

Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania + Wilkes-Barre Deanery

**Elevation of the Holy Cross**  
**Orthodox Church**  
**Williamsport, PA.**



Transfiguration of Our Lord

*Afterfeast of the  
Transfiguration of our Lord  
Jesus Christ*

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# Elevation of the Holy Cross Orthodox Church

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## ***Today's Scripture Readings:***

*Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18*  
*Gospel: St. Matthew 14:14-22*

***A very warm welcome to everyone, and especially to our visitors this morning! Please join us after in the Fellowship Hall!***

## **Services, Events & Announcements**

- + *Compline/Bible Study - Wednesday August 10<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30*
- + *Great Vespers – Saturday August 13<sup>th</sup> @ 5*
- + *Divine Liturgy - Sunday August 14<sup>th</sup> @ 10 (Hours @ 9:40)*  
*Vespers for the Feast of the Dormition immediately after the Divine Liturgy - Potluck Fellowship following*
- + **FEAST OF THE DORMITION OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS – DIVINE LITURGY MONDAY AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup> @ 9AM**

## **Our Giving – July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022**

Tithes/Offerings - \$550.00 / Online Giving - \$125.00

Candle Offerings – \$51.00

Love Offerings - \$50.00 (*collections through August will benefit Phoebe Davis and her children*)

**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. 😊

### **The Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

“Even the face of Moses was illumined by his association with God. Do you not know that Moses was transfigured when he went up the mountain, and there beheld the Glory of God? But he (Moses) did not effect this, but rather he underwent a transfiguration. However, our Lord Jesus Christ possessed that Light Himself. In this regard, actually, He did not need prayer for His flesh to radiate with the Divine Light; it was but to show from whence that Light descends upon the saints of God, and how to contemplate it. For it is written that even the saints “will shine forth like the sun” (Mt.13:43), which is to say, entirely permeated by Divine Light as they gaze upon Christ, divinely and inexpressibly shining forth His Radiance, issuing from His Divine Nature. On Mount Tabor it was manifest also in His Flesh, by reason of the Hypostatic Union (i.e., the union of the two perfect natures, divine and human, within the divine Person [Hypostasis] of Christ, the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity). The Fourth Ecumenical Council at Chalcedon defined this Hypostatic union of Christ’s two natures, divine and human, as “without mingling, without change, without division, without separation.”

We believe that at the Transfiguration He manifested not some other sort of light, but only that which was concealed beneath His fleshly exterior. This Light was the Light of the Divine Nature, and as such, it

was Uncreated and Divine. So also, in the teachings of the Fathers, Jesus Christ was transfigured on the Mount, not taking upon Himself something new nor being changed into something new, nor something which formerly He did not possess. Rather, it was to show His disciples that which He already was, opening their eyes and bringing them from blindness to sight. For do you not see that eyes that can perceive natural things would be blind to this Light?

Thus, this Light is not a light of the senses, and those contemplating it do not simply see with sensual eyes, but rather they are changed by the power of the Divine Spirit. They were transformed, and only in this way did they see the transformation taking place amidst the very assumption of our perishability, with the deification through union with the Word of God in place of this.

So also she who miraculously conceived and gave birth recognized that the One born of her is God Incarnate. So it was also for Simeon, who only received this Infant into his arms, and the aged Anna, coming out [from the Jerusalem Temple] for the Meeting, since the Divine Power illumined, as through a glass windowpane, giving light for those having pure eyes of heart.” (from the website oca.org)

***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), Archpriest Moses (Berry), Pres. Eva (Koutroulelis), Pres. Rosy (Tanveer), Helen Maybo, Paul Beard, Evelyn Chabal, Phoebe Davis, Michael Kuzmiak, Juliana Matusiak, Catherine Mann, & those suffering in Ukraine*

***Prayers for the Newly Departed: Memory Eternal!***

*Archimandrite Duane Pederson +7/20, Archpriest Alexander Padlo +8/2, Monk Arseny +7/30, Matushka Marion Swencki +6/30, Matushka Helen Ziatyk +7/10, Matushka Patricia Bohush +8/2, Matushka Anne Hopko +8/4, & those who have lost their lives in Ukraine*