

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!

The Very Rev. Fr. Samuel Smolcic January 10, 2010
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Epistle Reading: Ephesians 4:7-13 **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 4:12-17

Next Week: 1 Timothy 4:9-15 **Next Week:** Luke 19:1-10

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

Altar Servers: Paul Mica / Tommy Slavic

Services: Sun., Jan. 10th **Anthony the Great**
Church School **9:15 am**
Divine Liturgy **10 am**

Announcements: The Parish Council will hold its monthly meeting tomorrow evening at 7:00 pm.

Our Parish has recently registered with WPXI-TV (Channel 11) to list Closings or Delays of services or meetings. If you are wondering about weather related changes in start times or cancellations, check WPXI first before making phone calls to other parishioners. Do this by tuning in on a newscast on Channel 11 or by checking closings on the internet by typing in the keyword , wpxi school closings. Furthermore, Trooper Will Pierce of PA State Police (and parishioner of Holy Resurrection) has agreed to supply Fr. Sam with information regarding road and travel conditions in Fayette, Washington and Westmoreland counties. This information will be invaluable in reaching decisions about Closings or Delays. Thanks Will!

All parishioners are reminded to promptly submit their Home Blessings Envelopes this year. Father Sam will need to get to the Home Blessings as soon as possible due to the early arrival of Great Lent this year. He was prevented from starting yesterday due to the weather. He plans to make a few visits today; please try to accommodate his request to schedule your visit.

If you have not picked up your 2010 Church Calendars yet, they are available in the rack to the right of the doors in the vestibule. Get yours today!

Check out the enclosed flier in today's bulletin for a one time performance of the Duquesne University Tamburitzans on **January 23rd** that will benefit International Orthodox Christian Charities. This event offers a break from the winter doldrums and nice way to support a very worthy organization!

As soon as a few schedules are finalized, Fr. Sam will distribute an 80+ day calendar as he did last year which will chart all the Church services from before Great Lent through the post-Paschal period. Many people were pleased to be able to look ahead and plan their service attendance with this useful tool.

A short meeting was called to order before the December 29th Christmas Party. (Please see the back of the candle list for a brief summary of the meeting) However, under "New Business", please note that the Guild will be hosting their Valentine Penny Social on **Sunday, February 7th at 3 pm**. Several members of the Guild will be gathering on **Saturday, February 6th at 1 pm** to set up the Social Hall. As the refreshment after the Penny Social, the Guild will be putting together cookie trays. Please lend a hand and donate a dozen or two of your favorite cookies to the Guild. Also, the Guild needs some help with the donation of Table Prizes. Would you consider helping out with a donation a clean/new Table Prize? Please bring your donation(s) on **Saturday, February 6th or Sunday, February 7th**. Thanks in advance for your generosity and help and don't forget to come and join in the fun on the 7th!

Now that the holidays are done, don't forget to bring your unwanted Christmas cards to give to Holy Transfiguration Monastery for reuse. Please leave your cards on the small table next to the 2010 Church Calendars. Thanks!

SOMETHING TO PONDER: Man's problem is not ignorance, but rebellion.

WEEKLY PRAYER: Help me Lord, by Your grace to always be concerned with my inner self more than my outer self, for where my heart is, there is my treasure also. Amen.

THOUGHTS FROM THE HOLY FATHERS: by Proclus of Constantinople

If Christ had not been Born of Woman

A God who was not only God, and a man who was not simply man, was born of woman. By being born He formed the gate of salvation from what had at one time been the way in for sin. Where in fact the serpent by exploiting human disobedience had infused his poison, there the Word entered through obedience and built a living temple. From the womb of a woman had come forth the original son of sin, Cain; and from the womb of a woman, without seed, there came into the light the Christ, the redeemer of the human race.

Let us not be ashamed that He was born of a woman. That birth was for us the beginning of salvation. If Christ had not been born of woman, He would not have died either, and would not 'by death have destroyed him who had the power of death, that is, the devil.' [Heb.2:14]

*** **IMPORTANT:** Until further notice, do not call the rectory number – calls and/or messages left on that line will not be received or answered in the immediate future.

The Shelby D. Ferguson Funeral Home sponsored this week's bulletin.

