

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 4:14-5:6 **Gospel Reading:** Mark 8:34-9:1

Next Week: Hebrew 6:13-20 **Next Week:** Mark 9:17-31

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

Altar Servers: Paul Mica / Tommy Slavic

Services:	Wed., Mar. 10 th	Pre-Sanctified Divine Liturgy St. Spyridon, Monessen	6:30 pm
	Fri., Mar. 12 th	Akathist Sacrament of Confession	7 pm
	Sat., Mar. 13 th	2010 Lenten Retreat "The Orthodox Life in a Secularist Culture"	10 am
		Great Vespers	3 pm
	Sun., Mar. 14 th	St. John Climacus Sunday Hierarchical Divine Liturgy Vesting of Bishop (Luncheon Reception)	9:30 am
		Mission Vespers -- West Brownsville	6 pm

Announcements: TODAY – The Parish Council will be holding the Parish Annual Meeting during Coffee Hour.

March meeting of the Parish Council is scheduled for **Monday, March 8th at 7 pm** (unless decided otherwise at today's Annual Meeting).

SOUP'S ON! Stop by **TODAY** for a delicious bowl of soup while helping out the HROC Youth Group raise money for supplies.

You can tell Spring is around the corner – next **Sunday, March 14th**, it's time to turn your clocks ahead one hour for DAYLIGHT SAVINGS 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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE -- DATE CHANGE: Paska Baking Sessions will now be held on **Tues., March 16th, Wed., March 17th and Fri., March 19th**. All sessions start 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!

Your Lenten 'to do' check list should include the following:

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| + Attend more church services | + Adjust your diet to reflect the Fast |
| + Come to Holy Confession S-O-O-N | + Read your Bible |
| + Improve your prayer life | + Pick a charity & give from your heart |
| + Resolve to receive Holy Communion now through the Paschal season | + Charge your heart & mind |
| + Cultivate love, patience & obedience | + Make Holy Week a priority in your personal schedule |
| + Attend a Retreat | + Read a book on prayer, spirituality, etc. |

If you don't like this list, make up your own, but do *something* to help you grow during this holy season into 'the full stature of humanity in our Lord Jesus Christ'!

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** for the Luncheon following the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, March 14th**. Please consider lending YOUR hand to facilitate this endeavor.

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 15th** by calling Joan at 724-483-8884.

The Shelby D. Ferguson Funeral Home sponsored this week's bulletin.

