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: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 14:14-22
Next Week: 1 Corinthians 3:9-17 ***Next Week*:** Matthew 14:22-34

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

Services	Sat., Aug. 13th	**Great Vespers and Holy Confession**	**7 pm**
	Sun., Aug. 14th	**Forefeast of the Dormition**	
		Divine Liturgy	**9:30 am**
	Mon., Aug. 15th	**Feast of the Dormition of the Most Holy and Ever Virgin Theotokos**	
		Divine Liturgy Blessing of Flowers and Herbs	**7 am**

Announcements: A special thank you to all those who donated books and/or purchased books for the Adult Church School project. Blackburn Center of Greensburg was very appreciative of the donation of $60 plus the Afghans made by Julia Urdenis. The book sale will continue next year after the fall festival. For more information on the Blackburn Center, please see Fran Sabo. There are many other items that we could donate in addition to a monetary contribution. Again thanks!!

FEAST OF THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS – EUGUST 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.

This month's Parish Council Meeting will be on **Monday, August 8th** starting at **7 pm**.

SAVE THE DATE: **Sunday, August 21st is Archdiocesan Family Day** at the Diocesan Center in Cranberry. Please reference the enclosed flier concerning times and activities of the Family Day events. Feelin' lucky? Our Parish was also entrusted with a group of tickets for various drawings. – Tickets on sale now at the candlestand for the Family Day Giveaway Drawing – **winner need NOT be present** – This year's prizes an Amazon Kindle with built-in Wi-Fi, 6" display ($150 value); $100 and $25 Cash Prizes and a $50 Giant Eagle Gift Card. $2.00/ticket or 3 tickets for $5.00.

HELP WANTED TO GET OUR CHURCH READY FOR OUR FALL FESTIVAL!

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 St. Dometius of Persia

St. Dometius lived in Persia during the fourth century. In his youth he was converted to the Faith by a Christian named Uaros. Forsaking Persia, he withdrew to the frontier city of Nisibis (in Mesopotamia), where he was baptized in one of the monasteries and also received the monastic tonsure.

Fleeing the ill-will of some of the monks, St. Dometius moved to the monastery of Saints Sergius and Bacchus in the city of Theodosiopolis. The monastery was under the guidance of an archimandrite named Urbelos, a strict ascetic, of whom it was said that for sixty years he did not taste cooked food, nor did he lay down for sleep, but rather took his rest standing up, supporting himself upon his staff.

In this monastery, St. Dometius was ordained a deacon, but when the archimandrite decided to have him made a presbyter, the saint, considering himself unworthy, hid himself on a desolate mountain in Syria, in the region of Cyrrhus.

Stories about St. Dometius constantly spread among the local inhabitants. They began to come to him for healing and for help. Many pagans were brought to faith in Christ by Dometius. And one time, in the locality where St. Dometius struggled with his disciples, the emperor Julian the Apostate (361-363) arrived, traveling on his campaign against the Persians. By order of the emperor, soldiers found St. Dometius praying with his disciples in a cave, and walled them up alive inside.

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