

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!

The Very Rev. Fr. Samuel Smolcic January 15, 2012
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Epistle Reading: 1 Timothy 1:15-17 **Gospel Reading:** Luke 18:35-43

Next Week: 1 Timothy 1:15-17 **Next Week:** Matthew 15:21-28

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

Services	Sun., Jan. 22 nd	Canaanite Woman	
		Church School	9:15 am
		Divine Liturgy	10 am

Announcements: It has been brought to our attention that a family associated with the Parish is experiencing some serious financial problems. We have taken some action so far to alleviate their dilemma, but more help is needed. With the blessing of Fr. Sam and the Parish Council, a special collection will be taken today with a basket near the vestibule doors. Please be generous!

Attention Young Folks! The Archdiocese is hosting a Youth Ice Skate at the PPG Ice Rink in Pittsburgh beginning at **12:30 pm** on **Saturday, January 28th**. \$13 includes admission, skate rental and refreshments. Contact Patty Lear at pnlear@verizon.net or Helene Emerick at (724) 941-4293 for more information.

LOOKING AHEAD ... MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR ...

- Annual Parish Meeting – Sunday, February 19, 2012
- Annunal Pre-Lenten Retreat – Saturday, February 25, 2012
- Mon Valley Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood Lenten Service – Great Vespers with the celebration of Sunday of Orthodoxy, Saturday, March 3, 2012.

All parishioners are reminded to promptly submit their Home Blessings Envelopes. If you think you might have discarded yours with your 2011 envelopes, just fill out an envelope at the Candle Desk with your name, address and phone number and turn it into Father. Please try to accommodate Father's schedule when he calls.

Adult Church School Project – The Adult Church School Class has decided to offer an on-going book sale for all our readers in the Parish. The books will be sold for 50 cents a book and will be available every Sunday during coffee hour. The proceeds will be given to the Blackburn Center for abused women in Greensburg. Donations of novels are welcome!

Don't forget to pick up your 2012 Church Calendars today! They are available in the vestibule on the table to the right of the doors.

Let's "**Be An Angel**" for a local worthy cause – if you happen to be cleaning out your closets and find that you have some "gently" worn articles of clothing that you no longer are wearing or want – please consider donating them to the West Newton Area Churches Clothing Drive. Their Thrift Shop is located on Main Street in West Newton and is open Tuesdays (10 am – 2 pm), Wednesdays (2 pm - 6 pm) and Saturdays (10 am – 2 pm). All denominations of the churches in the West Newton area are pooling their resources of volunteers and clothing donations to help local families in these tough economic times. Depending on your personal circumstances, you may either purchase or receive these articles of clothing. They are currently interested in winter clothing donations. Please bring your generous donation to the Social Hall and Lori Slavic will take it to the Thrift Shop. Thank you in advance.

Did you know? According to local fire regulations, the social hall doors need to remain closed after Divine Liturgy. If you happen to be the "last man" out on Sundays or there during the week, please make sure that the social hall doors are closed before you leave. Thanks!

DON'T FORGET -- Our Parish is registered with WPXI-TV (Channel 11) to list Closings or Delays of services or meetings. If you are wondering about weather related changes in start times or cancellations, check WPXI first before making phone calls to other parishioners. Do this by tuning in on a newscast on Channel 11 or by checking closings on the internet by typing in the keyword, wpxi school closings.

Feast Day of Venerable Paul of Thebes – January 15th

Father Paul was born of wealthy parents in Lower Thebes in Egypt in the reign of the Emperor Decius. He and his sister together inherited all of their parents' property. His brother-in-law, an idol worshipper, plotted to seize Paul's half of the inheritance. He therefore threatened Paul that he would betray him to the authorities as a Christian if he did not hand over his share of the property. This misfortune, coupled with the examples of self-sacrifice by the Christian martyrs that Paul saw with his own eyes, induced him to give his half of the property to his sister and go off into the desert, where he lived in asceticism until his death. The spiritual heights attained by this giant of a monk are testified to by no less a person than St. Antony the Great, who once visited Paul and saw how the wild animals and birds of the air ministered to him. Returning from this visit, Antony said to his monks: 'Woe is me, my children, a sinful and false monk, who am a monk in name only. I have seen Elias, I have seen John in the desert, and I have seen Paul – in Paradise!' St. Paul lived 113 years and entered peacefully into rest in the Lord in the year 342.

The Eley-McCrory Funeral Home sponsored this week's bulletin.

