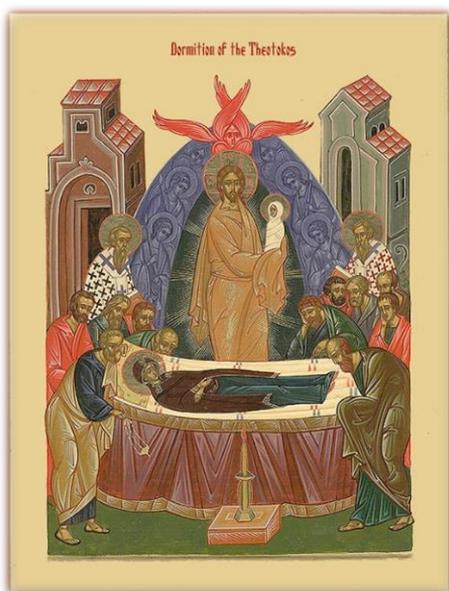


Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania + Wilkes-Barre Deanery

Elevation of the Holy Cross Orthodox Church Williamsport, PA.



*Afterfeast of the Dormition
of our Most Holy Lady the
Mother of God and Ever-Virgin
Mary*

August 22nd, 2021

Elevation of the Holy Cross Orthodox Church

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Today's Scripture Readings:

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 3:9-17

Gospel: St. Matthew 14:22-34

A very warm welcome to everyone, and especially to our visitors this morning! Please join us for some fellowship after in the Parish Hall!

Joyous Feast!!

Services, Events & Announcements

- + Compline/Bible Study – Wednesday August 25th @ 5:30pm
- + Great Vespers – Saturday August 28th @ 5pm
- + Divine Liturgy - Sunday August 29th @ 10am (Hours @ 9:40), Fellowship following in the Hall.
- + Myrrh-Streaming Hawaiian Iveron Ikon of the Mother of God – Thursday August 26th @ 6:30pm – Holy Apostles, Mechanicsburg
- + HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP MARK WILL BE WITH US ON AUGUST 28TH & 29TH 😊

Our Giving – August 15th, 2021

Tithes/Offerings - \$1,342.00

Tithes/Offerings (online) - \$150.00

Candle Offerings – \$87.00 / Memorial Offerings - \$100.00

Regarding Holy Communion: Only those faithful who are Orthodox Christians and have **properly prepared themselves** by **fasting, prayer [i.e., *Prayers Before Communion*], recent confession,** and who were *at least present for the reading of the Epistle and Gospel* should approach to receive the Holy Eucharist. *We should all be at peace with each other too.* If you have any questions about Communion, please see Fr. Seraphim. 😊

Inspiration from the Louhs

“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland.” Isaiah 43:18:19

The best way to experience joy is to be present for it. Although joy is born in different ways all around us in lots of little ways, many of us are too preoccupied to even notice it. How easy is it to miss moments of spiritual beauty that are taking root all around us? When we pause long enough to tune into a moment, with our full attention and awareness, it’s amazing how much more we see taking place than what we may have registered only moments earlier.

Suddenly we hear others through an entirely different perspective; one of connection, understanding, curiosity, meaning and interest to know more. When we tune into our life with our full presence of awareness, it also becomes easier to hear our own voice and become more aware of our motivations and feelings, so that our choices are not just conformed to this world, but to our spirit. Lastly, it becomes easier to notice and appreciate all that is good, giving birth to gratitude that wasn’t there only moments earlier.

When we are present, it becomes easier to love others as we are called to love them, to use our gifts in places where we are

needed most, and to re-align our spirits with His, better reflecting His image in this world. Let us all take a moment today, to protect our presence, not just our productivity.

Rev Fr Nicholas & Dr Roxanne Louh

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It is often difficult for us to put our total trust in God. We have our own agenda as to what WE think needs to happen and wonder where God is when we don't get the answer to our prayers the way we think it should be. We are like little children who doubt our mom's love when we don't get the cookie we want, just before dinner.

When good things happen to us, we are convinced God is looking kindly upon us, but when things happen that are disappointing or even bad we think God is absent. As God is everywhere present, He is involved with everything that happens in our lives. Harmonious and good things are from God, but when disappointing things happen, God is still in charge, giving us what we need for our salvation. Glory to God for all things!

With love in Christ,

Abbot Tryphon

Prayers For the Health and Salvation of those in need: Many Years!

Priestmonk Ambrose (Young), Abbot Tryphon, Mitred-Archpriest Nicholas (Harris), Mitred-Archpriest Daniel & Mat. Myra (Kovalak), Pres. Eva (Koutroulelis), Mat. Seraphima (Hunter) and the child to be born of her, Helen Maybo, Paul Beard, Evelyn Chabal, Phoebe Davis, Michael Kuzmiak & Juliana Matusiak,

Prayers for the Newly Departed: Memory Eternal!

Mitred Archpriest Michael Klobosh +8/18, Archpriest Stephen Janos +8/7, Protopresbyter Leonid Kishkovsky +8/3, Mat. Bonnie Jean [Ioanna] Robinson +8/19, Mat. Tresja Denysenko +8/19, Preotessa Maria Parau +7/25 Peter Mamonov +7/15, Mary (Virginia) Rines +7/16, & Aaron Gingo +7/28