

# 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>	Sun., Jan. 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Veneration of chains of Apostle Peter; Venerable Romil of Vidin</b>	
		Church School	<b>9:15 am</b>
		Divine Liturgy	<b>10 am</b>

**Announcements:** Katherine Dupay (JoAnn Metz's mom) deeply appreciates the get well cards sent to her during her recuperation of the injuries she sustained from her fall in the summer. Also, thank you to Father Sam for the Advent visit, to the Church Council for the beautiful Christmas card and to the Church School children for their Christmas card. May God bestow his many blessings to all the parishioners of Holy Resurrection.

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

Our Parish's Holiday Roll baking sessions were a great success! In addition to the great turnout for both baking sessions, our parish council received a very generous Christmas gift of \$3,175 to help meet our year-end expenses. Thanks again to all participants and get ready for Paska Baking!

**LOST & FOUND** – During cleanup after one Sunday's coffee hour before Christmas, found was a silver Christmas tree pin that has six rhinestone ornaments. It looks as if it could also be worn as a pendant. If you think this may be yours, please check out the vestibule bulletin board to claim.

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? All parishioners are reminded to promptly submit their Home Blessings Envelopes. Please

utilize your envelope in your envelope box designated for Home Blessing, turn it in and try to accommodate Father's schedule when he calls.

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!

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".

## THOUGHTS FROM THE HOLY FATHERS

*St. Nikolai*

### *Obedience to the Church*

Why must one obey the Church and not some man whose thinking is opposed to that of the Church, eminent or intellectually gifted though that man may be? Because the Church was founded by the Lord Jesus Christ and is guided by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit of God. Also because 'the Church' signifies the community of the saints, an orchard of choice, fruit-bearing trees. If a man remains opposed to the community of the saints, that means that he is unholy. Why, therefore, listen to him? "The Church is an enclosure", says the wise Chrysostom. "If you are within, the wolf cannot enter, but if you stray outside, the wild beasts will get you . . . Do not wander from the Church; there is nothing more impregnable than the Church. She is your hope and your salvation. She is higher than the heavens, firmer than rock, wider than the world; she never grows old, but is forever renewing her youth.

