

HOLY RESURRECTION ORTHODOX CHURCH

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

***Christ is Risen! Christos Anesti! Christos Voskrece!
Al-Maseeho Qam! Hristos a Inviat!***

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Epistle Reading: Acts 6:1-7 **Gospel Reading:** Mark 15:43-16:8
Next Week: Acts 9:32-42 **Next Week:** John 5:1-15

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

Services	Sat., May 14 th	Great Vespers and Holy Confession	3 pm
		Rite of Crowning – Gregory and Denise Ohler	5 pm
	Sun., May 15 th	Sunday of the Paralytic – 4th Sunday of Pascha	
		Church School	9:15 am
		Divine Liturgy	10 am
		Paschal Memorial at Cross	After coffee hour
		<i>(Procession to Belle Vernon Cemetery for Grave Blessings) – weather permitting</i>	

Announcements: TODAY we welcome Fr. Deacon Rostcheck and his family who are with us for services today! Thank you for your service to our parish, deanery and Archdiocese.

Reminder: Fr. Sam will be returning the evening of Tuesday, May 10th. Priests “on call” for pastoral needs will be Frs. Fred Pfeil - (724) 326-4183 and Fr. Gregory Peterson -- (724) 483-4441. Matushka Marsha will also be returning Tuesday evening.

From the proceeds from the baking of Paska the year, the Women and Men of Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church gave the Church \$5,000.00. God Bless All That Helped!

TODAY our Youth Group will be hosting a special Mother's Day Coffee Hour to honor all Moms in our Parish! Don't take Mom to an overcrowded restaurant where you're hurriedly ushered in and out. Stop by and treat your Special Mom to a relaxing, delicious homemade Brunch which Mom will not forget! Make Her Feel Like A Queen For A Day!

Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Ohler will be celebrating the sacramentalization of their marriage through the Rite of Crowning which will take place next **Saturday, May 14th at 5 pm**. All Parishioners are welcome to attend this joyous event!

PLEASE NOTE new day of Monthly Parish Council Meeting -- Wednesday, May 11th at 7 pm.

As we are all cleaning and sprucing up during these rainy Spring days, consider donating your unwanted treasures to the Church. Planning for the Summer Flea Market is now underway. The dates for this event are **June 10th and 11th**. **All items need to be brought to the church by May 29th**. There will be a pre-sale on **Sunday, June 5th** after Liturgy. If you need someone to pick up your items at home, let Fran Sabo know. If you would like to help out either Friday or Saturday, your assistance would be greatly appreciated! Also, any donations of bake goods for these two days would be welcome! Thanks as always for your generosity!

NEXT SUNDAY following Coffee Hour -- if the weather permits -- We will celebrate a Memorial for our Beloved Departed at the Cross in front of the Church doors. A Procession will then proceed to the Belle Vernon Cemetery to bless the graves of family members and former parishioners. Otherwise, the Memorial will be re-scheduled the following Sunday. Also, if anyone has a request for a Paschal Grave Blessing at locations other than Belle Vernon or West Newton, please see Father soon so arrangements can be made.

2011 Graduates – It's hard to believe that next month will signal that another academic school year will be coming to a close. Don't forget to let Fr. Sam know of our 2011 Graduates so that they can be recognized during Divine Liturgy in the beginning of June. Please leave their name(s) at the candlestand. Thanks!

MYRRH-BEARERS SUNDAY

The Myrrh Bearers were the individuals who were directly involved in the burial or who witnessed the Resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. The term traditionally refers to the women with myrrh who came to the tomb of Christ early in the morning and were the first witnesses of the Resurrection of Jesus. This refers to the three Marys – Mary Magdalene; Mary, the wife of Cleopas; and Mary, the mother of James and Joses. Also included as myrrh bearers are Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus who took the body of Jesus down from the cross, embalmed it with myrrh and aloes, wrapped it in clean linen, and placed it in a new tomb donated by Joseph.

The women followed Jesus during his earthly ministry in Galilee providing for Him and His followers out of their own means. They remained faithful to Him even during the most dangerous time of His arrest and execution, and not only stood by the cross, but accompanied Him to his burial, noticing where the tomb was located. Because of the impending Sabbath, it was necessary for the burial preparations to be brief. Jewish custom at the time dictated that mourners return to the tomb every day for three days. Once the Sabbath had passed, the women returned at the earliest possible moment, bringing myrrh to anoint the body. It was at this point that the Resurrection was revealed to them and they were commissioned to go and tell the Apostles. They were in effect the apostles to the Apostles. For this reason, the myrrh bearing women are sometimes referred to as “Equal to the Apostles.”

The Eley-McCrory Funeral Home sponsored this week's bulletin.

