

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 2:14-22 **Gospel Reading:** Luke 8:41-56

Next Week: Ephesians 4:1-6 **Next Week:** Luke 10:25-37

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

Services	Sat., Nov. 13 th	Great Vespers and Holy Confession	7 pm
	Sun., Nov. 14 th	Holy & All Praised Apostle Philip; Emperor Justinian & his wife Theodora	
		Church School	9:15 am
		Divine Liturgy	10 am

Announcements: A warm welcome to Fr. John and Matushka Millie who are with us today for services! Thank you for your service to our parish, deanery and Archdiocese.

Fr. Sam will be away through the evening of November 8th. Matushka Marsha 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.

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

The fall meeting of St. Barbara's Altar Guild took place last Sunday during coffee hour. It was a unanimous vote to do the "**Turkey Baskets for those in need at Thanksgiving!**" The Guild will be assembling 10 Turkey Baskets for distribution, **BUT WILL NEED EVERYONE'S HELP** to fill them! The Guild will be accepting **donations of canned goods and non-perishable Thanksgiving fixin's** for the baskets by **November 14th**. Unfortunately, we are on a tight deadline, but please consider lending a helping hand to someone less fortunate during this season of *GIVING THANKS* by picking up a few extra canned goods to help out. If you would like to help out, but are unable to shop, the Guild will be accepting **monetary donations through November 17th**. Please leave your donation at the Candle Stand. Also, the collections at the end of Divine Liturgy today and next Sunday will be used

to help with this wonderful project. If you know of someone who is in need of a Turkey Basket, please see Fr. Sam or Gloria Yuschak. All information will be kept confidential, of course. If you're available **Saturday, November 20th**, come by the Social Hall to lend a hand with assembling the baskets.

The next meeting of St. Barbara's Altar Guild will be **Sunday, November 21st** directly after Liturgy.

In today's bulletin, you will find HROC's Annual Baba Christmas Bake Sale order form. All nut and poppyseed rolls are \$10 each. You can submit your orders at the Candle Stand by November 28th. *Please remember*, due to the large demand for Baba's rolls, no orders can be accepted after the due date. Please remember to **include telephone numbers** on the order form.

THOUGHTS FROM THE HOLY FATHERS

St. Nikolai

The Soul's Salvation as the Goal of Faith

'...the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls' [I Peter 1:9]. What is the end of faith, my brethren? The salvation of the soul. What is the goal of faith? The salvation of the soul. What is the fruit of faith? The salvation of the soul. We do not keep faith for faith's sake, but for the salvation of our souls. No one travels for the sake of traveling, but for the person or thing that awaits him at the end of the journey. No one throws a rope into the water in which someone is drowning for the sake of the rope, but to help the drowning man. God has given us faith as a road, at the end of which the traveler receives the salvation of his soul. God gave this faith as a rope to us who are drowning in the dark waters of sin, ignorance, and vice, that we might save our lives by its help.

This is faith's purpose. Whoever knows the cost of a human soul and what is meant by the salvation of the soul, that man must acknowledge that nothing in this world is more necessary or more helpful than faith. A merchant who carries precious stones in an earthenware pot keeps the pot carefully and safely; he hides it and watches over it. Does the merchant expend so much labor and care for the sake of the pot? Not for the pot's sake, but for the precious stones within it. The whole of our earthly life is like an earthenware pot, in which is hidden something precious beyond price. This treasure is our soul. The pot is cheap, but treasure is treasure. We must first have faith in the preciousness of the human soul; then in the future radiance and life of the soul in the Kingdom of God; thirdly in the living God, who waits to restore a man's soul to him, the soul He gave to us; and fourthly in the possibility of a soul being lost in this world. He who has faith in this fourth point, he will know to guard his soul; and will, further, know that the salvation of his soul is the end of his road, the goal of his believing, the fruit of his life, the meaning of his being here on earth and the justification of his sufferings.

We believe in order to save our souls. He who has a true faith must know that faith is for the salvation of the soul. He who thinks that his faith serves some purpose other than the salvation of his soul has neither true faith nor a knowledge of the preciousness of his soul.

O most gracious Lord Jesus, Thou hast given us a radiant and victorious faith. Strengthen and establish it within us, that we may stand blameless before Thy judgment with pure and radiant souls. To Thee be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

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