

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 9:2-12 **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 18:23-35
Next Week: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 **Next Week:** Matthew 19:16-26

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

Services	Sun., Aug. 28 th	Memorial Prayers for the Repose of the Soul of the Servant of God, Ann Sutovich , requested by her family	After Liturgy
	Mon., Aug. 29 th	Beheading of the Prophet St. John the Baptist (STRICT FAST) Divine Liturgy	7 am
	Sun., Sept. 4 th	Hieromartyr Babylas; Holy Prophet Moses and Uncovering of Relics of Saint Joasaph General Confession Divine Liturgy	9 am 9:30 am

Announcements: May God grant Eternal Memory and Blessed Repose to the Servant of God, **Ann Sutovich**, who fell asleep in the Lord this past week. And to her family, may he grant the consolation of His peace and hope.

We are happy to report that word has been received that His Grace, **Bishop Melchisedek**, has returned to his residence in Cranberry Township to finish his recovery from surgery. Please remember **Bishop Melchisedek** in your prayers for a speedy recovery and God's blessings.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AT HOLY RESURRECTION

Walter Trembach is retiring as the Janitor of our Church at the end of September after many faithful years of dedication and service. Bill Lofink has a partial list of duties required of the position at the Candlestand. If you would like to be considered as a candidate for the position, see Chuck Urdenis.

FEAST OF THE BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST – IUGUST 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.

Looking ahead to September – Our Church School will reconvene on **Sunday, September 11th at 9:15 a.m.** We will also celebrate a Memorial on that day following Divine Liturgy in commemoration of the "Victims of 9/11" on the 10th Anniversary of the terrorist attack on America. Finally, on the 11th, we will resume our regular start time for Divine Liturgy: **10 a.m.**

On **Sunday, September 18th at 9:30 a.m.**, we will celebrate our annual "Moleben for the Start of the Academic Year". All teachers and students of the Church School will participate along with all teachers and students in the parish enrolled in any and all education programs, from grade school through college. Please make plans to attend and participate.

Feast Day of Venerable Moses the Ethiopian – August 28

The Holy Father Moses was at first a robber and the leader of a robber band, but he then became a penitent and a great ascetic. As a slave, Moses escaped from his owner and became a robber. Because of his great physical strength and recklessness, the robbers chose him as their leader. Suddenly his conscience was filled with remorse and repentance for the crimes he had committed. He left the band, went to a monastery and gave himself entirely to obedience to his spiritual father and to the rule of the monastery. He made great use of the teaching of Saints Marcarius, Arsenius, and Isidore. Later, he withdrew to solitude in a cell where he gave himself utterly to physical labor, prayer, vigils, and pondering on God. Tormented by the demon of lust, he confessed to his spiritual father, Isidore, and received from him the advice to fast as much as possible and never to eat his fill. When this proved to be of no help, he, at the elder's advice, began to keep night vigils and to pray standing; he then got into the way of carrying water from a distant well for the older monks. After six years of terrible striving, St. Isidore finally healed him miraculously of the lustful thoughts, imaginings, and dreams visited on him by the demon.

He was ordained priest in old age. He founded a monastery of his own, and had seventy-five disciples, himself living to the age of seventy five. He foresaw his own death, and one day told his disciples to flee, as barbarians were coming to attack the monastery. When his disciples urged him to flee as well, he told them that he must perish in the attack, for he had himself at one time done violence, according to the words: 'all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword' [Matt. 26:52]. So he stayed with six of his brethren. The barbarians came and ran them through. One of the brethren, hiding nearby saw seven shining wreaths descend upon the seven martyrs.

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

