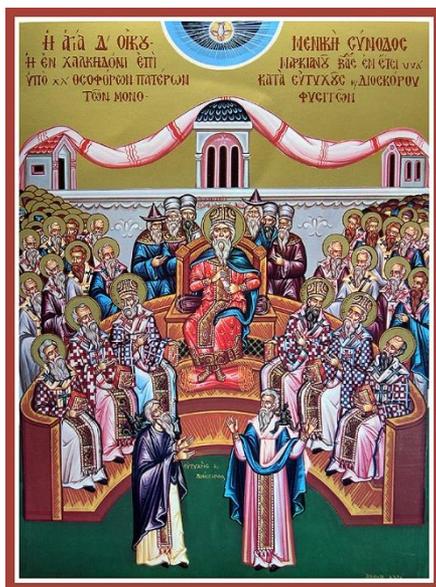


Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania + Wilkes-Barre Deanery

Elevation of the Holy Cross Orthodox Church Williamsport, PA.



Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils

July 17th, 2022

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Today's Scripture Readings:

Epistle: Romans 10:1-10; Hebrews 13:7-16
Gospel: St. Matthew 8:28-9:1; St. John 17:1-13

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

- + **NO** Compline/Bible Study this Wednesday July 20th
- + Great Vespers – Saturday July 23rd @ 5
- + Divine Liturgy - Sunday July 24th @ 10 (Hours @ 9:40)
Blessing of Vehicles & Fellowship following
- + OCA All American Council this week: July 18-22

Our Giving – July 10th, 2022

Tithes/Offerings - \$1,911.00 / Online Giving - \$130.00

Candle Offerings – \$87.00

Love Offerings - \$180.00

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. 😊

Holy Equal-to-the-Apostles Great Prince Vladimir (in holy baptism Basil), enlightener of the Russian Land (1051)

Though his grandmother, Queen Olga, had been a Christian, his father Svyatoslav reverted to paganism, and Prince Vladimir spent the early part of his life believing and living the beliefs of the pagan Russian people. But he sought for something more and sent emissaries to study the faiths of the Jews, the Muslims, the Western Christians and the Orthodox. After attending services in Agia Sophia in Constantinople, they told him 'We knew not if we were on earth or in heaven,' and Prince Vladimir determined to embrace the Christian faith.

He was baptized in Cherson in 988, receiving the name Basil. "He came forth from the font not only healed of a blindness lately afflicting him, but also from being passionate and warlike, he became meek, peaceable, and exceedingly godly." (Great Horologion). He married Princess Anna, sister of the Emperor, and returned home with a retinue of priests from Constantinople. He immediately set about building a Christian nation: casting down the idols, baptizing the people, and establishing a Christian government. His legislation for his recently barbarian nation was modeled on the Gospel, and in its conformity to Christ's commandments exceeded even the other Christian nations of the time. He reposed in peace in 1015, leaving behind a kingdom that grew to be the largest Orthodox nation in the world.

Great-martyr Marina (Margaret) of Antioch in Pisidia (270)

She was born in Antioch of Pisidia to pagan parents; her father was a pagan priest. When she was about twelve years old her mother died, and she was given into the care of a woman who told her of the Gospel of Christ. She was immediately filled with love for Christ and consecrated her life to His service. Her father, hearing of this, was furious and disowned her. When she was fifteen years old, she was brought before the governor Olymbrius, who first desired to marry her and, when she refused, ordered her to make sacrifice to the idols. She refused and proclaimed herself a Christian.

For this she was harshly tortured, imprisoned, and finally beheaded. While she was in prison, she was tormented by demons but drove them away by her prayers. For this reason, she is especially invoked for deliverance from demonic possession. One of her hands is preserved at Vatopedi Monastery on the Holy Mountain, and some of her relics are preserved at an Albanian Monastery dedicated to her. (www.abbamoses.com)

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!

Protodeacon Averky (Davis) +6/19, Schemamonk Ephraim (Atwood) +6/8, Mat. Lovey Ropitsky +6/12, Mat. Marion Swencki +6/30, Mat. Helen Ziatyk +7/10, & those who have lost their lives in Ukraine