

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 15:1-7 **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 9:27-35

Next Week: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 **Next Week:** Matthew 14:14-22

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

Services	Sat., Aug. 6 th	Feast of the Transfiguration	
		Divine Liturgy with Blessing of Fruit	9 am
	Sun., Aug. 7 th	Martyr Dometius of Persia; Relics of St. Metrophanes; Venerable Nicanor the Wonderworker	
		General Confession Divine Liturgy	9 am 9:30 am
	Sat., Aug. 13 th	Great Vespers and Holy Confession	7 pm

Announcements: Sincere apologies are extended to Sophia Brand's family. Her name was inadvertently misspelled in last week's bulletin.

Don't forget -- The Dormition Fast begins at Sundown tonight!

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION – AUGUST 6.

It is customary to bring quantities of fresh fruit to be blessed on the Transfiguration. It is a harvest celebration when fruits are usually of high quality and availability. Grapes, melons and berries are popular as are bananas, pears, apples, plums and peaches.

Church Traditions Associated with August Holy Days:

FEAST OF THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS – AUGUST 15.

Dormition marks the holy day observing the Falling Asleep and Burial of the Theotokos. It is an observation of the Church's first funeral. This fact along with the long standing practice of bringing flowers to the Virgin, inspires the faithful to bring flowers (especially those from their own gardens) and sweet smelling herbs like basil and oregano to be blessed in Church. These flowers and herbs are then dried and burned at home during prayers like incense. Or, in the case of the herbs, used in cooking.

FEAST OF THE BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST – AUGUST 29.

This holy day is always observed as a solemn fast. Furthermore, it is a pious custom of the faithful throughout the Orthodox world to avoid eating any food served on a dish, plate or platter on this day out of respect for St. John. His head was retrieved from his place of execution at Salome's request and presented to Herod on a platter at his birthday banquet.

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 Righteous Eudocimus

Saint Eudocimus was from Cappadocia, the son of pious and most illustrious parents, patricians in rank. He especially cultivated chastity and mercy, the one by never meeting the gaze of a woman, the other by cheerfully providing the needs of the poor. When he was made military commander of Cappadocia, he continued in his righteous ways, showing mercy and uprightness in all his dealings. Having so lived in piety, quietly and without ostentation, he was called from this life at the age of thirty-three, about the year 840, during the reign of the Iconoclast Theophilus. Not long after his burial, his grave became a fountain of unending miracles, as God revealed the virtue that Eudocimus had striven to hide; when his grave was later opened, his body was found incorrupt. His holy relics were translated to Constantinople.

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