

HOLY RESURRECTION ORTHODOX CHURCH

Mary Street, Belle Vernon, PA ~~ Social Hall: 724 929-7448
(Serving the faithful of Belle Vernon and surrounding areas)

Glory be to Jesus Christ! Glory be Forever!

The Very Rev. Fr. Samuel Smolcic (Sunday of St. John Climacus) March 26, 2017

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Epistle Reading: Hebrews 6:13-20 Gospel Reading: Mark 9:17-31

Next Week: Hebrews 9:11-14 Mark 10:32-45

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

Services	Sun., Mar. 26 th	Mission Vespers St. John, Monessen (w/ HROC Choir)	6 pm
	Wed., Mar. 29 th	Lenten Matins	7 am
		Presanctified Divine Liturgy (Fellowship) HROC, Belle Vernon	6 pm
	Fri., Mar. 31 st	Lenten Matins	7 am
Passion Akathist (Sacrament of Private Confession)		7 pm	
Sun., Apr. 2 nd	Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt		
	Matins		8:50 am
	Church School		9:15 am
	Divine Liturgy		10 am
	SW Region Deanery Holy Unction HROC, Belle Vernon		6 pm

Announcements:

A reminder regarding fasting for Pre-Sanctified Divine Liturgy during Lent . . . If you plan to attend a Pre-Sanctified and receive Holy Communion, fast from all food and drink from at least your regular lunchtime meal forward. This, of course, does not include medications and their dosage accompaniments (water or specified foods).

Paschal Altar Candles: The following Altar Candle was presented by the following:

The Yuschak Family in Memory of: *Mary Jo Yetsconish*

Congratulations to our newly sworn-in Parish Council! May their labors and material and spiritual leadership be blessed by the Lord!

This week marks a very active one for our congregation and choir! The HROC choir will be singing responses at tonight's Mission Vespers at St. John's in Monessen. And the Parish will be hosting a Fellowship Pre-Sanctified Divine Liturgy on Wednesday and SW Deanery Holy Unction service next Sunday. Please make plans to attend and participate in these services.

ROUND TWO OF PASKA BAKING ~~ Come and enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow parishioners by joining in one or two of the baking sessions: **Fri., March 31st and/or Sat., April 1st. Both sessions will start at 7 am.**

With the very mild February we had, please check your Pussy Willow bushes: Please cut the pussy willows before they turn yellow, wrap in newspaper and place somewhere cool to hold them or bring them to the Church Social Hall for Palm Sunday.

Fr. Sam and the Parish Council are very happy to report that donors have come forward offering the full cost amount of the red priestly vestments and altar cloths. A check will be sent to Alpha Omega Church Supply and the order should be filled and delivered fairly soon. The vestments will be sent, but Matushka Marsha will then need to sew the altar coverings. When all is completed, the vestments and coverings will be blessed and ready for use next Advent season. A big THANKS to the 'Anonymous Donor' who covered a major portion of the cost of this purchase!

Fr. Sam is offering three more opportunities for private Confessions before Holy Week. They will be on Friday, March 31 and Friday, April 7 from 8 - 9:30 am following the 7 am Lenten Matins service. Another opportunity will be provided on Lazarus Saturday (April 8) from 12:30 - 2 pm.

Father Sam is hoping to begin his Lenten shut-in Sacramental Visitations quite soon. A list of the parish shut-ins will be printed in the Bulletin. When the list appears, if you know of a person who needs to be added to it, please let Father know.

Paschal Altar Candles: Gifts are now being accepted for the Paschal Altar Candles. If you would like to make a gift in memory of loved ones or in honor of loved ones – place your offering in an envelope marking it "Paschal Candles" and leave it at the Candle Stand.

Please remember your **March Fair Share Monthly** envelope. Our monthly obligation to the national church and Archdiocese is \$15 per adult person per month. Not meeting this obligation requires us to draw funds from the General Account to cover them.

It's still not too late to pick up your copy of Father Sam's Annual "Lenten, Holy Week and Paschal 11 Week Calendar"! It's a handy home reference to keep you abreast of all Parish, Deanery and Orthodox Brotherhood services for the Holy season. Pick yours up **TODAY** at the candlestand.