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# Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church

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**(Serving the faithful of Belle Vernon and surrounding areas)**

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## July 19, 2026

# Glory Be to Jesus Christ! Glory Be Forever!

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| **Services** | Sat., July 25th | **Great Vespers with Confession** | **6 pm** |
| | Sun., July 26th | **Repose of St. Jacob (Yakov) Netsvetov, Enlightener of the Peoples of Alaska** | |
| | | Hours | **9:15 am** |
| | | Divine Liturgy | **9:30 am** |

***PLEASE NOTE:*** Fr. Evan's: **NEW** Cell phone is (610-810-1748);
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*Take time to read the scriptures to prepare your heart and mind for next Sunday's Liturgy.

***Epistle:*** 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

***Gospel Reading:*** Matthew 14:14-22

**Tone 6 Troparion**
*(Resurrection)*

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure body. Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee.

**Tone 8 Troparion**
*(Fathers)*

Thou art most glorious, O Christ our God, Who hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth. Through them Thou hast guided us to the True Faith. O greatly compassionate One, glory to Thee!

**Tone 6 Kontakion**
*(Resurrection)*

When Christ God, the Giver of Life, raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand, He bestowed resurrection on the human race. He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

**Tone 8 Kontakion**
*(Fathers)*

The Apostles' preaching and the Fathers' doctrines have established one Faith for the Church. Adorned with the robe of truth, woven from heavenly theology, It defines and glorifies the great mystery of piety.

**Tone 6 Prokeimenon**
*(Resurrection)*

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance! *(Ps. 27:9a)*

*V. To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! (Ps. 27:1a)*

**Tone 4 Prokeimenon**
*(Song of the Three Holy Children)*

Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever! *(Song of the Three Holy Children, v. 3)*

# Epistle

*(Romans 15:1-7)*

We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

Let each of us please *his* neighbor for *his* good, leading to edification.

For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, *"The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me."*

For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus,

that you may with one mind *and* one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.

# Gospel

*(Matthew 9:27-35)*

When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, "Son of David, have mercy on us!"

And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, **"Do you believe that I am able to do this?"** They said to Him, "Yes, Lord."

Then He touched their eyes, saying, **"According to your faith let it be to you."**

And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, **"See *that* no one knows *it*."**

But when they had departed, they spread the news about Him in all that country.

As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed.

And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, "It was never seen like this in Israel!"

But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons."

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

## Announcements:

A Note from Fr. Evan:

> In the Liturgy the priest prays the following words: "Broken and distributed is the Lamb of God: broken, yet not divided; ever eaten, yet never consumed, but sanctifying those who partake thereof." St. Nikodemus of the Holy Mountain says "the Body and Blood in the Eucharist are divided indivisibly into all the parts of the bread and the wine, and are distributed undividedly." This means that each "piece" or "drop" – no matter how small – that we receive of the Mystery of the Eucharist contains *the whole Body and Blood of Christ*. The whole of Christ is given to each of the faithful who receive Communion.

What this also means is that every particle and every drop of the Eucharist – again, no matter how small – that might be left on our lips after we partake is also *the whole Body and Blood of Christ.* This is the reason why we need to handle every part of our reception of the Lord's Body and Blood with care, love, and reverence. This is why when we approach the chalice and receive the Lord Himself each person is asked to wait for a server to wipe his or her mouth with the cloth before we do anything else (including venerating the chalice).

The Lord desires to give the whole of Himself to us to dwell in us, sanctify us, and give us eternal life. Let us each faithfully receive Him and do what is within our capability to see to it that the whole of the Lord's Body and Blood – no matter how small - is not left on our lips to be lost, discarded, or inadvertently smeared elsewhere. I appreciate your love, care, and attention in this and please talk to me if you have any questions or concerns about this.

Your servant in Christ,

*Fr. Evan*

In addition to the 2 pews in the basement of the rectory that are looking for a new home, there are also a few other items: 2 metal cabinets, 1 wooden entertainment stand, misc. headboards and baseboards (not a complete bed set), misc. mirrors, a wooden highchair, 1 pulpit/display case, 1 jewelry box, 1 small round table, 1 wooden toy chest, 1 coffee table, 1 large rug. If you are interested in any of these items, please let Father Evan or one of the Parish Council members know.

***Did you lose something?*** If so, see Marie Dudzinski who is safely keeping it.

Looking for a wholesome family weekend getaway that everyone can enjoy? ***Registration opened July 1st*** for The Archdiocesan Youth Committee's **2026 HEART FULL OF LIGHT FAMILY RETREAT** being held at Camp Nazareth in Mercer, PA. It will be a weekend of prayer, reflection, fellowship and family centered activities beginning Friday evening, August 14th through Sunday Brunch on August 16th. Currently, there are openings for 18 families (2 per cabin). Please see the vestibule bulletin for more details. Pricing includes all activities, lodging and meals. To register or any questions, contact Kyra Mathewson at kyra@ocadwpa.org.

## Note Date Changes!

### HROC 2026 Festival

### Mark your calendars for:

### Sunday, September 20th starting at 12 noon until sell-out.

It's Festival time again! This year's **Annual Fall Festival** will be held on **Sunday, September 20th from 12 pm to 6 pm** or until we're sold out. This means that we are in need of volunteers to give of their time and talent at Saturday Sessions and especially on Festival day! Please become a member of our wonderful Kitchen Crew! Your help and cooperation is always needed and appreciated! All cooking sessions start at 7 a.m. on Saturdays unless otherwise noted. Come join in the fellowship while helping make Baba's specialties. See you then!

Festival Cooking Schedule: (all sessions begin at 7 am on Saturdays unless otherwise noted)

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| Aug. 1st,<br>Aug. 8th,<br>Aug. 22nd,<br>Aug. 29th | Potato & Cheese Perohi & Noodles |
| Sept. 12th | Beef Stroganoff |
| Fri., Sept. 18th | Bread Baking & Pete Beans |
| Sept. 19th | Halupki Making & Festival Setup |

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

***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.*