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: Ephesians 2:4-10 **Gospel Reading:** Luke 8:26-39
Next Week: Ephesians 2:14-22 ***Next Week*:** Luke 8:41-56

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

Services Sun., Nov. 7th **Venerable Lazarus the Wonderworker & Venerable Zosimas**

General Confession **9:30 am**
Divine Liturgy **10 am**

Announcements: St. Barbara's Altar Guild will be holding their first meeting after their summer hiatus **TODAY,** 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.

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.)

An excellent retreat is going to be held on **Saturday, November 6**, by 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.

REMINDER: It's time to turn the clocks back one hour before bed on Saturday, November 6th. Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 7th.

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. Matushka Marsha will still 'be local', and can be reached at the parish numbers of 724/929-9194 or 724/837-8957. Frs. Fred Pfeil and Gregory Peterson have agreed to provide coverage for pastoral needs, and their numbers are: (724) 326-4183 and (724) 483-4441 respectively.

While away from the area next weekend, Fr. Sam will be attending the Archdiocesan Assembly on Saturday, November 6th at St. Michael Church in Portage, PA. Any significant discussions or resolutions will be reported next month. Father is asking the Parish Council President, Secretary and Treasurer to remain in the vestibule after Liturgy to prepare our parish credentials document for the Assembly.

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

Counsel from St. Tikhon of Zadonsk

Every contrivance that men grasp at as an invention of their own minds is in fact a revelation of God's providence; and every invented contrivance has two designations; a physical and a spiritual. A clock is a marvelous invention, and exists not only to indicate to us the time of day or night but also to keep us mindful of death. The latter is its spiritual role. When the large hand has passed through the seconds and minutes, then the small hand arrives at the required hour and the clock ticks on. So will the clock of our life tick away as it counts the days, months, and years. Therefore St. Tikhon counsels every Christian to consider:

1. How the time of our life is passing.
2. How it is impossible to recall time.
3. How the past and the future are not within our control, but only the time through which we are living.
4. How the end of our life is unknown.
5. How we must be ready for death at every moment.
6. How, because of that, we must ever be in a state of repentance.
7. How we must at every moment be in that state of repentance and spiritual readiness that we would wish to be in at the moment of death.

The Leonard J. Parzynski Funeral Home sponsored this week's bulletin.