

# 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:** 2 Timothy 4:5-8 **Gospel Reading:** Mark 1:1-8

**Next Week:** Ephesians 4:7-13 **Next Week:** Matthew 4:12-17

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

<b>Services</b>	Wed., Jan. 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Vespersal Divine Liturgy:</b>	
		<b>Holy Theophany</b>	<b>7 pm</b>
	Sat., Jan. 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Great Vespers and Holy Confession</b>	<b>7 pm</b>
	Sun., Jan. 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Martyr Polyeuctus; Saint Eustratius the Wonderworker; Saint Philip, Metropolitan of Russia</b>	
		Church School	<b>9:15 am</b>
		Divine Liturgy	<b>10 am</b>

**Announcements: TODAY** His Grace, Bishop MELCHISEDEK will be hosting a **Family Holiday Gathering** at the Bishop's Residence for all Archdiocesan Families from **2-4:30 pm**. Dinner will be served at 2:30 pm.

This month's Parish Council Meeting will be on **Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup>** starting at **7 pm**.

It is very important that we, as Orthodox Christians, do not abandon our holy traditions associated with Holy Days and family life. One such tradition is the blessing of homes following Theophany. Fewer requests for home blessings seem to come in every year. This is quite sad. Many families are not even regretful that they neglect to get their home blessed. Why are we so eager to paganize our family life and forget all the holy traditions of the faith? When we discard one sanctification of life after another and find ourselves and our children and grandchildren 'overcome by the world', how is it that we wonder why? 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. Please utilize your envelope in your envelope box designated for Home Blessing and turn it in.

Theophany with the Great Blessing of Water scheduled this week is a Major Feast of the Lord and very closely related to the Feast of the Nativity. Make plans to attend this beautiful festal celebration on Wednesday evening.

If you have not picked up your 2011 Church Calendars yet, they are available in the rack to the right of the doors in the vestibule. Get yours today!

Again, God's Blessings be upon the donor families who made possible the beautiful addition of the 'Heroes of the Faith' Icons which now adorn our temple's sanctuary. The next phase of this project will be a festive Hierarchical Divine Liturgy when His Grace +MELCHISEDEK will visit to bless the Icons.

Adult Church School Project – The Adult Church School Class has decided to offer an on-going book sale for all our readers in the Parish. 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".

