

Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania + Wilkes-Barre Deanery

Elevation of the Holy Cross Orthodox Church Williamsport, PA.



The Fathers of the 1st
Ecumenical Council
7th Sunday of Pascha
June 13th, 2021

Elevation of the Holy Cross Orthodox Church

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Today's Scripture Readings:

Epistle: Acts 20:16-18, 28-36

Gospel: St. John 17:1-13

Joyous Feast!!

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

Services, Events & Announcements

+Compline/Bible Study – Wednesday June 16th @ 5:30pm

++Holy Pentecost++

+Great Vespers – Saturday June 19th @ 5pm

+Divine Liturgy w/Kneeling Vespers - June 20th @ 10am
(Hours @ 9:40) Father's Day potluck festive Fellowship following, so please something to share!!

Our Giving – June 6th, 2021

Tithes/Offerings - \$4,130.00

Candle Offerings - \$159.00

Love Offerings - \$30.00

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. 😊

THE WILL OF GOD

He Who Trusts the Will of God Has No Worries

“With all the troubles that are now befalling our world, many people find themselves worrying about the future. The pandemic, as well as the political instability that has taken the West by storm, together with job stability, has given many people cause for concern. Yet for the Christian, we know that worrying will change nothing. For a Christian, our faith in Divine Providence leads us to know that the only thing I must be concerned about, is doing the will of God.

How do we know we’re living according to the will of God? The Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica tells us, “He who lives according to God’s will has no worries. When he needs something, he simply prays for it. If he does not receive that which he asked for, he is joyful as though he had received it. A soul that has given itself over to God has no fear of anything, not even robbers, sickness, or death. Whatever happens, such a soul always cries, ‘It was the will of God’.”

With love in Christ,

Abbot Tryphon

A Word from the Fathers

“...a fall is often an occasion of humility for those who are willing to use it to their advantage.”

St. John Climacus

“...nothing that happens can happen without Him, and everything has either received its being from Him, or happens by His will or His permission, by means of powers and faculties given by Him to His creatures and in everything that exists or is still happening, God is an all-powerful Master.”

St. John of Kronstadt My Life in Christ p.9

“...with thoughts. If you try to drive them away, then know that you will not answer for the fact that they came to you. You are mistakenly attributing them to yourself- they're not yours but suggested to you by the enemy. Only when you voluntarily dwell on an evil thought and it gives you pleasure- then you're guilty, and must repent of this sin.”

Elder Barsanuphius of Optina

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, Mat. MaryAnn (DeTrana), Mary (Federoff) and the child born of her, Helen Maybo, Paul Beard, Evelyn Chabal, Phoebe Davis, Michael Kuzmiak & Juliana Matusiak

Prayers for the Newly Departed: Memory Eternal!

*Archpriest Sergei Droba +6/7, Protodeacon Edwin Aasen +5/23
& Deacon Stephen Hall +6/10*