

HOLY RESURRECTION ORTHODOX CHURCH

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(Serving the faithful of Belle Vernon and surrounding areas)

Glory be to Jesus Christ! Glory be Forever!

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Epistle Reading: Philippians 4:4-9

Gospel Reading: John 12:1-18

Next Week: Acts 1:1-8

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

Services			
	Sun., Apr. 24 th	Private Confessions Unction Service - St. Alexander, Allison Park	2-4 pm 5 pm
	Mon., Apr. 25 th	Bridegroom Matins	7 am
	Tues., Apr. 26 th	Bridegroom Matins	7 am
	Wed., Apr. 27 th	Holy Wednesday Bridegroom Matins Holy Resurrection, W. Brownsville w/HROC Choir	7 pm
	Thurs., Apr. 28 th	Holy & Great Thursday Vespereal Divine Liturgy HROC, Belle Vernon (Last Supper) Matins & Passion Gospels	9 am 7 pm
	Fri., Apr. 29 th	Holy & Great Friday Royal Hours Vespers of Entombment Matins, Lamentations & Procession	9 am 1 pm 7 pm
	Sat., Apr. 30 th	Holy & Great Saturday Vespereal Divine Liturgy (Passover) (St. Michael, Greensburg) Nocturn & Matins of PASCHA *** Blessing of Paschal Baskets ***	9 am 9 pm
	Sun., May 1 st	PASCHA Paschal Hours Divine Liturgy *** Blessing of Paschal Baskets ***	9:45 am 10 am

Announcements: Please note: **TODAY BETWEEN 2 and 4 PM is your LAST OPPORTUNITY to participate in Holy Confession before Pascha.**

There will be a Parish Council meeting **TODAY** after Divine Liturgy

From the Vespers of Palm Sunday evening: "Passing from one divine feast to another, from palms and branches let us now make haste, ye faithful, to the solemn and saving celebration of Christ's Passion. Let us behold Him undergo voluntary suffering for our sake" Lent is over and Holy Week is upon us. This week, step out of the routine of work, relaxation, around the house 'puttering', shopping, television and Internet recreation and **come be with the Lord**. The Bridegroom Matins, the Passion Gospels, the Procession with the Shroud, Paschal Matins and Paschal Divine Liturgy are perennial favorites. But make a personal choice to add **ONE MORE** Holy Week service to your church attendance schedule this year. A good choice would be Holy Thursday's Vespereal Divine Liturgy which celebrates the Last Supper and institutes the sacrament of Holy Communion. We will be celebrating this special day here at **HROC** with Father Fred and the faithful of St. Michael's and St. Spyridon of Monessen. Also, attendance at the powerful Burial Service of Holy Friday is growing at our Parish. This is Vespers of Entombment, celebrated at the very hours of the Crucifixion on Holy Friday. If you cannot make that service or the evening Matins, the Friday 9 a.m. Royal Hours of the Passion may be your best opportunity to "be with the Lord" as He goes to His Cross. Another powerful and enriching service is the Great Passover Divine Liturgy of Holy Saturday when the Church is liturgically transformed from Death to Life as the "trampling down death by death" is commemorated. Father Sam will be co-celebrating this service with the faithful of St. Michael's Church @ 1182 Ashland Ave., Greensburg, 15601. Several families from our Parish attended last year at St. Michael's and were amazed at the beauty and joyful solemnity of the service. They vowed to return this year and bring others with them. If you are able, come see this service in Greensburg, celebrated in the glorious fashion this deserves. See you in church!

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE! Can you help us make Pascha a happy day for our youngest Parishioners? We are in need of candy to fill the eggs for our annual egg hunt. Could you help us out?

**** Please see today's bulletin insert for a listing of our Parish Shut-ins.** They would really appreciate a card or call during the Paschal Season. Fr. Sam hopes to complete the Shut-in Sacramental visits before the start of Holy Week. All of these folks are very appreciative that their parish has not forgotten them and enthusiastically send their love to all here at HROC.

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 **April Fair Share Monthly** envelope. Dues are \$15 per adult person. These dues are paid to the Diocese; those not paid get taken from the general collection.

(See the reverse side of the Candlelist for this week's Spiritual Reflection on Palm Sunday!)