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: Galatians 6:11-18 **Gospel Reading:** Luke 16:19-31
Next Week: Ephesians 2:4-10 ***Next Week*:** Luke 8:26-39

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

Services Sun., Oct. 31st **Apostles Stachys, Amplias, Urban (of 70); Martyr Epimachus**

Church School **9:15 am**
Divine Liturgy **10 am**

Announcements: St. Barbara's Altar Guild will be holding their first meeting after their summer hiatus next Sunday, **October 31, 2010,** in the church Social Hall directly after Liturgy. Everyone is welcome to attend! Come to coffee hour, grab a cup of coffee and participate in the meeting.

A couple of excellent regional Retreats are coming our way. "The Bucket List", an Orthodox Seniors Retreat at Antiochian Village, is being offered **TODAY through Tuesday October 26th**. One of its speakers, Fr. John Abdalah will be our featured speaker at our Parish Pre-Lenten Retreat in 2011. On **Saturday, November 6**, a nationally renowned speaker and National Public Radio personality, Matushka Frederica Mathewes-Green will offer two presentations on Orthodox living at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Pittsburgh. See the vestibule bulletin board for posters on these upcoming events.

ATTENTION – Parents of College Students – Matushka Frederica is also hosting a reception for college students on **Friday, November 5 at 7 pm** at St. Nicholas Cathedral Community Center in Oakland at 419 S. Dithridge St., Pittsburgh. The theme of the reception talk is Why Christianity? Why Orthodoxy? – Why is the Ancient Christian Faith relevant in the Modern World? Encourage your college kid to attend (and bring their roommate.)

Looking ahead to November … Fr. Sam will be away for several days next month, specifically from the evening of November 4th through the evening of November 8th. Fr. John Kluchko will be with us for Divine Liturgy on Sunday, November 7th, and he has also graciously agreed to conduct the General Confession at 9:30 am on that same Sunday. Fr. Sam will be asking Fr. Fred Pfeil and Fr. Gregory Peterson to address pastoral needs on those days. Matushka Marsha will still 'be local', and can be reached at the parish numbers of 724/929-9194 or 724/837-8957.

A reminder to the Parish Council – next month's meeting will be on **Tuesday, November 9th at 7 pm**.

A Christian

Several years ago, a priest from out-of state accepted a call to a church in Houston, Texas. Some weeks after he arrived, he had an occasion to ride the bus from his home to the downtown area. When he sat down, he discovered that the driver had accidentally given him a quarter too much change. As he considered what to do, he thought to himself, 'You'd better give the quarter back. It would be wrong to keep it.' Then he thought, 'Oh, forget it; it's only a quarter. Who would worry about this little amount? Anyway, the bus company gets too much fare; they will never miss it. Accept it as a 'gift from God and keep quiet.'

When his stop came, he paused momentarily at the door, and then he handed the quarter to the driver and said, 'Here, you gave me too much change.'

The driver, with a smile, replied, 'Aren't you the new priest in town?'

'Yes,' he replied.

'Well, I have been thinking a lot lately about going somewhere to worship. I just wanted to see what you would do if I gave you too much change. I'll see you at church on Sunday.'

When the priest stepped off of the bus, he literally grabbed the nearest light pole, held on, and said, 'Oh God, I almost sold your Son for a quarter.'

Our lives are the only Bible some people will ever read. This is a really scary example of how much people watch us as Christians, and will put us to the test! Always be on guard – and remember – You carry the name of Christ on your shoulders when you call yourself 'Christian.'

Watch your thoughts; they become words.
Watch your words; they become actions.
Watch your actions; they become habits.
Watch your habits; they become character.
Watch your character; it becomes your destiny.

The Eley-McCrory Funeral Home sponsored this week's bulletin.