# 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 6:16-7:1 **Gospel Reading:** Luke 7:11-16
***Next Week:*** 2 Corinthians 9:6-11 ***Next Week*:** Luke 8:5-15
*Take time to read the scriptures to prepare your heart and mind for Sunday's Liturgy.

**Services** Sun., Oct. 16th **Commemoration of Holy Fathers of 7th Ecumenical Council**

Church School **9:15 am**
Divine Liturgy **10 am**

**Announcements:**

**TODAY** is the annual Fall Hayride hosted by the Micas at their Farm starting at **3 pm.** There's nothing like sitting around a campfire, making S'mores and enjoying a hayride to a pumpkin patch!

Father Sam will be away from the area for several days in October from Sunday evening, October 9th through Wednesday evening, October 12th. Fr. Fred Pfeil (724-326-4183) and Fr. Gregory Peterson (724-483-4441) have agreed to take any pastoral need calls in his absence.

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

## *Feast Day of Apostle James – October 9th*

Apostle James was the son of Alphaeus and one of the twelve Great Apostles. He was the brother of the Apostle and Evangelist Matthew. He was a witness of the true words and miracles of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and a witness of His Passion, Resurrection, and Ascension. After the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, it fell to the lot of the Apostle James to preach Christ's Gospel in Eleutheropolis and the surrounding area, and then in Egypt, where he suffered for his Savior. With great power both in word and act, James spread abroad the saving news of the incarnate Word of God, rooting out idol worship, driving demons out of men, healing all manner of sickness and disease in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. His labors and his zeal were crowned with great success. Many pagans came to belief in Christ the Lord, churches were founded and set in order and priests and bishops were made. He suffered in Egypt in the town of Ostracina, being crucified by the pagans. Thus this great and wonderful apostle of Christ went to the heavenly Kingdom, to reign forever with the King of glory.

## *The Holy Martyrs Cosmas and Damian, the Unmercenaries*

There were three pairs of holy brothers called Cosmas and Damian. The first entered peacefully into rest on November 1st, the second were stoned to death in Rome on July 1st, and the third were Arabs who are commemorated today. They were doctors by trade and, when they embraced the Christian faith, they healed the sick in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, becoming known on all sides for their miraculous healings. The wicked pagans seized them and took them before the governor, Lysias, in the town of Aegae. These holy brothers would not deny Christ at any price, so they were first thrown into the sea and then into fire, but God almighty saved them from drowning and from the flames, an angel of God appearing to them and saving them. The pagan governor ascribed this to some magical power of theirs, but they replied: 'We have no sort of magic, nor use any, but we have the power of Christ to save us and all who call upon His holy name.' They were then stoned, but the stones bounced off them, and they were finally beheaded with the sword. They suffered in the time of Diocletian and Maximian, in the early fourth century. Many miracles were wrought by their holy relics, such as they had themselves also wrought while living on this earth.

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