

# HOLY RESURRECTION ORTHODOX CHURCH

Mary Street, Belle Vernon, PA  
(Serving the faithful of Belle Vernon and surrounding areas)

***Christ is Risen! Christos Anesti! Christos Voskrece!  
Al-Maseeho Qam! Hristos a Inviat!***

The Very Rev. Fr. Samuel Smolcic April 11, 2010  
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**Epistle Reading:** Acts 5:12-20 **Gospel Reading:** John 20:19-31  
**Next Week:** Acts 6:1-7 **Next Week:** Mark 15:43-16:8

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

**Altar Servers:** Mark Farrell / Paul Mica

**Services:** Sun., Apr. 18<sup>th</sup> **Holy Myrrh-Bearing Women**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Pascha**  
Church School **9:15 am**  
Pro-Liturgy **10 am**  
with Fr. Deacon John Oleynik

**Announcements: TODAY:** We will celebrate a Memorial of our Beloved Departed at the Cross in front of the Church doors following Coffee Hour. A Procession will then proceed to the Belle Vernon Cemetery to bless the graves of family members and former parishioners. This will all take place if the weather permits. Otherwise, the Memorial will be re-scheduled to the next Sunday that Father Sam will be present (April 25). If possible, graves will also be blessed in the West Newton Cemetery today. Arrangements will be made with any families who want to be present in West Newton for that blessing. See Peter Merella for details. If anyone wants to have graves blessed at other cemeteries, please see Father.

The Pittsburgh Byzantine Catholic Eparchy is hosting a celebration of Paschal music with Orthodox and Byzantine Catholic choirs on **Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>** at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, 210 Greentree Road, Munhall, PA. Orthodox Choirs participating will be the St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral Choir from Allison Park, Ss. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Choir from Carnegie and St. George Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral Choir from Pittsburgh. Festivities begin at 3:00 pm and the following phone number can be called for more information: 412-231-4000.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.**

**Paschal Altar Candles:** The following Altar Candles were presented by the following:

Fr. John & Matushka Millie *in memory of George & Julia Seymour and Mary & John Kluchko.*

Fr. Sam, Matushka Marsha & Josue extend warmest festal greetings to all Parishioners and wish to thank all for their Paschal gifts, cards and greetings! Christ is Risen!

Fr. Sam will be away from the evening of Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> through the evening of Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Deacon John Oleynik will be with us for the Pro-Liturgy on Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Kluchko (724) 366-2800 has agreed to be 'on call' in case of pastoral need on those days. Fr. Sam also intends to ask Fr. Fred Pfeil (724) 326-4183 to be 'on call' as well. Matushka Marsha will not be away on those days and can be reached at home in Greensburg.

## ***THOUGHTS FROM THE HOLY FATHERS*** *St. Innocent of America*

Everyone, whoever he may be, desires and seeks prosperity and happiness. To desire what is good for oneself and to seek prosperity or happiness is part of man's nature, and therefore it is not a sin or vice. But we need to know that here on earth there has not been, and never will be, true and perfect happiness and prosperity; for all our prosperity and happiness are only in God.

Nothing in this world but God can fill our hearts or fully satisfy our desires. A fire cannot be put out with brushwood and oil, because only water will put it out. In exactly the same way, the desire of the human heart cannot be satisfied with the goods of this world, because only the grace of God can quench the thirst of our desires. Everything we desire pleases us only so long as we do not possess it; and when we get it, we soon get tired of it. Or only what we do not as yet have seems to us good and attractive. ... Truly not a single earthly pleasure can satisfy our heart. ... Do you want prosperity and happiness? Seek it in God.

