

# HOLY RESURRECTION ORTHODOX CHURCH

Mary Street, Belle Vernon, PA  
(Serving the faithful of Belle Vernon and surrounding areas)

*Glory be to Jesus Christ! Glory be Forever!*

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**Epistle Reading:** Philippians 4:4-9 **Gospel Reading:** John 12:1-18  
**Next Week:** Acts 1:1-8 **Next Week:** John 1:1-17

\*Take time to read the scriptures to prepare your heart and mind for Sunday's Liturgy.

<b>Services</b>	Wed., Apr. 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Holy Wednesday</b> Deanery Unction – Charleroi	<b>7 pm</b>
	Thurs., Apr. 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Holy &amp; Great Thursday</b> <b>Last Supper</b> Vespereal Divine Liturgy Matins / Reading of Passion Gospels	<b>9 am</b> <b>7 pm</b>
	Fri., Apr. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Holy &amp; Great Friday</b> Vespers of Entombment Matins / Procession of Holy Shroud	<b>1 pm</b> <b>7 pm</b>
	Sat., Apr. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Holy &amp; Great Saturday</b> Vespereal Divine Liturgy Nocturn & Matins <b>** Blessing of Paschal Baskets **</b>	<b>10 am</b> <b>8 pm</b>
	Sun., Apr., 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>PASCHA</b> Paschal Hours Divine Liturgy <b>** Blessing of Paschal Baskets **</b>	<b>9:45 am</b> <b>10 am</b>
	Mon., Apr. 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Bright Monday</b> Divine Liturgy (Fellowship) St. Michael - Monessen	<b>9 am</b>
	Tues., Apr. 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Bright Tuesday</b> Divine Liturgy (Fellowship) St. Spyridon - Monessen	<b>9 am</b>
	Wed., Apr. 27	<b>Bright Wednesday</b> Vespereal Divine Liturgy - HROC	<b>7 pm</b>

**Announcements:** 40<sup>th</sup> Day Memorial will be offered **TODAY** for the Repose of the soul of the Servant of God, **Peter Honchalk**, requested by Thelma Slavic & Fran Sabo.

When coloring your hardboiled eggs, please consider coloring an extra batch and bring to church for Pascha.

If you have not submitted a list of your beloved departed for commemoration at the Holy Saturday Passover Liturgy, do so today! **A Church School Student or Teacher can supply a form to complete or you can pick one up at the Candle Stand.** Also, sign up for an Old Testament reading for the Liturgy. We have 15 Readings to assign! A sign-up Chart is located at the vestibule Candle Desk.

From the Vespers of Palm Sunday evening: "Passing from one divine feast to another, from palms and branches let us now make haste, ye faithful, to the solemn and saving celebration of Christ's Passion. Let us behold Him undergo voluntary suffering for our sake ...." Lent is over and Holy Week is upon us. This week, step out of the routine of work, relaxation, around the house 'puttering', shopping and television and **come be with the Lord.** The Passion Gospels, the Procession with the Shroud, Paschal Matins and Paschal Divine Liturgy are perennial favorites. But make a personal choice to add **ONE MORE** Holy Week service to your church attendance schedule this year. A good choice would be Holy Thursday's Vespereal Divine Liturgy. Another powerful and enriching service is the Great Passover Divine Liturgy of Holy Saturday when the Church is liturgically transformed from Death to Life as the trampling down death by death is commemorated. See you in church!

Fr. Sam is finishing up the Sacramental Visits for the Paschal Season. When he calls, try to accommodate his request for a visit. If you know of a person that Father may not be aware of, who would appreciate a visit, please let Father know.

**\*\* Please see the reverse side of the candle list for names and addresses of our Parish Shut-ins.** They would really appreciate a card or call during the Paschal Season.

## ***THOUGHTS FROM THE HOLY FATHERS***

*St. Innocent of America*

The true and recognized means of receiving the Holy Spirit, according to the teaching of the Holy Scripture and the experiences of great saints, are the following: purity of heart and chastity; humility; listening to the voice of God; prayer; daily self-denial; reading and listening to Holy Scripture; the sacraments of the Church and especially Holy Communion.

Every faithful soul is filled with the Holy Spirit, if he/she is cleansed of his/her sins and not blocked or closed by self-love and pride. For the Holy Spirit always surrounds us and wishes to fill us; but our evil deeds which surround us like a hard stone wall are like evil guards, which do not allow Him to come near to us and keep Him away from us. Every sin can keep the Holy Spirit away from us, but bodily impurity and spiritual pride are especially repellent to Him. The Holy Spirit, Who is the most perfect purity, cannot possibly be in a man/woman defiled by sins. How can He be in our heart when is it filled and blocked by different cares, desires, and passions?

[SEE MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON THE BACK OF THE CANDLELIST]

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