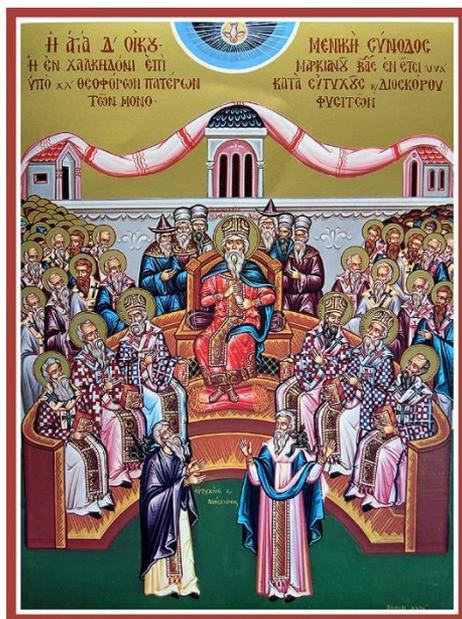


Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania + Wilkes-Barre Deanery

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



The Fathers of the First Six  
Ecumenical Councils  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020

# Elevation of the Holy Cross Orthodox Church

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## *Today's Scripture Readings:*

*Epistle:* Romans 12:6-14

*Gospel:* St. Matthew 9:1-8

*Welcome to ALL our visitors and guests this morning! Please  
join us for some fellowship after!*

## **Services, Events & Announcements**

**\*\*Services are being streamed live on our website  
homepage & Facebook page\*\***

**\*Compline w/Adult Ed following (Discussion on Morning  
Prayers) – Wednesday July 22<sup>nd</sup>, @ 6pm**

**\*Great Vespers – Saturday July 25<sup>th</sup>, @ 5pm (Confessions before  
or after, or by appointment.)**

**\*Divine Liturgy – Sunday July 26<sup>th</sup>, @ 10am (Hours @ 9:40)  
w/Fellowship after Liturgy**

**\*Parish Workday – Saturday Aug 8<sup>th</sup> @ 9am**

**Our Giving – July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Tithes/Offerings - \$1,472.00**

**Candle Offerings – \$126.00**

**Love Offerings - \$175.00**

*From Your Pastor . . .*

*I have been reading articles and comments concerning receiving Holy Communion and the virus, and I understand that some may be fearful of coming to the Chalice because of this. If at some point you would like to talk to me about this, I would welcome that.*

*As I have mentioned before, if there is a time outside of our regular Service schedule, where you would like to come for Confession, please let me know. You can make an appointment and come to the Church when it is convenient for you. ☺*

*With Love and God's Blessing,*

**+ Fr. Seraphim**

**Romans 12:9-17 (NASB)**

Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor; not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer, contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. Be of the same mind toward one another; do not be haughty in mind but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation. Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men. If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.

## *The One Who is Spiritually Healthy Needs Nothing More*

The spiritually wealthy person is someone who is happy with what they have and needs nothing more. The spiritually poor person is one who has everything but is never happy. The spiritually rich person is one who is always satisfied with their state in life. The spiritually poor person always wants more. The source of all true spiritual wealth is Christ. May we all cling to the wealth that is found only in Christ.

*Love in Christ,*

*Abbot Tryphon*

*All Merciful Saviour Monastery, Vashon Island, WA*

“Excessive care about worldly matters is characteristic of an unbelieving and fainthearted person, and woe to us, if, in taking care of ourselves, we do not use as our foundation our faith in God, who cares for us! If we do not attribute visible blessings to Him, which we use in this life, then how can we expect those blessings from Him which are promised in the future? We will not be of such little faith. By the words of our Savior, it is better first to seek the Kingdom of God, for the rest shall be added unto us (see Mt. 6:33).”

*St. Seraphim of Sarov*

From the *Little Russian Philokalia, Vol. 1: St. Seraphim of Sarov*, Bl. Fr. Seraphim Rose (Editor, Translator). St Herman of Alaska Press.