

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: Hebrews 4:14-5:6 **Gospel Reading:** Mark 8:34-9:1

Next Week: Hebrews 6:13-20 **Next Week:** Mark 9:17-31

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

Services	Sun., Mar. 27 th	Diocesan Vespers – St. Alexander Allison Park	5 pm
	Wed., Mar. 30 th	Presanctified Divine Liturgy St. John, Monessen	6:30 pm
	Fri., Apr. 1 st	Akathist Sacrament of Confession	7 pm
	Sun., Apr., 3 rd	St John Climacus General Confession Divine Liturgy	9:30 am 10 am
		Memorial Service for the Repose of the Soul of Ronald Dushack requested by his family & friends, Dee & Greg Ohler	
		Memorial Service for the Repose of the Souls of Alfred Sabo, Albert Slavic & Edward Hamilton requested by the family	After Liturgy
		Mission Vespers – Holy Resurrection Belle Vernon	6 pm

Announcements: Choir rehearsal is scheduled for **7:30 pm on Friday** after the Akathist. Anyone interested in joining the choir, please feel free to attend. All are welcome!

TODAY – All Paska Orders are due. Please leave your orders at the candle stand. Due to the large demand for Baba's Paska, no orders can be accepted after the due date. Please remember to include telephone numbers on the order form.

With second week of Lent 'under our belts', we still have many more days to go before Holy Week. Resolve to do two things **very soon**: go to Confession and come to more church services. Go to Confession as soon as you can find the time to do it. That means taking the time to examine your conscience with true honesty before God and come to the Sacrament ready to articulate your sins. Going to private Confession allows a person to move beyond the admission of a vague sense of guilt and sorrow, to really deal with specific ugly parts of your life which have prevented you from becoming a better person. Just saying it 'out loud' is the beginning of the liberation! Also, really try to go to more services during the week. Sunday morning is not 'good enough'. In the quietness of a darkened church, attending to the liturgical prayers, is an excellent venue to come to grips with your life and form the resolve you need to grow in Christ. Don't allow yourself to remain dead and unmoved. The 'day of the Lord' is at hand.

DON'T FORGET TO PICK UP YOUR 11-WEEK LENTEN/PASCHAL CALENDAR TODAY!

It is a wonderful, useful tool which charts all the Church services for Great Lent, Holy Week, Pascha and slightly beyond so that you will not miss a service. See you in church!

Fr. Sam is scheduling shut-in Sacramental Visits. When he calls, try to accommodate his request for a visit. If you know of a person that Father may not be aware of, who would appreciate a visit, please let Father know.

Paska! Paska! Paska! Come and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow parishioners by coming to one of the baking sessions: **Sat., April 2nd and Sat., April 9th – all sessions starting at 7 am.** Possible additional Friday session(s) may be scheduled depending on amount of orders. Stay tuned.

The Holy Synod of Bishops of the OCA, in response to the multiple catastrophes that have befallen the nation of Japan, is directing parishes to take up monetary collections on the Sundays of March 20th and 27th. These monies will be forwarded to International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) for distribution to the stricken areas of that nation. Especially hard hit was the Orthodox Diocese of Sendai which contains 20 parishes that have experienced various circumstances of devastation. Father will announce the special collections of the monies at the end of Divine Liturgy. If you bring in checks, make them payable to 'IOCC' with the notation line indicating 'Japanese Relief'.

Pussy Willows: Due to some early warm weather we have experienced this year, Pussy Willows may be coming out early. We urge any parishioner who has a willow bush, to please cut them early, wrap in newspaper and place somewhere cool to hold or bring them to the Church Social Hall.

As you do your spring cleaning, consider donating your unwanted treasures to the Church. Planning for the Summer Flea Market is now underway. The dates for this event are **June 10th and 11th**. **All items need to be brought to the church by May 29th**. If you need someone to pick up your items at home, let Fran Sabo know. Thanks as always for your generosity.

[SEE MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON THE BACK OF THE CANDLELIST]

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

