Church website: www.hrocbv.org

Church Social Hall: (724) 929-7448

Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church

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

Reverend Fr. Evan Ashmore

Cell Phone: (610) 810-1748
Rectory Phone: (724) 929-9194
Email: frevanashmore@hrocbv.org

Ordained Reader
& Choir Master: Peter Merella:
(724) 787-2031

September 20, 2026

Afterfeast of the Exaltation of the Cross
Greatmartyr Eustathius (Eustace) Placidas, his wife, Martyr Theopistes, and their children Jerusalem

Glory Be to Jesus Christ! Glory Be Forever!

Services	Wed., Sept. 23rd	**Daily Vespers** *Confessions available following*	**7 pm**
	Sat., Sept. 26th	**Great Vespers** *Confessions available following*	**6 pm**
	Sun., Sept. 27th	**Martyr Callistratus and his companions**	
		Sunday School	**9:15 am**
		Hours	**9:45 am**
		Divine Liturgy	**10 am**

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

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1 *(Resurrection)*

Gospel Reading: Luke 5:1-11 *(Resurrection)*

Tone 7 Troparion *(Resurrection)* By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death. To the thief Thou didst open Paradise. For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy, and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen, granting the world great mercy. **Tone 1 Troparion** *(Feast)* O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance! Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries; and by virtue of Thy Cross, preserve Thy habitation! **Tone 4 Troparion** *(St. Eustathius)* Thy holy martyr Eustathius and his wife and sons, O Lord, through their sufferings have received incorruptible crown from Thee, our God. For having Thy strength, they laid low their adversaries, and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. Through their intercession, save our souls!	**Tone 7 Kontakion** *(Resurrection)* The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: "The Savior has come to those in faith; enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!" **Tone 2 Kontakion** *(St. Eustathius)* Having openly imitated the Passion of Christ, and having eagerly drunk of His cup, O Eustathius, thou becamest a partaker and fellow-heir of His glory, receiving divine forgiveness from on high from the God of all.	**Tone 4 Kontakion** *(Feast)* As Thou wast voluntarily raised upon the Cross for our sake, grant mercy to those who are called by Thy Name, O Christ God; make all Orthodox Christians glad by Thy power, granting them victories over their adversaries by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, Thy weapon of peace! **Tone 7 Prokeimenon** *(Sunday After)* Extol the Lord our God: worship at His footstool for He is holy! *(Ps. 98:5)* *V. The Lord reigns, let the people tremble! (Ps. 98:1a)*

Epistle

(2 Corinthians 6:1-10) (Resurrection)

We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain.

For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard You, and in the day of salvation I have helped You." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed.

But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses,

in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings;

by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love,

by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,

by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true;

as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed;

as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

Gospel

(Matthew 25:14-30) (Resurrection)

"For *the kingdom of heaven is* like a man traveling to a far country, *who* called his own servants and delivered his goods to them.

"And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey.

"Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents.

"And likewise he who *had received* two gained two more also.

"But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money.

"After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them.

"So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.'

"His lord said to him, 'Well *done*, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

"He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.'

"His lord said to him, 'Well *done*, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

"Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed.

'And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, *there* you have *what* is yours.'

"But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed.

'So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest.

'Therefore take the talent from him, and give *it* to him who has ten talents.

'For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away.

'And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Epistle

(Galatians 2:16-20) (After Exaltation)

knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not!

For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor.

For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God.

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Gospel

(Mark 8:34-9:1) (After Exaltation)

When He had called the people to *Himself*, with His disciples also, He said to them, **"Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.**

"For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it.

"For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?

"Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

"For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."

And He said to them, **"Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power."**

Announcements:

HROC 2026 Festival

Viva La Festival!

Come one, come all and bring your appetite!

Today is our Annual Festival
12 noon until sell-out!

Stop by and grab dinner for today and tomorrow!

Let us do your cooking!

We will miss our Linda and her smile! ***Linda Terrett*** fell asleep in the Lord on September 6, 2026. Per her family's request, her arrangements were private. Our sympathies and condolences are extended to her family. Please include her in your prayers. May her Memory be Eternal!

A Note from Chef Jack: I wish to thank everyone for their delicious Coffee Hour contributions! Each contribution has helped make every Sunday Coffee Hour a success! However, we have several coffee hour attendees with food allergies. When dropping off your creation, please take a moment and let me know if it contains nuts, shellfish, etc. **Thanks!**

Very Important Note from Fr. Evan: Please drive carefully and reduce your speed. Its Summer and children are out playing and riding bikes. There are a lot of children in the neighborhood as well as in the Church. *Please take caution when driving to and around the Church.*

DON'T FORGET: We are seeking to update the parish directory for the purpose of good pastoral care, community life, and communication and will be having parish directory forms for everyone to fill out (either individual, or the head of a household on behalf of the rest of the family) that will be available at the candlestand starting this Sunday through mid-September. The forms can be picked up and returned another week or filled out and returned same day. Alternatively, people can fill it out electronically through the below QR-code.