

Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania + Wilkes-Barre Deanery

Elevation of the Holy Cross
Orthodox Church
Williamsport, PA.



*Hieromartyr Dionysius the
Areopagite, Bishop of Athens*

15th Sunday After Pentecost

October 3rd, 2021

Elevation of the Holy Cross Orthodox Church

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Today's Scripture Readings:

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15

Gospel: St. Luke 6:31-36

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 6th @ 5:30pm
- + *Great Vespers* – Saturday October 9th @ 5pm.
- + *Divine Liturgy* - Sunday October 10th @ 10am (Hours @ 9:40),
Potluck Fellowship following in the Hall.
- + **TODAY** - *Life Chain* 2:30-3:30 – See Lenora Georges
- + Giant gift cards are available! See Mat. Mary!

Our Giving – September 26th, 2021

Tithes/Offerings - \$1,165.00

Online Giving - \$200.00

Candle Offerings – \$67.00

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. 😊

Prayer

The Cure for Our Disordered State

Man is living in a perpetual state of disorder, far from the ordered life God intended for him. The cure for this disordered state is to be found in prayer. It is in the foundation of prayer that we seek out the healing that will restore us to the image that God intended at the moment of creation. Prayer is the yearning of the soul towards the image of its prototype. When we are purified by God's grace, it is an attraction of like to like. We are deified by contact with the Creator, returned to an ordered state, and made whole.

We can achieve nothing by our own efforts alone; yet if we commit ourselves to a prayer rule, and stick with it, the Lord will reward us with an abundance of grace, and we will be restored to the ordered life we were intended to enjoy. Just as it takes two men, cooperating with one another, to move a broken down old car to the side of the road for repairs, so too much we cooperate with God, if we are to be made whole.

Someone once complained to me that he wasn't sure there was anything to this "God thing", sharing he had real doubts as to whether any of the Church's teachings were true. I pointed out that he was hardly cooperating with the cure for his illness, since his church attendance was erratic, and his prayer life non-existent.

You don't enroll in a French class, not show up, and expect to learn French. Nor do you take a woman out for dinner, refuse to engage her in conversation, and expect her to accept an invitation for

another date. Likewise, if we want to learn about the things of God, we will show up for services, read books on Orthodoxy, and otherwise avail ourselves to the healing that takes place within the Church. A relationship with God, like in any human relationship, depends on our own commitment, for a relationship is dependent on both parties' active participation.

*Love in Christ,
Abbot Tryphon
All Merciful Saviour Monastery, Vashon Island, WA.*

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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), 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!

Archpriest Anastasy Richter +9/5, Archpriest Sergei Glagolev +9/1, Matushka Anisia Boldireff +9/1, Emilia Klar +9/3 & Those who gave their lives in Afghanistan +8/26

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