

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: Acts 2:1-11 **Gospel Reading:** John 7:37-52, 8:12

Next Week: Hebrews 11:33-12:2 **Next Week:** Matt. 10:32-33, 37-38, 19:27-30

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

Services	Sun., June 19 th	All Saints	
		Divine Liturgy	9:30 am

Announcements:

This month's Parish Council Meeting will be on **Monday, June 13th** starting at **7 pm**.

SAVE THE DATE: Our **Annual Fall Festival** will be held on **Sunday, October 2nd from 12 pm to 6 pm** or until we're sold out. Please see today's insert listing all cooking sessions starting at 7 a.m. on Saturdays. Come join in the fellowship while helping make Baba's specialties.

Also, when purchasing pop for your cookout this summer, please consider purchasing an extra case of pop or water and donating towards this worthy cause. **Your donation(s) DIRECTLY contribute to the success of this endeavor!**

HELP WANTED, NO EXPERIENCE or SPECIAL TRAINING NECESSARY, HOURS FLEXIBLE! Where could you find a help wanted ad like this? Help is needed in tackling the weeds that have been growing around the parish/rectory with the recent rains. With the donation of some of your time to fill a plastic grocery bag with weeds you can put a tremendous dent into this project. Please consider stopping by the parish/rectory whenever you can to lend a hand! **Teamwork works wonders!** Thank you in advance. Please bring your own gardening equipment.

SUNDAY OF HOLY PENECCOST

by St. Theophan the Recluse

The economy of our salvation has been accomplished! The operations of all the Persons of the Most Holy Trinity have henceforth come into effect to accomplish it. That which God the Father willed, the Son of God has fulfilled in Himself, and the Holy Spirit has now descended in order to impart it to the faithful. For our salvation is according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the Blood of Jesus Christ [I Peter 1:2]. For this reason we are baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, obliged to observe all things whatsoever He has commanded us [Matt. 23:19-20]. Those who do not confess the Most Holy Trinity cannot participate in the saving action of Its Persons and thus receive salvation. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, the Trinity one in essence and undivided, Who granteth us to confess It! O Father Almighty and Word and Spirit, one Nature united in three Persons, transcendent and most Divine! Unto Thee have we been baptized, and Thee shall we bless throughout all ages.

SOMETHING TO PONDER: If you're not on guard against evil you'll be influenced by evil.

WEEKLY PRAYER: Lord, grant that I may be personally concerned with the miseries of people everywhere and to do something about it. Amen.

THOUGHTS FROM THE HOLY FATHERS: *by Maximus the Confessor*
Pure like Susanna

Has so-and-so slandered you? Don't give in to hatred. If you hate the slanderer, you are hating a person and therefore breaking the commandment to love. The evil done with words you are now doing by your deeds. On the other hand, if you keep the commandments, you are helping the other as much as you can to become free from this sin.

Nothing causes a much suffering as to be slandered in regard to one's faith or one's behavior. It is impossible to remain indifferent, unless you are like Susanna who in her purity turned her gaze on God, who alone can free us from slander, demonstrate our innocence and cheer the soul with hope.

The more you pray with all your heart for the one who has slandered you, the more readily God reveals the truth to those whom the slander has scandalized. But you, in your turn, take good care not to compromise the good reputation or a brother or sister by letting slip hurtful comparisons in your conversation. The result of those unkind words is bound to be an unconscious but unyielding grudge against them.

Praise that brother or sister, praise them in public. And pray sincerely for them as for yourself. Very soon then you will be free of this dislike.

