

# HOLY RESURRECTION ORTHODOX CHURCH

Mary Street, Belle Vernon, PA  
(Serving the faithful of Belle Vernon and surrounding areas)

## *Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!*

The Very Rev. Fr. Samuel Smolcic May 2, 2010  
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**Epistle Reading:** Acts 11:19-26, 29-30 **Gospel Reading:** John 4:5-42

*Next Week:* Acts 16:16-34 *Next Week:* John 9:1-38

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

**Altar Servers:** Mark Farrell / Tommy Slavic

**Services:** Sat., May 8<sup>th</sup> **Great Vespers** **7 pm**  
Sacrament of Confession

Sun., May 9<sup>th</sup> **Sunday of the Blindman**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pascha**  
Church School **9:15 am**  
Divine Liturgy **10 am**

**Announcements:** TODAY is St. Barbara's Altar Guild Penny Social. Bring a friend to share in the fellowship, enjoy the refreshments and win some great table prizes! The fun starts at **3 pm**.

Don't forget Mom! **Next Sunday** our Youth Group will be hosting a special Mother's Day Coffee Hour to honor all Moms in our Parish! Don't take Mom to an overcrowded restaurant where you're hurriedly ushered in and out. Stop by and treat your Special Mom to a relaxing, delicious homemade Brunch which Mom will not forget! Make Her Feel Like A Queen For A Day!

**Mark Your Calendars!!!** Preliminary conversations arrived at a consensus that *The First Annual Bike/Walk Trail Picnic of HROC*, which was announced last Sunday, will take place on Pentecost Sunday, **May 23<sup>rd</sup>** starting around **1:30 pm at Cedar Creek Park**. The exact assembly point (i.e. picnic spot) has not yet been determined. Fr. Sam has asked Dave Slavic to coordinate the details of the event (who brings what, where & when). The day will start with a covered dish grill-out Picnic and the biking or trail-walking will follow. By early

evening we will reassemble back at Cedar Creek for socializing and a final snack. Let Dave know today or call him at 724-872-7586 to convey the number in your party that will attend and get a covered dish assignment (food, snack, condiment, charcoal, etc.) from him.

The Coffee Hour Committee is looking for a few volunteers to help out by taking a coffee hour. Just pencil your name on the coffee hour calendar located on the Social Hall bulletin board. You don't have to volunteer alone, ask a buddy! Coffee Hour is a great way to get to know your fellow parishioner. Come enjoy the fellowship!

If anyone has a request for Paschal Grave Blessings at locations other than Belle Vernon or West Newton, please see Father soon so arrangements can be made.

## **SAYINGS OF THE DESERT FATHERS**

### *Let your Soul keep a Good Look-Out*

An old desert father once said: 'Every morning and every evening a monk (layman) ought to make a reckoning with himself over his actions and ask himself: "Have I perhaps done what God does not want me to do? Or have I not done what God wants me to do?"'

A second ancient father said: 'If you waste gold or silver, you can find some more gold or silver, but if you waste time, you will never find any more.'

And a third then said: 'In the morning when you get up you ought to issue this command: "Body, work for your living; soul, keep awake so as to win your heavenly inheritance!"'

A brother said to an older monk: 'There does not seem to be any conflict in my heart.' He received this reply: 'You are like a house that is open to the four winds, so that anyone who likes can go in or out without your noticing. If you only had one door to it, and chose to shut it in the face of wicked thoughts, then you would notice them and you would have to fight against them.'

