



**APOSTLES FAST:** The Apostles Fast began the evening of May 31st, and lasts until June 28th. It is not as strict as the Great Fast. The Typicon prescribes strict abstinence (no meat or dairy) on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, with a mitigation (wine and oil) on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Ruthenian Metropolia has identified this period as a penitential season. This fast is not necessary to engage with under pain of sin, but may be observed voluntarily.

#### **ADULT EDUCATION CLASS IN JUNE ON ST.**

**FRANCIS:** Daniel Synosky will present the following topics on the Sundays of June:

3) Intersections with the East: Comparison of Francis to the Fathers and to the East

4) The San Damiano Cross: the icon that became the “Franciscan Cross” is really a spiritually rich icon originating from the Syriac tradition and holding in its details a comprehensive treatise on Francis and the Spiritual Life in a very Eastern medium - the icon!

#### **ORIENTALE LUMEN XXX CONFERENCE**

**ANNOUNCED:** The 30th Orientale Lumen Conference will take place on July 13-15 at the St. John Paul II Shrine and Retreat House in Washington, DC. The theme will be “Ecumenical Crossroad: Consensus Achieved – What’s Next?” Speakers will include Cardinal Sean O’Malley, Archbishop Flavio Pace from the Vatican, Bishop

John Michael Botean (Romanian Greek Catholic), Bishop Anthony Vrame (Greek Orthodox), and Lector Jack Figel, Founder of the Conferences. The new papal nuncio, Archbishop Gabriele Caccia, and Metropolitan Tikhon, primate of the Orthodox Church in America, will attend some sessions. Video lectures will also be shown by Archbishop Borys Gudziak (Ukrainian Greek Catholic), Metropolitan Job of Pisidia (Ecumenical Patriarchate) and Archimandrite Cyril Hovorun (Orthodox Church of Ukraine). Register for this in-person event and get to mingle with high Church officials here: <https://olfoundation.net/upcoming-events/orientale-lumen-xxx/>

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT:** Congratulations to the Soto family on the birth of their daughter Kennedy Anastasia Soto on Monday, June 15! May God grant to His newly born servant Kennedy Anastasia, and the Soto Family, peace, health, and happiness, for many blessed years!

**WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:** On Sunday, June 21, we welcome Justin McCarty to the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. Justin discerned joining the Apostolic Churches by first studying Catechism with the Greek Orthodox, then he began to realize the Fullness of the Faith is only present in the Catholic Church. He will be moving soon, and will be in very close proximity to another of our Ruthenian Churches, where he will worship. May God grant you many years!

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#### **LET US REMEMBER IN PRAYER:**

**Those who are ill or convalescing:** Sally Baer, Cathy Bowen, Anna & Catherine Cospelich, Paulo DosReis, Ernie & Patricia Holewinski, Katherine Lydon, Mario Marione, Fr. Maximos, Joan Miller, Patricia Moyle, Patricia Rabayda, Andrew Reidy, Marisol Reyes, Mary Rinik, Allyson Scalzi, Haggai Sikalumbi, Fr. Robert Stash, Will Saint-Fleur, Marie Warnicke, and Tim Watson. *May our Lord Jesus Christ, the Physician and Healer of souls and bodies, grant them peace and good health for many blessed years.*

**Our deployed military members:** Pvt. Bryan Buck, and Cmdr. William Bridges. *May God’s Divine Care and Mercy be given to them and may their Guardian Angels protect them from harm.—Please let Fr. Lewis know if anyone should be added or taken away from these lists.*

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## **Welcome to our parish!**

We are glad that you have chosen to participate in the Divine Liturgy with us today and we pray that it has been a spiritually nourishing experience. If you would like to register as a parishioner or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

**The Mysteries** (Sacraments) of the Church are available for all Baptized Catholics in Good Standing. This means that a Catholic attends Divine Liturgy on Sundays and Holydays of Obligation, utilizes the Mystery of Repentance at least once a year, receives the Eucharist at least once a year, observes the church’s penitential seasons and fasting regulations to include abstaining from meat or an equivalent penance on all Fridays except when mitigated, supports the Church in her temporal needs through offering of time, talent, and treasure, and believes the Church’s teachings on faith and morals. Those seeking Sacramental Marriage should contact the parish 1 year in advance.

### Upcoming Social Events

July 3 Men's Campfire 8PM  
July 31 Young Adult Convocation, Hillsborough, NJ

### Changeable Parts in the Teal Pew Book June 20/21 Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Vigil Liturgy begins on p. 104;  
Tone 3 on p. 133

(Sun) Sunday Antiphons: p. 14  
(Sun) Hymn of the Incarnation: A p. 18  
(Sun) 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Antiphon: p. 22  
(Sun) Entrance Hymn: A p. 25  
(Sun) Troparia & Kontakia: p. 135  
"Holy God:" E p. 30  
Prokeimenon & Alleluia: p. 137  
Cherubikon: D p. 45  
Creed: B p. 52  
Thrice Holy Hymn: B p. 56  
"We Praise You..." H p. 61  
"It is Truly Proper..." p. 62  
Our Father: Tone 3 p. 68  
Communion Hymn: D p. 79  
"We have seen..." A p. 82  
"May Our Mouths be filled..." A p. 84  
"Blessed be the Name of the Lord": A p. 88  
Thanksgiving Prayers: p. 95-96  
Panachida for the Deceased: p. 432

# Father's Day River Float and Liturgy on the Cartecay River

Saturday June 20, 2026, 11AM-7PM

194 River Oaks Terrace, Ellijay, GA 30536 Gate Code: #1125

Gina & Ken 404.713.5002 / 404.569.9022

**NO EVENING LITURGY AT CHURCH**  
liturgy will be at picnic

## Suggested Items:

- Beach Towel/swimsuit (modest)
- Water Shoes/life vest
- sunblock/bug spray
- stadium chair for Liturgy
- covered dish

## Provided:

- Drinking Water
- Seating
- Hose for rinsing off
- Bathrooms

**FLOAT DOWN THE RIVER FOR FATHER'S DAY:** A whole day of fun!!! Celebrate Father's Day with a Float Down the Cartecay River and enjoy a day of picnicking ending with the Saturday evening Divine Liturgy at Gina & Ken's in Ellijay on June 20. **This Saturday evening liturgy WILL replace our usual Saturday evening liturgy** on this day, so please plan appropriately.

General Info: The community is gated and you will need the access code #1125 to enter. One can float on the river before or after lunch. There will be activities for children that can't float on the river at the house. We will be grilling burgers and dogs but **bringing a covered dish is strongly encouraged**. If you would like alcohol or beer, please BYOB. Water, lemonade and ice tea will be provided. We will have last call for food around 4PM to allow a 1hour fast before Divine Liturgy at 5:00PM.

There will be two groups floating ("waves") please read the details for both below to determine which one will work best for your family.

## WAVE ONE: 12:00PM

- Arrive at 11:30 to drop off food you bring and get ready to get in the water.
- Float down the river (approx. 1.5 hrs.)
- ENDPOINT - get out just after the bridge.
- Ken Holowenski will be on the shore (1:30pm)
- Take your float to his truck, deflate it, and load up (you are responsible for this).
- Ride back to house, dry/change, eat a late lunch and enjoy the outdoor activities:
- Mingle, cornhole, horseshoe, play in the tethered dock raft, sit on the dock.
- Divine Liturgy at 5:30pm

## WAVE TWO: 2:30PM

- Arrive between 12:00pm-2:00pm
- Eat lunch and enjoy the outdoor activities:
- Mingle, cornhole, horseshoe, play in the tethered dock raft, sit on the dock.
- Float down the river at 2:30pm (approx. 1.5 hrs.)
- ENDPOINT - get out just after the bridge.
- Ken Holowenski will be on the shore (4:00pm)
- Take your float to his truck, deflate it, and load up (you are responsible for this).
- Ride back to the house, dry/change, and prepare for Liturgy.
- Divine Liturgy at 5:30pm