

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 6:18-23 **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 8:5-13

Next Week: Romans 10:1-10 **Next Week:** Matthew 8:28-9:1

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

Services Sun., July 17th **Commemoration of the Holy Fathers
of the 1st Six Ecumenical Councils**

Divine Liturgy **9:30 am**

Announcements: TODAY is our **Second Annual Bike/Walk Trail Picnic of HROC**, which will begin around **1:00 pm at Cedar Creek Park, Pavilion 17** 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. See everyone there!

This month's Parish Council Meeting will be on **Monday, July 11th** starting at **7 pm**.

Father will be away for a few days this month from **Wednesday, July 20th through Saturday, July 23rd**. Priests "on call" for pastoral needs will be Frs. Fred Pfeil - (724) 326-4183 and Fr. Gregory Peterson -- (724) 483-4441. **Due to Father's absence on Saturday, July 23rd, Vespers will be cancelled.**

Monday, July 18th is Orthodoxy Day at PNC Park. Come and see the Pirates battle the Cincinnati Reds. Game starts at 7:05 pm. The price of the ticket (\$19) includes cost of the ticket and a ball cap. **Deadline to reserve your seat is Monday, July 11th**. Contact Dr. John Schultz at (304) 748-1223, cell phone: (304) 479-5071 or e-mail: jpsvw@comcast.net. Please make your check payable to "Pittsburgh District FOCA". Check out the flier posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule for address information.

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.

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!**

Feast Day of the Translation of the Precious Vesture of our Lord Jesus Christ

At the time of our Lord's suffering for the human race, there was to be found in the ranks of the Roman army in Jerusalem a Georgian, Elias, from the town of Mtskheth. His mother had heard of Christ and believed in Him in her heart. Sending her son into the army in Palestine, she exhorted him to do nothing against Christ. When the Lord was nailed to the Cross, the sound of the hammering on Golgotha came to the ears of Elias's mother in Mtskheth. Hearing this sound, she cried out: 'Woe is me that I did not die before this hour, that death might deliver me from this terrible sound!' And thus saying, she fell dead. Elias was at that time underneath the Cross, and with the other soldiers was casting lots for Christ's vesture. The vesture fell to him and he took it to Mtskheth making a gift of it to his sister, Sidonia. She, hearing of the Lord's death and learning that her brother had a hand in the shedding of innocent blood, fell dead with the Lord's vesture in her hands, in such a way that no one could take it from her and they were constrained to bury it with her. A cedar grew up over her grave from which flowed a healing myrrh. In time, the cedar fell and the place was forgotten. St. Nina found it by the aid of a pillar of fire on that spot, in response to her prayers. King Mirian when he had been baptized built a church there to the Holy Apostles. In 1625, Shah Abbas took this vesture and sent it to Moscow as a gift to Prince Michael Feodorovitch and Patriarch Philaret. The vesture was then placed in the Cathedral of the Dormition in Moscow.

The Leonard J. Parzynski Funeral Home sponsored this week's bulletin.

