

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: Romans 13:11-14:4 **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 6:14-21

Next Week: Hebrew 11:24-26, 32-12:2 **Next Week:** John 1:43-51

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

Altar Servers: Tommy Slavic / Peter Mica

Services:	Mon., Feb. 15 th	Compline & Canon of St. Andrew (Holy Confessions to follow)	7 pm
	Tues, Feb. 16 th	Compline & Canon of St. Andrew (Holy Confessions to follow)	7 pm
	Fri., Feb. 19 th	Pre-Sanctified Divine Liturgy	7 pm
	Sat., Feb 20 th	Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers St. Michael's Orthodox Church 1201 Patton Ave., Monessen	6:30 pm
	Sun., Feb. 21 st	Sunday of Orthodoxy with Icon Procession Memorial Trisagion for the Servants of God, William, Louise & Simon Peter Smolcic requested by Father & Matushka	10 am

Announcements: 'What a Winter!' Western PA is experiencing a historically awful winter season which has effectively adversely affected our ability to 'congregate' as a church! Our big Pre-Lenten Retreat Weekend has been cancelled (as you may know) ... no Retreat, no Bishop's visit, etc. Actually, we are pleased to report that the Retreat has been only postponed till the weekend of March 13 – 14, 2010. His Grace Bishop MELCHISEDEK had that weekend wide open on his schedule, so we were able to re-set our 'Lenten' Retreat for those days. Also, 'going by the wayside' was last Sunday's Divine Liturgy, Church School, the Penny Social, the Parish Council Meeting on Monday and some food prep activities. Vast amounts of hardship were experienced this past week by people in the Mon Valley ... power outages, evacuations, heat loss, endless walk & driveway cleanings, treacherous travel, etc. Some are still suffering. For those of us who are **here** this morning, we are truly thankful to God! In the spirit of this gratitude, we are going to change our liturgical schedule a bit. Instead the Vespers of Forgiveness which was listed on the 77-Day Calendar for this evening, we will celebrate instead, a Moleben of Thanksgiving, at the end of today's post-Liturgy announcements.

We are so very thankful to Almighty God who has preserved us through the trials of this past week! It is our fondest hope that the projected services and activities of the first week of Great Lent can now go forward as scheduled (see **Services** listed above).

The February Parish Council Meeting has been re-scheduled for **Sunday, February 21st** during Coffee Hour.

Don't forget! . . . If you have any questions regarding a weather related cancellation of a Service or Parish activity at Holy Resurrection, please consult Channel 11 (WPXI – TV Pittsburgh) and check the listed and scrolling Cancellations during their News programming. Or you may check 'on line' at WPXI.com.

We are very sad to report that a beloved parishioner, Sophia Krill, experienced a 'cerebral-vascular-accident' otherwise known as a 'stroke' this past week. She is currently a patient at Allegheny General Hospital. The full effects of this affliction are still being determined. Her dear family thanks everyone for their prayers for her recovery and requests that those petitions to God continue!

On another prayerful note . . . our brother in Christ, Myron Sepitko underwent some major surgery a couple of weeks ago and is recovering at home. Myron has a few more medical challenges facing him in the months to come, and he and his dear wife Evelyn would sincerely appreciate your continued good wishes and prayers for his full recovery. God Bless you Myron!

Paska! Paska! Paska! Even though Lent just began, our Paschal Sunday will be here before you know it! A Paska Order form is the insert in today's bulletin. Orders are due **Sunday, February 28th**. Please leave your orders at the candle stand. Due to the large demand for Baba's Paska, no orders can be accepted after the due date. Please remember to include telephone numbers on the order form. Also, come and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow parishioners by coming to one of the baking sessions: **Sat., March 6th and Sat., March 20th – all sessions starting at 7 am.**

Thank you and God Bless all who have donated towards the I.O.C.C.'s call to help the stricken of Haiti. It's been a month since this disaster and, as you have seen on the news, any and all assistance is greatly appreciated. Our Church School children have been busy assembling the health kits to send to I.O.C.C. headquarters. What a beautiful way to start our Lenten journey by showing love and charity towards our brothers and sisters!

DON'T FORGET TO PICK UP YOUR 11 Week Lenten/Holy Week/Paschal calendar TODAY!

It is a wonderful, useful tool which charts all the Church services from before Great Lent through the post-Paschal period so that you will not miss a service. See you in church!

THOUGHTS FROM THE HOLY FATHERS: by St. Basil the Great

"I WAS Hungry and You gave me Food"

Anyone working, you should know, ought to work not so much for the satisfaction of his own needs by his efforts, as to fulfill the commandment of the Lord who said: "I was hungry and you gave me food." [Matt.25:35] Thinking of oneself only is absolutely forbidden in these words: 'Do not be anxious, saying "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?" or "What shall we wear?" The Gentiles seek all these things.' [Matt. 6:31] The aim which everyone ought to have in working is to help the needy, more than to provide for oneself.

In this way we shall avoid the accusation that we are attached to our own personal advantage and we shall receive the blessing that the Lord gives to those who love their brothers and sisters. The Lord said: 'As you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' [Matt. 25:40] So anyone who works day and night to succor the destitute is nearing perfection.

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

