

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 Timothy 4:9-15 **Gospel Reading:** Luke 19:1-10

Next Week: 2 Timothy 3:10-15 **Next Week:** Luke 18:10-14

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

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| Services | Sun., Feb. 6 th | Memorial Prayers for the Repose of the Soul of the Servant of God, Margaret Wiker , requested by her family | After Liturgy |
| | Sat., Feb. 12 th | Great Vespers and Holy Confession | 7 pm |
| | Sun., Feb., 13 th | Sunday of Publican & Pharisee | |
| | | Church School | 9:15 am |
| | | Prayers for the Reception into the Catechumenate for the servant of God, Donna Colaianni | 10 am |
| | | Divine Liturgy | 10 am |

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

Monthly Parish Council Meeting is set for **Monday, February 14th at 7 pm.**

Parishioners are being asked to continue in their prayers for the recovery of John and Anna Simmons and their daughter, Charlene Butcher, following their auto accident. John is still a patient at Allegheny General Hospital and continues to show signs of improvement though not yet entirely out of danger. Anna is improving and undergoing rehab at the Mon Valley Care Center. We are very happy to report that Charlene has been discharged to home. May the Lord hear our prayers!

Our parish takes joy in announcing the reception into the Catechumenate next Sunday, the Handmaiden of God, **Donna Colaianni** of Morgantown, WV. The prayers of Reception into the Catechumenate will take place at the start of the Divine Liturgy. May her journey into the Body of Christ be accompanied by your prayers and heartfelt support!

UPCOMING EVENT: Please keep **March 5th** open to attend our annual Lenten Retreat. Fr. John Abdalah will be the retreat master and his presentation will be "Witnessing in a Post-Christian World". Brochures will be available next week for making reservations.

Parishioners are reminded to promptly submit their Home Blessings Envelopes. If you think you might have discarded yours with your 2010 envelopes, just fill out an envelope at the Candle Desk with your name, address and phone number and turn it into Father. Please try to accommodate Father's schedule when he calls.

Book sale now going on!! The books will be sold for 50 cents an inch and will be available every Sunday during coffee hour. The proceeds will be given to the Blackburn Center for abused women in Greensburg. Donations of novels are welcome!

DON'T FORGET -- Our Parish is 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".

FEAST DAY OF THE HOLY MARTYR DOROTHEA

Dorothea was an eminent and beautiful maiden from Caesarea in Cappadocia. The administrator of the district, Sapricius, gave Dorothea into the care of two pagan sisters, Christina and Kallista, to turn her from Christ. But it happened the other way about: Dorothea succeeded in bringing both sisters to the Christian faith.

Sapricius in fury ordered that the sisters be tied together back to back, cast into a vat of pitch and then set alight. He then condemned Dorothea to death. She listened to the sentence with joy and cried out: 'I thank Thee, O Christ, Thou Lover of souls, that Thou callest me to Thy Paradise and leadest me to Thy most holy court!' A nobleman, Theophilus, who was present, laughed at these words and called out to Dorothea: 'Here, you bride of Christ; send me apples and wild roses from your bridegroom's paradise!' 'Yes; I'll do that!', the martyr replied.

When Dorothea was at the place of execution, a handsome youth suddenly appeared with three marvelous apples and three red wild roses. This was an angel from God, and it was winter-time. At Dorothea's bidding, the angel took them to Theophilus and said: 'Here is what you asked for.' When Theophilus received the message and saw the gift, he was very much afraid. Everything within him turned topsy-turvy, and he rejected paganism and became a Christian. He was tortured and killed for Christ, and his soul quickly followed Dorothea's to the Lord's Paradise.

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

