

# 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 9:11-14 **Gospel Reading:** Mark 10:32-45

**Next Week:** Philippians 4:4-9 **Next Week:** John 12:1-18

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

**Altar Servers:** Paul Mica / Tommy Slavic

<b>Services:</b>	Sun., Mar. 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Memorial Service</b> for the Repose of the Souls of the Servants of God, <b>William Hatalowich, Sr.</b> , requested by his Family and <b>Dorothy Ferencz</b> , requested by the Altar Guild	
	Wed., Mar. 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Pre-Sanctified Divine Liturgy</b> St. Ellien, Brownsville	<b>After Liturgy</b> <b>6:30 pm</b>
	Thurs., March 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Feast of Annunciation</b> Divine Liturgy	<b>7 am</b>
	Fri., Mar. 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Akathist</b> Sacrament of Confession <i>Lent Ends</i>	<b>7 pm</b>
	Sat., March 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Resurrection of Lazarus</b> Sacraments of Holy Illumination Divine Liturgy (St. Michael's Orthodox Church, Greensburg)	<b>7:45 am</b> <b>9 am</b>
		Great Vespers with Litiya (Holy Confessions to Follow)	<b>7 pm</b> <b>7:45 pm</b>
	Sun., Mar. 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Palm Sunday</b> Sunday School Divine Liturgy	<b>9:15 am</b> <b>10 am</b>

**Announcements:** Remember in your prayers two young men who are being 'born again' into a new life in Christ through their participation in the Holy Sacraments of Baptism and Chrismation this week! **TODAY at 2 pm**, Greg Johnson, the betrothed of Annie Weinheimer, is receiving the

Sacraments of Holy Illumination at Holy Cross Church in Mt. Lebanon with Fr. Kluchko officiating and Fr. Smolcic assisting. Our resident Catechumen, Tim Bertovich, will be receiving Holy Illumination at St. Michael's Church in Greensburg at **7:45 am** with Fr. Smolcic officiating on **March 27<sup>th</sup>**. May God grant them Many Blessed Years in God's Vineyard!

**Please Note:** Our observation of **Lazarus Saturday** will take place at a **9 am** Divine Liturgy at St. Michael's Orthodox Church in Greensburg. This was necessitated by our use of St. Michael's walk-in Baptistry for Tim Bertovich's Baptism. Choir members and all parishioners are cordially invited to join us on this festive celebration of Tim's Illumination.

At the printing of this Bulletin, the latest update of information regarding **Matushka Millie Kluchko** is as follows: She required a Quadruple Heart By-pass on Thursday morning. The surgery went well and she is expected to remain at Jefferson Hospital for a week or so. God be with you Matushka! Please remember her in your prayers along with Fr. John and Family during this trying time.

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. See a Church School student today to supply the names of your relatives and dear ones who have 'fallen asleep' in the Lord.

Fr. Sam will be starting to schedule shut-in Sacramental Visits this coming week. 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.

**Pussy Willows:** Due to the early date of Palm Sunday this year, we urge any parishioner who have willow bushes to please cut them early and force bloom them in a bucket of water indoors then bundle and place somewhere cool to hold.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED next Saturday at 5 pm** in the Church Social Hall to help prepare the Palms and Willows for Palm Sunday! Donations of willows needed. Thanks!

With 14 days remaining till Pascha, allow God to inspire you to take up the tasks of spiritual preparation as the festal days draw near. Come to services that you may have ignored to this point, fast, pray, follow the daily scripture readings of the Church, confess your sins and open your mind and heart to the Lord Jesus Christ!

**Paschal Altar Candles:** Gifts are now being accepted for the Paschal Altar Candles. If you would like to make a gift in memory of loved ones or in honor of loved ones, place your offering in an envelope marking it "Paschal Candles" and leave it at the Candle Stand.

*On the Lighter Side* ~~ A rural church was experiencing an invasion of chipmunks. They were appearing everywhere in the sanctuary and at the most inopportune moments. The priest met with the Board to discuss the problem. Someone in the Board suggested purchasing a cat to take care of the 'the problem'. Another said, "No, animal lovers in the parish might be offended." Another Board member suggested live trapping them and relocating them in the woods. But a third member (a self-proclaimed 'naturalist') protested: "That won't work! Chipmunks have great homing instincts; they'll be back in a week!" Finally, the priest came up with the perfect solution: "I'll baptize them; that way we'll only see them on Christmas and Easter!" "Great idea, Father," the Board exclaimed, and the motion carried unanimously!

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