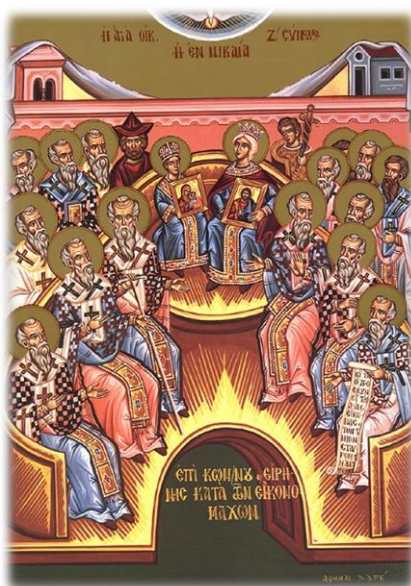


Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania + Wilkes-Barre Deanery

Elevation of the Holy Cross Orthodox Church Williamsport, PA.



*Commemoration of the Holy
Fathers of the Seventh
Ecumenical Council*

16th Sunday After Pentecost

October 10th, 2021

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Today's Scripture Readings:

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Hebrews 13:7-16

Gospel: St. Luke 7:11-16; 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

- + *Compline/Bible Study* – Wednesday October 13th @ 5:30pm
- + *Great Vespers* – Saturday October 16th @ 5pm.
- + *Divine Liturgy* - Sunday October 17th @ 10am (Hours @ 9:40), fellowship following in the Hall.
- + **TODAY** – *CROP Walk* – See Lenora Georges for details
- + Giant gift cards are available! See Mat. Mary and help support the Parish!

Our Giving – October 3rd, 2021

Tithes/Offerings - \$1,412.00

Online Giving - \$205.00

Candle Offerings – \$159.00

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. 😊

Apologizing to Others

Holding up Standards of Behavior

We have all witnessed those embarrassing moments when someone has lost their temper. The boss who comes into the office with family worries, and shouts at his secretary, often over something very insignificant. We sat uncomfortably as a hostess made a nasty remark to her husband, in front of their dinner guests. We've suffered the unpleasantness of seeing parents correct their children in a demeaning way, in front of their little friends. Yet, if we are honest with ourselves, we have likely embarrassed others with our own outbursts of anger, while retreating a short time later with regret.

We may be justified in seeing the need for correcting an employee, or a child, regarding their behavior, but how much easier our message could be heard if it were delivered in a soft voice, and without anger. An angry voice immediately puts the other person in a defensive mode, and they are hardly able to hear what could be a very valuable correction.

We all have had opportunities to improve ourselves when we've received corrections about sloppy work performance, or when we've learned from a spouse the need for doing our share around the house. As an abbot I would be failing in my fatherly duties if I never corrected the behavior, or the laziness, of one of the monks under monastic obedience, yet it is in the tone of the delivery that true progress can be made, and where the correction is received with the knowledge the monk is loved by his abbot.

Sometimes we may find ourselves stuck in old habits, and sharing our displeasure with an employee, or a family member, or a friend, without an angry tone to our voice takes great effort on our part. We don't hear how we sound to the other person, so when we

hear them respond with the words, “you don’t have to shout”, our response, “I’m not shouting”, is even louder.

There is not one of us who has any excuse for using a gruff voice when speaking to another, yet old habits are hard to overcome. The boss who finally becomes aware of how he sounds to his employees, should begin changing his behavior by calling all his office personnel together, and offering an apology. This boss should not see this apology as undermining his authority, or as an open invitation to his employees for bad job performance. In truth, the opposite will take place. His employees will feel respected by their boss, and will find they want to please him, and go the extra mile to make the company the very best in the business.

By letting those under our authority, be they our children, or our employees, receive corrections in a quiet, respectful tone, we enable them to know they are loved and respected by us, and our expectation of excellence on their part is based on our respect for them. We demonstrate excellence by making sure we keep those standards of performance, ourselves. We will be amazed at their response, and will, in turn, find we are able to keep our cool during those moments when they disappoint us.

Change can begin with a simply apology on our part, for if we truly desire others to carry their weight, or do their part in making the household, or office run smoothly, we will recognize the absolute necessity that we humble ourselves, and ask forgiveness when we have been angry, or when the tone of our voice has obscured our intended correction, and hurting those around us. For us to expect others to change for the good, we must change ourselves.

Love in Christ,

Abbot Tryphon

All Merciful Saviour Monastery, Vashon Island, WA.

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, Helen Maybo, Paul Beard, Evelyn Chabal, Phoebe Davis, Michael Kuzmiak, Juliana Matusiak & Elizabeth Almasy

Prayers for the Newly Departed: Memory Eternal!

Mitered Archpriest Sergei Glagolev +9/1, Archpriest Anastasy Richter +9/5, Matushka Anisia Boldireff +9/1, & Emilia Klar +9/3

“For those who tithe, remember that God desires every corner of our heart, not a percentage. The tithe—even from its most ancient days—was a minimum standard, a guide to ensure basic, consistent giving, not a be-all and end-all. If we think that giving a tithe “gets us off the hook,” we’re placing ourselves in the company of those Pharisees the Lord debated with on a daily basis. We use a rule of prayer each day to guide us in our prayer life. But we don’t say, “Thank God! I’ve done my ten minutes of prayer this morning, now I don’t have to pray again until tonight!” A rule of prayer is just a starting point for prayer, a call to order, not the total of all we do. The same thing applies to the tithe.” Fr. Thomas Zell

WEEKLY OFFERING: “WHERE AM I?”				
Weekly Income	10%	5%	4%	2%
\$200	\$20	\$10	\$8	\$4
\$500	\$50	\$25	\$20	\$10
\$750	\$75	\$37	\$30	\$15
\$1,000	\$100	\$50	\$40	\$20
\$1,500	\$150	\$75	\$60	\$30
\$2,000	\$200	\$100	\$80	\$40