

Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania + Wilkes-Barre Deanery

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



*Venerable Anthony of  
the Kiev Far Gaves*

July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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

*Epistle: Romans 6:18-23; Galatians 5:22-6:2*  
*Gospel: St. Matthew 8:5-13; St. Matthew 4:25-5:12*

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

## **Services, Events & Announcements**

- + *Compline/Bible Study – Wednesday July 13<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30*
- + *Great Vespers – Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup> @ 5*
- + *Divine Liturgy - Sunday July 17<sup>th</sup> @ 10 (Hours @ 9:40)*  
*Fellowship following*
- + **FOCA Orthodox Family Picnic at Knoebels is CANCELED**
- + *Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday July 12<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30*

## **Our Giving – July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022**

Tithes/Offerings - \$2,687.00 / Online Giving - \$125.00  
Candle Offerings – \$86.00  
Love Offerings - \$200.00

**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. 😊

### **St Anthony of the Kiev Caves (1073)**

*He is honored as the founder of Orthodox monastic life in Russia. He was born in Chernigov province and tonsured at the Monastery of Esphigmenou on the Holy Mountain. His abbot sent him from Mt Athos to Kiev to establish the monastic life there in 1013, during the last years of Prince Vladimir's holy reign. He lived there as a hermit, slowly drawing to himself others who wished to share the ascetical life. In time, the brotherhood grew into the Kiev Caves Lavra. St Anthony refused to serve as abbot of the monastery; this task was taken up by St Theodosius (commemorated May 3). St Anthony continued to live as a cave-dwelling hermit and reposed in peace at the age of ninety.*

### **St Thomas of Mt Maleon (10th c.)**

*He was a renowned general, known for his great size and courage, his many victories against barbarian enemies, and his considerable wealth. But, forsaking wealth and reputation to follow Christ, he retired to the desert to live in asceticism. The Prophet Elias appeared to him and, accompanied by a pillar of fire, led him to Mount Maleon, near the Holy Mountain. There he lived in solitude, giving his days and nights to prayer. Like so many who seek to hide their holiness from the world, he was discovered, and people began to come to him for healing of their ailments and those of their loved ones. The saint*

healed countless ailments, drove out demons, cured the blind, and made water to pour forth from barren earth. In prayer he appeared as a pillar of fire. He reposed in peace, and his relics continued to be a powerful source of healing.

### **St Procopius, Fool for Christ (1303)**

He was a prominent merchant of German origin. Visiting Novgorod on business, he was so moved by the beauty of Orthodoxy that he embraced the Orthodox faith. Seeking to follow Christ more fully, he gave away all his goods to the poor and lived as an indigent, giving his life to prayer and asceticism but feigning madness to avoid the praise of men. He was granted the gifts of prescience and of insight into the hearts of others: he would often speak to those who came to him of their secret sins, and several times he predicted natural disasters. Once he stopped a deadly hailstorm in town of Ustiug through his fervent prayers before the icon of the Mother of God. He was found dead on the road, covered with snow; a church was built over his relics, which worked many wonders.

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### ***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, Michael Juran, Catherine Mann, & those suffering in Ukraine

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

Protodeacon Averky (Davis) +6/19, Schemamonk Ephraim (Atwood) +6/8, Mat. Lovey Ropitsky +6/12, Mat. Marion Swencki +6/30, & those who have lost their lives in Ukraine