

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 10:1-10

Gospel Reading: Matthew 8:28-9:1

Next Week: Romans 12:6-14

Next Week: Matthew 9:1-8

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

Services Sun., July 24th

**Great Martyr Christina;
Martyrs Boris & Gleb;
Saint Polycarp**

Divine Liturgy

9:30 am

Announcements: 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.

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 Holy Martyr Marina

Marina was born in Antioch of pagan parents. At the age of twelve, she heard of the Lord Jesus' incarnation of the most pure Virgin, His many miracles, His death by crucifixion, and His glorious Resurrection. Her heart was inflamed with love for the Lord, and she vowed never to marry and further desired to suffer for Christ and be baptized with the blood of martyrdom. Her father hated her for her faith and would not regard her as his daughter. The imperial governor, Olymbrius, hearing of Marina and learning that she was a Christian, at first desired her for his wife. When she refused, he ordered her to sacrifice to idols. To this, Marina replied: 'I shall not worship nor offer sacrifice to dead idols, lacking the breath of life, which have no awareness of themselves and are not even aware of our honoring or dishonoring them. I will not give them that honor that belongs to my Creator alone.' Then Olymbrius put her to harsh torture and threw her into prison all wounded and bleeding. Marina prayed to God in prison and after she had prayed, there appeared to her first the devil in the form of a terrible serpent which twined itself about her head. When she made the sign of the cross, the serpent split asunder and disappeared. Then she was bathed in heavenly light; the walls and roof of the prison disappeared and a Cross was revealed. On the top of the Cross was perched a white dove from which there came a voice: 'Rejoice, Marina, thou dove of Christ, daughter of the Sion that is on high, for the day of thy joy is drawing near!' Marina was healed by the power of God of all her wounds. The demented judge tortured her the next day by fire and water, but Marina endured it all as if not in her own body. She was finally sentenced to death by beheading. At the moment of her death, the Lord Jesus appeared to her accompanied by angels. She was beheaded in the time of the Emperor Diocletian but remains alive in soul and in power in heaven and on earth. One of her hands is preserved in the monastery of Vatopedi on the Holy Mountain. In Albania, there is a monastery of St. Marina with some of her wonderworking relics. Numerous miracles have been wrought in this monastery and still are witnessed not only by Christians but also by Moslems. The Turks have such a veneration for this holy place that they have never laid hands on either the place or the monastery's possessions. At one time, a Turk was caretaker of the monastery.

The James C. Stump Funeral Home sponsored this week's bulletin.

