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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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**April 14, 2024
Sunday of St. John
Climacus**

Glory Be to Jesus Christ! Glory be Forever!

Services	Sun., Apr. 14 th	Mission Vespers <i>(Sts. Cyril and Methodius, Jeannette)</i>	5 pm
	Wed., Apr. 17 th	Presanctified Divine Liturgy	7 pm
	Fri., Apr. 19 th	Akathist to St. Mary of Egypt Private Confession	7 pm
	Sat., Apr. 20 th	Great Vespers with Confession	6 pm
	Sun., Apr. 21 st	Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt Hours Divine Liturgy	9:45 am 10 am
		Holy Unction <i>(HROC, Belle Vernon)</i>	5 pm

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

Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14

Gospel Reading: Mark 10:32-45

<p>Tone 4 Troparion <i>(Resurrection)</i></p> <p>When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles:</p> <p>“<u>Death</u> is overthrown! Christ God is <u>risen</u>, granting the world great <u>mercy</u>!”</p> <p>Tone 1 Troparion <i>(St. John Climacus)</i></p> <p>O <u>dweller</u> of the wilderness and angel in the <u>body</u>, thou wast a wonderworker, O our God-bearing <u>Father John</u>.</p> <p>Thou didst <u>receive</u> heavenly gifts through fasting, vigil, and <u>prayer</u>, healing the sick and the souls of those <u>drawn</u> to thee by faith.</p> <p><u>Glory</u> to Him Who gave thee <u>strength</u>! Glory to Him Who granted thee a <u>crown</u>! Glory to Him Who grants <u>healing</u> to all!</p>	<p>Tone 4 Kontakion <i>(Resurrection)</i></p> <p>My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the <u>earth</u>-born from their chains.</p> <p>He has shattered the <u>gates</u> of hell, and as <u>Master</u>, He has risen on the <u>third</u> day!</p> <p>Tone 4 Kontakion <i>(St. John Climacus)</i></p> <p>The Lord truly set thee on the heights of <u>abstinence</u>, to be a guiding star, showing the way to the <u>universe</u>, O our father and <u>teacher John</u>.</p>	<p>Tone 4 Prokeimenon <i>(Resurrection)</i></p> <p>O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; in wisdom hast Thou made them all. (<i>Ps. 103:26</i>)</p> <p><i>V. Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, Thou art very great! (Ps. 103:1)</i></p>
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Epistle

(Hebrews 6:13-20)

(Resurrection)

For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, saying, “*Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you.*”

And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.

For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation *is* for them an end of all dispute.

Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed *it* by an oath,

that by two immutable things, in which it *is* impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before *us*.

This *hope* we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence *behind* the veil,

where the forerunner has entered for us, *even* Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

Gospel

(Mark 9:17-31)

(Resurrection)

Then one of the crowd answered and said, “Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit.

And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not.”

He answered him and said, “**O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me.**”

Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth.

So He asked his father, “**How long has this been happening to him?**” And he said, “From childhood.

“And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.”

Jesus said to him, “**If you can believe, all things *are* possible to him who believes.**”

Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!”

When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it: “**Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!**”

Then *the spirit* cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, “He is dead.”

But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.

And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?”

So He said to them, “**This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting.**”

Then they departed from there and passed through Galilee, and He did not want anyone to know *it*.

For He taught His disciples and said to them, “**The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And after He is killed, He will rise the third day.**”

Announcements:

Fr. Stephan will hear confessions after ALL scheduled services throughout Lent. If one cannot make it due to health or other noble reasons, Fr. Stephan will be glad to hear your confessions at your house.

Don't forget to give Father a call to let him know when you would like to come to pray and he will make arrangements to have the Church open for you.

During Lent, we will be holding an adult scripture reading class Sundays at 9:15 a.m. We will be reading from Proverbs which is traditionally read during lent. Please join us!

A reminder regarding fasting for Pre-Sanctified Divine Liturgies... If you plan to attend and receive communion, you should fast from food and drink from your lunchtime meal onward. If you take medications, please follow the normal medical instructions. Also, if one needs to eat for medical reasons, please eat what you have to eat. Don't let this deter one from receiving. Remember, God knows our situation a little better than we do.

Note to Choir Members: There will be a choir rehearsal following the Passion Akathist service on **Friday, April 19th 7:30 pm.** We will be refreshing our memories of the musical setting for the Unction Service. There will also be a quick brush-up rehearsal after Liturgy on **Sunday, April 21st.** Please make every effort to attend. Anyone interested in joining the choir, please feel free to attend. All are welcome!

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.

Note from Council: There is an open position on Parish Council. If anyone is interested, please contact one of the Parish officers: Tim Laciak, Joe Niro or Michelle Meisner.

PASCHAL ALTAR CANDLES: The following Altar Candles were presented by the following:

In Loving Memory of:

Jereme Joseph Dudzinski

*by Mom, Dad, Jacob, Victoria, Jonathan,
Jennifer, Ava, & Nathan*

In Loving Memory of:

*Ben & Sophie Dudzinski
Helen & George Konick
Dian Sefchok*

*by Marie, John, Jonathan, Jacob, Jennifer,
Victoria, Ava, & Nathan*

In Loving Memory of:

*Mary & Stephen Perch
Rozalia Kiselica*

by Sandy & Greg Bonasorte

January 2024 financial information:

Total Income – \$12,325.69

Total Expenses - \$8,465.59

February 2024 financial information:

Total Income – \$5,065.69

Total Expenses - \$11,018.76

March 2024 financial information:

Total Income – \$10,307.89

Total Expenses - \$17,396.51

“He restores my soul, He leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.” (Psalm 23:3)

The Paths of Righteousness, the hiking group launched in 2020 at St. Michael’s in Greensburg under the leadership of Fr. Sam is eagerly planning to embark on wilderness hikes of 5-7 miles in length on Saturdays on established trails in Westmoreland, Fayette, Somerset, Indiana and Cambria counties of which Fr. Sam is familiar with. Adult hikers of both genders are welcome, with the only requirement being that they be fit enough and able to do the hike. The hikes will take place approximately once every 6 weeks with the first one on Saturday, May 18th. Fr. Sam will host an orientation meeting for new hikers in April, day/time to be determined. See the flyer on the vestibule bulletin. Additional details will be forthcoming.

** There will be a Paths of Righteousness orientation meeting at St. Michael’s on Saturday, April 20th after 6 pm Vespers.