

# 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 20:16-18, 28-36      **Gospel Reading:** John 17:1-13  
**Next Week:** Acts 2:1-11      **Next Week:** John 7:37-52, 8:12

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

<b>Services</b>	Sat., June 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Great Vespers and Holy Confession</b>	<b>7 pm</b>
	Sun., June 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Holy Pentecost with Kneeling Prayers</b>	
		Divine Liturgy	<b>9:30 am</b>

**Announcements:** **TODAY is the Pre-Sale of the Summer Flea Market!** See what treasures you can uncover at great prices! Spread the word to family and friends that doors open **10 am – 3 pm** for our Summer Flea Market on **Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**. 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!

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

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.

## ***“Learning Christ”***

Teach me, my Lord to be sweet and gentle, in all the events of life - -  
in disappointments,  
in the thoughtlessness of others,  
in the insincerity of those I trusted,  
in the unfaithfulness of those on whom I relied.

Let me put myself aside,  
to think of the happiness of others,  
to hide my little pains and heartaches,  
so that I may be the only one to suffer from them.

Teach me to profit by the suffering that comes across my path.

Let me so use it that it may mellow me,  
not harden nor embitter me;  
that it may make me patient, not irritable,  
that it may make me broad in my forgiveness,  
not narrow, haughty and overbearing.

As I go my rounds from one distraction to another, let me whisper a word of love to Thee.  
May my life be lived in the supernatural, full of power for good and strong in its purpose of sanctity.

**Amen!**

## ***COMMEMORATION OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL***

The Sunday before Pentecost commemorates and honors the holy fathers of the First Ecumenical Council, which was held in Nicaea in 325 in the reign of Constantine the Great. The Council was summoned to remove the confusion which Arius, an Alexandrian priest, had created by his false teaching. He had been spreading the teaching that Christ was created from God in time, and that He is not the pre-eternal Son of God, equal in being with God, the Father. Three hundred and eighteen holy fathers took part in this Council. It condemned the Arian teaching, and anathematized Arius when he would not repent. This council also definitively confirmed the Symbol of Faith (the Creed) which was later amplified at the Second Ecumenical Council. The most important work of this Council was the confirmation of the Symbol of Faith. The Council also confirmed the time of the celebration of Holy Pascha and prescribed twenty Canons.

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

