

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: Hebrews 9:11-14 **Gospel Reading:** Mark 10:32-45

Next Week: Philippians 4:4-9 **Next Week:** John 12:1-18

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

Services	Sun., Apr., 10 th	Mission Vespers – New Salem	6 pm
	Wed., Apr. 13 th	Presanctified Divine Liturgy St. Ellien, Brownsville	6:30 pm
	Fri., Apr. 15 th	Akathist & Sacrament of Confession <i>Lent Ends</i>	7 pm
	Sat., Apr. 16 th	Resurrection of Lazarus Divine Liturgy	9 am
		Great Vespers with Litya (Holy Confessions to Follow)	7 pm
	Sun., Apr., 17 th	Palm Sunday Church School Divine Liturgy	9:15 am 10 am

Announcements: The monthly Parish Council Meeting is set for **Monday, April 11th at 7 pm.**

Choir rehearsal is scheduled for **7:30 pm on Friday** after the Akathist. Anyone interested in joining the choir, please feel free to attend. All are welcome!

Fr. Sam is scheduling shut-in Sacramental Visits. When he calls, try to accommodate his request for a visit. If you know of a person that Father may not be aware of, who would appreciate a visit, please let Father know.

**** Please see the reverse side of the candle list for names and addresses of our Parish Shut-ins.** They would really appreciate a card or call during the Paschal Season.

With 14 days remaining till Pascha, allow God to inspire you to take up the tasks of spiritual preparation as the festal days draw near. Come to services that you may have ignored to this point,

fast, pray, follow the daily scripture readings of the Church, confess your sins and open your mind and heart to the Lord Jesus Christ!

Paschal Altar Candles: Gifts are now being accepted for the Paschal Altar Candles. If you would like to make a gift in memory of loved ones or in honor of loved ones – place your offering in an envelope marking it “Paschal Candles” and leave it at the Candle Stand.

Again this year, the Church School children will be collecting the names of our beloved dead for commemoration on the blessed Feast of Holy Saturday. This effort serves to join the names of our loved ones ‘fallen asleep’, with those down through the ages who have heard the message of Christ’s ‘trampling down death by death’ on the ‘great and holy Pascha’ of Holy Saturday. **See a Church School student today** to supply the names of your relatives and dear ones who have ‘fallen asleep’ in the Lord. Then, make plans to come join us for the festal Divine Liturgy around the Tomb of our Lord as He breaks down the ancient doors of Hades and leads the souls of the departed into glorious light of the Kingdom of Heaven. A list for the 15 Old Testament readings proclaimed on that day is posted on the Vestibule Bulletin Board. Sign up for your reading today!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED next Saturday after Divine Liturgy (**11:30 am**) in the Church Social Hall to help prepare the Palms and Willows for Palm Sunday! Donations of willows needed. Thanks!

Pussy Willows: Due to the sporadic warm weather we are experiencing, Pussy Willows may be coming out early. We urge any parishioner who has a willow bush, to please cut them early, wrap in newspaper and place somewhere cool to hold or bring them to the Church Social Hall.

ST. MARY OF EGYPT SUNDAY

Mary lived as a prostitute in Alexandria for 17 years, more to gratify her lust than for money. Out of curiosity, she joined some pilgrims who were going to Jerusalem to celebrate the feast of the Holy Cross. The journey from Egypt did not interrupt her sinful lifestyle. In Jerusalem, she tried to enter the church with the rest of the group, but an invisible force held her back. Finally realizing her sinfulness, she prayed for help from the Theotokos and vowed to live a life of penance. She was told to cross the Jordan River.

Mary received communion and crossed the river into the wilderness, where for about 47 years she saw no other human. She was tormented by physical needs and mental assaults, but she endured through the intercession of the Virgin Mary.

Around the year 430, the priest Zosimas found Mary in the desert. She told him her story and asked that he tell no one about her until after her death. Zosimas promised to meet her a year later to give her communion. When he saw her the next Lent, she walked across the water of the Jordan to receive the Holy Eucharist. Then she walked back into the desert and died.

When Father Zosimas came back the next year, he found Mary's body and buried it. With her burial, he was free to tell the world of her life.

When I recognize the need but find it too difficult to change my life with repentance, help me to remember St. Mary of Egypt.

[SEE MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON THE BACK OF THE CANDLELIST]

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

