

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: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15 **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 22:35-46

Next Week: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10 **Next Week:** Matthew 25:14-30

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

Services	Wed., Sept. 8 th	Divine Liturgy for the Birth of the Holy Theotokos	7 am
	Sat., Sept. 11 th	Great Vespers and Holy Confession	7 pm
	Sun., Sept. 12 th	Leave taking of the Birth of the Theotokos; Hieromartyr Autonomus; Venerable Fr. Bassian	
		Molieben for the Beginning of Instruction	9:30 am
		Divine Liturgy	10 am

Announcements: Please note that we will be returning to 'REGULAR TIME' for the start of Sunday Divine Liturgy **NEXT SUNDAY**.

NEXT SUNDAY -- Church School will be resuming! As per custom in our Parish, on the 12th we will celebrate a **Molieben for the Beginning of Instruction** with all students and teachers participating. Also, others in the Parish who are involved in the teaching profession or as students in other schools or institutions of higher learning are warmly invited to participate. Tentatively, actual Church School classes will hold their **first session on Sunday, September 19th**.

Regarding the "Heroes of the Faith" Icon Project – We are still one donor short to complete the Project. If you were "thinking" about underwriting the final Icon, do so please. It would be unfortunate if the Project was held back for lack of a final donor. Iconographer Papas contacted Father this past week to let him know he is beginning his preliminary sketches on canvas of the first two Icons.

Fr. Thomas Hopko is offering *A One Day Retreat that Will Change your Life!* on **September 11, 2010** starting at **9 a.m.** entitled "What Happens After We Die" at St. George's Cathedral in Pittsburgh. Reservation required. See today's insert for more info.

Grilled Lamb Shish-Ka-Bob, Kibbee, Spanakopita, Lubees, Hummus – Yum! Yum! Don't forget to stop by St. Michael's Feast in Greensburg **NEXT SUNDAY** from **11 am to 6 pm** with your appetite! See today's insert for more info!

SAVE THE DATE: Our **Annual Fall Festival** will be held on **Sunday, October 10th from 12 pm to 6 pm** or until we're sold out. Please see the listing all cooking sessions starting at 7 a.m. on Saturdays posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule. Come join in the fellowship while helping make Baba's specialties.

Also, when purchasing pop for your cookout this summer, please consider purchasing an extra case of pop or water and donating towards this worthy cause. **Your donation(s) DIRECTLY contribute to the success of this endeavor!**

**** NOW IS THE TIME**, for all good men and women to come to the aid of their parish! When cleaning out your closets, spare rooms or basement, please remember your parish's flea market! One person's garbage may be another's treasure! Please feel free to drop off any flea market donations you have to the church hall. Let's make this year's even better than last year's!

THOUGHTS FROM THE HOLY FATHERS *by Bishop Nikolai Velimirovic* *On the Spiritual Marriage of the soul of Man*

'Turn, O backsliding children, saith the Lord, for I am married unto you' [Jer.3:14]. The human soul is the bride, and the living and almighty Lord is married to it. The Lord clothes His bride, the soul, in light and feeds it with His grace. And the soul whose spouse is God bears good children and many children, in the form of many and beautiful good works. The soul cannot of itself give birth to a single good work. Only by fruitfulness from God can the soul give birth to good works. The soul is fruitful with holy things, or remains sterile, or bears sin and vice. Therefore the Lord says to man: 'I am married unto you.' If the human soul knew to whom it is betrothed and to whom it is wedded, it would not go astray and commit adultery with dead things and turn to dust.

God is the faithful spouse of the human soul. He is never unfaithful to His bride, the soul. His love for the soul never grows cold unless the soul turns from Him and commits adultery. And, even then, He does not put the soul away at once, but goes after her and brings her back from the way of destruction. 'Turn', then says the Lord to the human soul. 'Repent, and I will forgive you. Turn, and I will receive you.' Penitents can testify to the mercy of God. They can confirm how the love of God persists up to the last moment. God is faithful in His love, and is slow to take vengeance on the adulterous soul. He tries incessantly to restore its sense of shame to the adulterous soul. And shame gives birth to repentance, and repentance brings renewal, and renewal brings the flowering of primal love and faithfulness.

O almighty Lord, help us, that our souls may bear good and abundant fruits from Thine eternal love. To Thee be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

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