

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: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10 **Gospel Reading:** Luke 6:31-36
Next Week: 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1 **Next Week:** Luke 7:11-16

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

Services	Sat., Oct. 8 th	Great Vespers and Holy Confession	7 pm
	Sun., Oct. 9 th	Glorification of St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow; Apostle James Alphaeus; Venerable Andronicus	
		Group Confession	9:30 am
		Divine Liturgy	10 am

Announcements:

TODAY – HROC 16TH ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL!

Starting 12 Noon to 6 pm

Church Council wishes to thank all the parishioners of Holy Resurrection who helped in any way as well as those who attended the dinner to honor Walt Trembach for his many years of service to our church. God grant you all Many Years!

This month's **Parish Council Meeting**, will take place, **Monday, October 10th at 7:00 pm.**

The visitation of the Myrrh Streaming Iveron Icon of Hawaii will be visiting our area:

Fri., Oct. 7th St. Basil the Great Russian Orthodox, Belle Vernon, PA – Akathist - 7 pm

Sat., Oct. 8th Holy Trinity Church Russian Orthodox Church, 630 American St., California, PA – Divine Liturgy 9 am

Anointing of the faithful will take place following services at each of these parishes. Many Orthodox and Non-Orthodox have been healed by this miracle working icon. All are welcome and encouraged to come and venerate this holy icon. Please see today's bulletin insert.

Feast Day of St. Andrew the Fool for Christ – October 2nd

St. Andrew was a Slav who was bought as a slave by Theognostus, a rich man from Constantinople in the time of the Emperor Leo the Wise. Andrew was a handsome young man both in body and soul. Theognostus took a fancy to him and allowed him to learn to read and write. Andrew prayed fervently to God and attended church services with great devotion, and in obedience to a heavenly revelation, resolved on the asceticism of folly for Christ's sake. Once, when he went to the well for water, he cast off his clothes and cut them to pieces, feigning madness. Saddened by this, Theognostus put him in chains and took him to the church of St. Anastasia the Deliverer from Bonds, that prayers be read for him. But, as Andrew did not recover as far as his owner could see, he was freed as being sick in mind. Holy Andrew feigned madness all day and spent the nights in prayer. He lived without a roof over his head, spending the nights in the open and going about half-naked in a single, tattered garment and eating a little bread when kindly people shared theirs with him. Whatever he received, he gave away to beggars, and when he gave it to them he would mock them to avoid their thanks, for holy Andrew looked only for the reward from God. Therefore great grace from God abode in him, and he was able to discern men's secrets, see angels and demons, drive demons from men, and turn men from sin. He had a most wonderful vision of Paradise and the exalted powers of heaven; he saw Lord Christ on His throne of glory; he, with his disciple Epiphanius, saw the most holy Mother of God in the Blachernae church, sheltering the Christian people with her veil (October 1st); he heard in heaven unspeakable words, which he dared not recount to men. After unprecedentedly harsh asceticism, he entered into rest and the eternal glory of his Lord in 911.

