

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 1:10-2:3 **Gospel Reading:** Mark 2:1-12

Next Week: Hebrew 4:14-5:6 **Next Week:** Mark 8:34-9:1

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

Altar Servers: Mark Farrell / Zach Billie

Services:	Wed., Mar. 3 rd	Pre-Sanctified Divine Liturgy Holy Resurrection, Belle Vernon	6:30 pm
	Fri., Mar. 5 th	Akathist Sacrament of Confession	7 pm
	Sun., Mar. 7 th	Sunday of the Cross General Confession Divine Liturgy	9:30 am 10 am
		Mission Vespers -- St. Alexander, Allison Park	5 pm

Announcements: TODAY – All Paska Orders are due. 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.

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

SOUP'S ON! Stop by for a delicious bowl of soup while helping out the HROC Youth Group. Our Youth Group will be hosting a Lenten Soup Coffee Hour on **Sunday, March 7th** (during the Annual Parish Meeting). If you'd like to flaunt your culinary skills, please share your delicious creation! Contact Marie Dudzinski or Wendy Mica.

Again this year, the Church School children will be collecting the names of our beloved dead for commemoration on the blessed Feast of Holy Saturday. This effort serves to join the names of our loved ones 'fallen asleep', with those down through the ages who have heard the message of Christ's 'trampling down death by death' on the 'great and holy Pascha' of Holy Saturday.

Paska! Paska! Paska! 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.

Enclosed with today's Bulletin is His Grace, Bishop MELCHISEDEK'S Lenten Epistle to the Archdiocese. It features his thoughts on the meaning of the Fast and the centrality of the Sacrament of Confession to our experience of the Lenten journey to Pascha.

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 second 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.

Fr. Sam will be attempting to schedule shut-in Sacramental Visits soon. When he calls, try to accommodate his request for a visit. If you know of a person that Father may not be aware of, who would appreciate a visit, please let Father know.

Due to February's Winter Blast, our Annual Parish Lenten Retreat, "The Orthodox Life in a Secularist Culture", has been rescheduled for Saturday, March 13th. Registration opens at 9:30 am! Attend this timely retreat to find out what secularism is and how it affects our daily lives as Orthodox Christians. Our Retreat Master, His Grace, Bishop MELCHISEDEK, Bishop of Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania, will offer guidelines to help us resist the temptations that secularism offers us in today's world.

As part of the Retreat Weekend, His Grace, Bishop MELCHISEDEK will preside at a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, March 14th** here at Holy Resurrection. It marks His Grace's first pastoral visit to our Parish. Greeting and vesting of the Bishop will commence at **9:30 am** on that day. Come early and offer the hospitality that befits the importance of this auspicious day in the life of our Parish. A Luncheon reception in the Social Hall will follow services that day. Please note: There will be NO CHURCH SCHOOL on the 14th.

DON'T FORGET - St. Barbara's Altar Guild needs the assistance of a few good women and men **with the set up and/or clean up** regarding the Pre-Sanctified Divine Liturgy on **Wednesday, March 3rd** and with Luncheon following the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, March 14th**. Please consider lending YOUR hand to facilitate these endeavors.

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.

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.

The James C. Stump Funeral Home sponsored this week's bulletin.

