCF Executive Board Mtg., 9pm @ Chase Hall, University Park	21 Young Adult Potluck & Game Night, 5:30pm-8:30pm @ Trinity House Conf. Room & Atty Lounge	22	23 Penn State OCF at Involvement Fair, 11am-4pm @ HUB Lawn Vespers, 5:30pm (No Confessions)	24 Young Adult Evening at the Grange Fair, 4pm @ Centre Hall Penn State OCF Welcome Back Dinner, 6pm @ 122 Pasquerilla Spiritual Ctr., University Park	25	26 Altar Society Fall Planning Meeting, 10am @ Trinity House Conference Room Great Vespers, 6pm Confessions
27 Divine Liturgy, 10am (Hours, 9:40am) Penn State Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) BBQ, 2pm-6pm @ Spring Creek Park, Houserville (Rides depart from HUB at 1:45pm.)	28 <i>(Trinity House Open Late for Students, 7pm-11pm)</i>	29 <b>Beheading of St. John the Forerunner</b> Penn State OCF Freshman Social, 7pm @ Berkey Creamery, University Park	30 Vespers, 5:30pm Confessions	31 Penn State OCF: Dinner and Discussion, 7pm @ 122 Pasquerilla Spiritual Center, Univ. Pk.	September 1	2 <b>St. Simeon the Stylite (Church New Year)</b> Great Vespers, 6pm (No Confessions)
3 Divine Liturgy, 10am (Hours, 9:40am)	4 <i>Labor Day (Trinity House and Parish Offices Closed)</i>	5	6 Vespers, 5:30pm Confessions	7 Penn State OCF: Dinner and Prayer Night at Holy Trinity, 6pm Great Vespers with Litiya, 7pm	8 <b>NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS</b> Divine Liturgy, 8am (Hours, 7:40am)	9 <b>Saturday Before the Elevation of the Cross</b> Great Vespers, 6pm Confessions

# Chapel Calendar

All events take place at the new building (145 North Kern Street) in Beavertown, unless where noted.

Saturday 5 Great Vespers, Litiya, and the Blessing of Fruit for the Transfiguration, 6pm Confessions, following	<b>Sunday 20</b> Divine Liturgy, 10am (Hours, 9:40am) Fellowship and Study of Part 5 of <i>The Orthodox Faith—Doctrine &amp; Scripture</i> , following Community Ice Cream Social, 6pm-7:30pm (RSVPs requested by August 13)
<b>Sunday 6</b> <b>TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD</b> Divine Liturgy, 10am (Hours, 9:40am) Fellowship and Study of Part 3 of <i>The Orthodox Faith—Doctrine &amp; Scripture</i> , following	Tuesday 22 Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm
Tuesday 8 Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm	<b>Sunday 27</b> Divine Liturgy, 10am (Hours, 9:40am) Fellowship and Study of Part 6 of <i>The Orthodox Faith—Doctrine &amp; Scripture</i> , following
<b>Sunday 13</b> <b>St. Tikhon of Zadonsk</b> Divine Liturgy, 10am (Hours, 9:40am) Fellowship and Study of Part 4 of <i>The Orthodox Faith—Doctrine &amp; Scripture</i> , following	Monday 28 Women's "Hats and Blankets for Babies" Knitting/Crocheting Outreach, 6:30pm
Tuesday 15 <b>DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS</b> (Hours & Divine Liturgy or Obednitsa @ Holy Trinity, 8:40am)	Tuesday 29 Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm
Saturday 19 Great Vespers, 6pm	Saturday Sept. 2 Great Vespers, 6pm Confessions, following

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June 25 Divine Liturgy, 10am (Hours, 9:40am)	26	27	28 Great Vespers, 7pm Confessions	29 <b>HOLY APOSTLES SS. PETER AND PAUL</b> Divine Liturgy or Obednitsa with Holy Communion, 8am (Hours, 7:40am)	30	July 1 Great Vespers, 6pm (No Confessions)
2 Divine Liturgy, 10am (Hours, 9:40am)	3	4 <i>Independence Day</i> (Trinity House and Parish Offices Closed)	5 Vespers, 5:30pm Confessions	6	7	8 Baptism of Alexander Agranovskiy, 4pm Great Vespers, 6pm Confessions
9 Divine Liturgy, 10am (Hours, 9:40am)	10 <b>Vacation Bible School (VBS) Begins.</b> Theme: "Living in an Orthodox World," 5:15pm-8pm	11 Homeless Ministry, 4pm @ Centre House, 217 E. Nittany Ave. Vacation Bible School, 5:15pm-8pm	12 Vespers, 5pm (No Confessions) Vacation Bible School, 5:35pm-8pm Parish Council Meeting, 7pm @ Trinity House Conference Room	13 <b>2017 Small Parish Forum,</b> 3pm (thru. Sat. 12:15pm) @ St. John the Baptist Church, New Kensington Vacation Bible School, 5:15pm-8pm	14 Vacation Bible School, 5:15pm-8pm	15 <b>St. Vladimir, Enlightener of the Russian Lands</b> Men's Fellowship Breakfast, 9am Great Vespers, 6pm (No Confessions)
16 <b>Holy Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils</b> Divine Liturgy, 10am (Hours, 9:40am)	17	18 Young Adult "Split" Night— LADIES: 5:30pm-7:30pm @ Leathers' Home, 4817 W. Whitehall Rd., 16865; GUYS: 8pm-11:30pm @ Champs Bar & Grill, 1611 N. Atherton, 16801	19 Great Vespers, 5:30pm Confessions	20 <b>Holy Glorious Prophet Elijah</b>	21 <i>Deacons Alexander &amp; Mark Away (today thru. Aug. 4). For pastoral emergencies, call Fr. David Smith at (570) 658-7403 or (570) 600-2246.</i>	22 Great Vespers, 6pm Confessions
23 Divine Liturgy, 10am (Hours, 9:40am)	24	25	26 <b>St. Jacob, Enlightener of Alaska</b> Great Vespers, 5:30pm Confessions	27 <b>Great-martyr and Healer Panteleimon</b>	28	29 Archdiocesan Camp Bible School, 11am-5pm @ Chancery, 8641 Peters Rd., Cranberry Twp. Great Vespers, 6pm (No Confessions)
30 Divine Liturgy, 10am (Hours, 9:40am) Crowning of Stasia Roberts and Curtis Neil, 3pm	31	August 1 <b>Procession of the Life-giving Cross</b>  (NOTE: See reverse side for the August Calendar)	2 Vespers, 5:30pm Confessions	3	4	5 Great Vespers/Litiya/ Blessing of Fruit for the Transfiguration, 6pm (No Confessions)

# Chapel Calendar

All events take place at the new building (145 North Kern Street) in Beavertown, unless where noted.

Saturday 1 Great Vespers, 6pm Confessions, following	<b>Sunday 23</b> Divine Liturgy, 10am (Hours, 9:40am) Fellowship and Study of Part 1 of <i>The Orthodox Faith—Doctrine &amp; Scripture</i> , following
<b>Sunday 2</b> Divine Liturgy, 10am (Hours, 9:40am) Fellowship, following Video Presentation & Study: <i>History of the Orthodox Church Part IV</i> , 12:30pm @ 140 Old Orchard Dr.	Monday 24 Women's "Hats and Blankets for Babies" Knitting/Crocheting Outreach, 6:30pm
<b>Sunday 9</b> Divine Liturgy, 10am (Hours, 9:40am) Fellowship, following	Tuesday 25 Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm
Tuesday 11 Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm	Saturday 29 Great Vespers, 6pm
Saturday 15 Great Vespers, 6pm	<b>Sunday 30</b> Divine Liturgy, 10am (Hours, 9:40am) Fellowship and Study of Part 2 of <i>The Orthodox Faith—Doctrine &amp; Scripture</i> , following
<b>Sunday 16</b> <b>Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils</b> Divine Liturgy, 10am (Hours, 9:40am) Summer Picnic, following, @ CHS Rectory, 140 Old Orchard Dr., Beavertown	Tuesday Aug. 2 Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm
Tuesday 18 Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm	Saturday 5 Great Vespers, Litiya, and the Blessing of Fruit for the Transfiguration, 6pm Confessions, following

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