

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!

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

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Epistle Reading: Acts 16:16-34 **Gospel Reading:** John 9:1-38

Next Week: Acts 20:16-18, 28-36 **Next Week:** John 17:1-13

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

Altar Servers: Tommy Slavic / Zach Billie

Services:	Sun., May 9 th	Memorial for the newly departed, Servant of God, John Butcher, requested by his Family	After Liturgy
	Thurs., May 13 th	Vespertal Divine Liturgy Ascension of our Lord	7 pm
	Sun., May 16 th	Sunday of the Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council 7th Sunday of Pascha	
		Church School Divine Liturgy	9:15 am 10 am

Announcements: May the comfort and hope of the Risen Christ be with the family of John Butcher who died last week in an auto accident and was buried yesterday. Our profound sympathies and prayers are extended to his mother Charlene, son Logan and sister Cassie, and to his dear grandparents, John and Ann Simmons. May John's Memory be Eternal in God's sight, and may the inestimable love of Christ surround his family in the very difficult days that lie ahead for them.

Word was conveyed to Father this week that Sophia Krill will be leaving the area for Texas on Tuesday, May 18. She will relocate to the town of Katy to be near her children and grandchildren. Daughter Nancy wishes to sincerely thank everyone for their prayers and support during this difficult time of Sophia's illness. Nancy will soon supply us with more specific address information as the relocation nears. God go with you dear Sophia!

TODAY 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!

The Parish Council will hold its monthly meeting on **Monday, May 10th at 7:00 pm.**

This morning we take great joy in the entry into the Catechumenate of **Allison Pierce** who is engaged to be married to parishioner, Billy Lofink. Ally will be commemorated during the Divine Liturgy at the Litany of the Catechumens at each Divine Liturgy till her reception into the Church. God Bless her and Billy, and remember this couple in your daily prayers as Ally takes this glorious step toward a life of fullness in Christ found in His Holy Church.

WEDDING BANNERS ANNOUNCEMENT # 1: *Gregory Johnson and Ann Weinheimer*, both of this parish, will be united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony at St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, Allison Park, on **Sunday, May 30th.**

Mark Your Calendars for *The First Annual Bike/Walk Trail Picnic of HROC*, which will take place on Pentecost Sunday, **May 23rd** 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.

THOUGHTS FROM THE HOLY FATHERS *Bishop Nikolai Velimirovic*

On Victory over the Last Enemy [1Cor. 15:26]

The first enemy of man is the devil; the second, sin; and the third, death. The Lord Jesus conquered these three enemies of the human race. By His humiliation, He conquered the proud devil; by His death, He conquered sin and, by His Resurrection, He conquered death. Conquering all our enemies, He invites us to partake in His glorious victory. Not that we should ourselves conquer, but that we should creep in under the wing of His victory. His strength alone conquers; His weapons alone slay. We are without strength and without weapons, and our enemies are fearsome. But with Him we can conquer those more powerful than ourselves. At what price does He offer us His victory? At a low price, my brethren, at a very low price, does He offer us this most costly victory. That we humble ourselves and obey the will of God – that is the payment that He asks for conquering the devil on our behalf. That we die to self; die to our bodily desires and passions – that is the payment He asks for conquering sin on our behalf. To live for Him and not for ourselves; to enthrone Him in our hearts – that is the payment He asks for conquering death on our behalf. He has utterly and completely overcome all our enemies, and that is the price at which He offers His victory to each of us. The Apostle says: Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ'.
[1 Cor. 15:57]

O risen Lord, illumine us, strengthen us and heal us by Thy victory! With thanksgiving, we ascribe glory and praise to Thee for every. Amen.

The Eley-McCrory Funeral Home sponsored this week's bulletin.

