

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: Hebrew 11:24-26, 32-12:2 **Gospel Reading:** John 1:43-51

Next Week: Hebrew 1:10-2:3 **Next Week:** Mark 2:1-12

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

Altar Servers: Tommy Slavic / Peter Mica

Services:	Wed., Feb 24 th	Pre-Sanctified Divine Liturgy St. Nicholas, Jacobs Creek	6:30 pm
	Fri., Feb 26 th	Akathist Sacrament of Confession	7 pm
	Sat., Feb 27 th	Great Vespers Sacrament of Confession	7 pm
	Sun., Feb. 28 st	Gregory Palamas Church School Divine Liturgy	9:15 am 10 am
		Mission Vespers -- St. Nicholas, Donora	6 pm

Announcements: TODAY – The Parish Council will hold their monthly meeting today during Coffee Hour and St. Barbara's Altar Guild will be holding their monthly meeting at the Rectory.

The Parish Council has requested the posting of the first notice of our Parish 2010 Annual Meeting which will be held at Coffee Hour on **Sunday, March 7th**.

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.

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.

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!

With first week of Lent 'under our belts', we still have many more days to go before Holy Week. Resolve to do two things **very soon**: go to Confession and come to more church services, weather permitting. Go to Confession as soon as you can find the time to do it. That means taking the time to examine your conscience with true honesty before God and come to the Sacrament ready to articulate your sins. Going to private Confession allows a person to move beyond the admission of a vague sense of guilt and sorrow, to really deal with specific ugly parts of your life which have prevented you from becoming a better person. Just saying it 'out loud' is the beginning of the liberation! Also, really try to go to more services during the week. Sunday morning is not 'good enough'. In the quietness of a darkened church, attending to the liturgical prayers, is an excellent venue to come to grips with your life and form the resolve you need to grow in Christ. Don't allow yourself to remain dead and unmoved. The 'day of the Lord' is at hand.

St. Sebastian's Catholic Church in Belle Vernon is holding their Annual Winter Indoor Yard Sale on **Saturday, March 6th from 8am till 2:30 pm** at the Parish Hall. Vendors are being solicited at a cost of \$15 a table. If interested, call Darlene Koury at 724-930-8504 or 929-9300.

St. Michael's Orthodox Church in Monessen is announcing a Bread (loaf or pita) Sale on **Saturday, March 20th**. Orders may be placed by March 15 by calling Joan at 724-483-8884.

WEEKLY PRAYER: I pray dear Jesus, that by Your grace, I will be a faithful servant to all the blessings that You have given me, both physical and spiritual. Amen.

THOUGHTS FROM THE HOLY FATHERS - by St. John Chrysostom

God does not Judge by Quantity

To steal or at any rate to covet another person's belongings is a sin whose seriousness is not lightened according to whether it is gold or silver that is at stake. In either case, it is the same attitude of mind that is at the root of it.

A person who steals a small object will not refuse to steal a big one. If he does not steal, it is because he has no opportunity, and that is no credit: it is the combination of circumstances.

You say to me: 'That ruler is robbing his subjects.' But you, tell me, do not you rob others yourselves? It is no use your objecting that he is stealing money by millions and you are only taking a little. Think of the incident in the gospel when the woman gave two farthings to charity and yet acquired as much merit as rich people who offered gold. [Luke 21:1] Why is that? Because God sees the intention of the heart and is not interested in the amount of the offering.

If that applies to almsgiving, why should it be different with greed of gain? Just as the woman who offered two farthings has as much merit thanks to her intention, so you who steal two farthings are no less to blame than thieves on a grand scale.

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

