

# 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:** Romans 2:10-16                      **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 4:18-23  
**Next Week:** Romans 5:1-10                      **Next Week:** Matthew 6:22-33

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

<b>Services</b>	Wed., June 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Feast of Saints Peter &amp; Paul</b>	
		Divine Liturgy	<b>7 am</b>
	Sun., July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Martyr Hyacinth; Translation of Relics of Hieromartyr Philip Anatolius, Patriarch of Constantinople</b>	
		General Confession	<b>9 am</b>
		Divine Liturgy	<b>9:30 am</b>

**Announcements:** May God richly bless Holy Resurrection's newest member, the newly illuminated Handmaiden of God, **Donna Colaianni**, on the occasion of Donna's reception into the Church through the Sacraments of Holy Confession and Chrismation. May God Grant her Many Blessed Years in the Vineyard of Christ!

**Mark Your Calendars for *The Second Annual Bike/Walk Trail Picnic of HROC***, which will take place on Sunday, **July 10<sup>th</sup>** starting around **1:00 pm at Cedar Creek Park, Pavilion 17**. Dave and Lori Slavic are coordinating the details of the event. The day will start with a covered dish grill-out picnic and the biking or trail-walking will follow. By early evening we will reassemble back at Cedar Creek for socializing and a final snack. Let Dave or Lori know today or call him at 724-872-7586 to convey the number in your party that will attend and get a covered dish assignment (food, snack, condiment, charcoal, etc.) from him.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Our **Annual Fall Festival** will be held on **Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

***THOUGHTS FROM THE HOLY FATHERS***                      *by Bishop Nikolai Velimirovic*  
*The Power that God Gives by the Words of His Prophets*

‘Behold, I will make My word in thy mouth fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them’ [Jer. 5:14]. Do you see, my brethren, how the word of the Lord differs in its effect on different people? The word of the Lord is as fire, at which the righteous rejoice, frozen in the coldness of this world. And the word of the Lord is as fire, which burns up the unrighteous, whom this material world warmed too greatly. Experienced spiritual teachers have left us testimony that the name of Jesus alone - which brings strength, joy, and refreshment to the faithful – burns evil spirits like living flame. So it is with every word of God. To one it gives comfort, to another excitement; to one it calms anger and to another it gives strength; to one it incites veneration and to another a taunt. It is honey to the whole, but to the unhealthy that honey is wormwood.

But why should the people be as wood that will be burned? Are the people at fault if godless elders and false prophets lead them onto foreign paths? The people are not at fault to as great an extent as their elders and the false prophets, but they are at fault to some extent. For God gave to the people also to know the right path, both through their conscience and through the preaching of the word of God, so the people should not blindly have followed their blind guides, who led them by false paths that alienated them from God and His Laws. My brethren, God is righteous, and He knows the measure of every fault and will not let the small and ignorant suffer as much as the learned and great.

O all-seeing Lord, save us, that we be neither blind guides nor blind followers. Strengthen our hearts that, as leaders or followers, we may ever be Thy servants, and Thy servants alone. To Thee be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

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