

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 6:16-7:1 **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 15:21-28

Next Week: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11 **Next Week:** Luke 5:1-11

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

Altar Servers: Tommy Slavic / Paul Mica

Services	Sat., Sept. 25 th	Great Vespers and Holy Confession	7 pm
	Sun., Sept. 26 th	Rest of Apostle/Evangelist John the Theologian; Venerable Ephraim of Perekop	
		Church School	9:15 am
		Divine Liturgy	10 am

Announcements: ROASTED CHICKEN DINNER – Holy Resurrection Church in West Brownsville is hosting a dinner from **11:30 am to 2:30 pm TODAY** with a menu of chicken, potato & pasta salads, baked beans, coleslaw, bread/butter, dessert and beverage. Take outs are available by calling ahead at 724-785-2216. Suggested donation is Adult - \$8.00 and Children -\$4.00. A Bake Sale will also be held.

The Archdiocesan Education Department is offering a 10-week course on the teaching of the Orthodox Church titled, WHAT WE BELIEVE AND WHY? The program begins on Thursday, September 30 at 7 pm and runs on consecutive Thursdays at Holy Assumption of the Virgin Church, South Side, Pittsburgh. All interested persons are invited to attend. Cost for the entire 10-week program is a mere \$25.00. Make checks payable to the Archdiocese of Pittsburgh, DRE.

Please note: A few more individuals have been added to our Shut-In List from last week. Please see the back side of the candle list for an updated list.

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 doing your weekly grocery shopping, please consider purchasing an extra case of pop or water and donating towards this worthy cause.

The flea market items are starting to come in and what a nice selection we starting to accumulate! Don't forget --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!

Your donations of time and resources DIRECTLY contribute to the success of this endeavor!

THOUGHTS FROM THE HOLY FATHERS by Bishop Nikolai Velimirovic

The Power that God Gives by the Words of His Prophets

‘Behold, I will make My word in thy mouth fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them’ [Jer. 5:14]. Do you see, my brethren, how the word of the Lord differs in its effect on different people? The word of the Lord is as fire, at which the righteous rejoice, frozen in the coldness of this world. And the word of the Lord is as fire, which burns up the unrighteous, whom this material world warmed too greatly. Experienced spiritual teachers have left us testimony that the name of Jesus alone - which brings strength, joy, and refreshment to the faithful – burns evil spirits like living flame. So it is with every word of God. To one it gives comfort, to another excitement; to one it calms anger and to another it gives strength; to one it incites veneration and to another a taunt. It is honey to the whole, but to the unhealthy that honey is wormwood.

But why should the people be as wood that will be burned? Are the people at fault if godless elders and false prophets lead them onto foreign paths? The people are not at fault to as great an extent as their elders and the false prophets, but they are at fault to some extent. For God gave to the people also to know the right path, both through their conscience and through the preaching of the word of God, so the people should not blindly have followed their blind guides, who led them by false paths that alienated them from God and His Laws. My brethren, God is righteous, and He knows the measure of every fault and will not let the small and ignorant suffer as much as the learned and great.

O all-seeing Lord, save us, that we be neither blind guides nor blind followers. Strengthen our hearts that, as leaders or followers, we may ever be Thy servants, and Thy servants alone. To Thee be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

