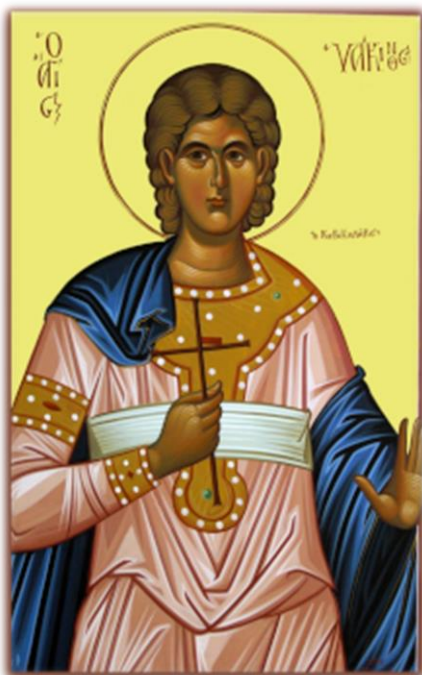


Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania + Wilkes-Barre Deanery

Elevation of the Holy Cross Orthodox Church Williamsport, PA.



Martyr Hyacinth of Caesarea

July 3rd, 2022

Elevation of the Holy Cross Orthodox Church

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Today's Scripture Readings:

Epistle: Romans 5:1-10
Gospel: St. Matthew 6:22-33

A festive 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 July 6th @ 5:30*
- + *Great Vespers – Saturday July 9th @ 5*
- + *Divine Liturgy - Sunday July 10th @ 10 (Hours @ 9:40)*
Fellowship following
- + **FOCA** *Orthodox Family Picnic at Knoebels, next Sunday July 10th – (See the flyer in the Hall.)*
- + **May all of you have a blessed and safe 4th of July!**

Our Giving – June 26th, 2022

Tithes/Offerings - \$976.00 / Online Giving - \$125.00

Candle Offerings – \$46.00

Love Offerings - \$120.00

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 Life of the Holy Martyr Hyacinth

Saint Hyacinth, a native of Caesarea in Cappadocia, was raised in a Christian family. The emperor Trajan made the boy his “cubicularius” (chamberlain), unaware that he was a secret Christian.

One day, while the emperor and his entourage were offering sacrifice to idols, the young Hyacinth remained at the palace, shut himself up in a small room, and prayed fervently to the Lord Jesus Christ. One of the servants overheard him praying and denounced him to the emperor. He said that although Hyacinth was entrusted with an imperial position, he did not honor the Roman gods, and was secretly praying to Christ.

Hyacinth was brought to trial before Trajan, who tried to persuade him to deny Christ and sacrifice to the deaf and dumb idols, but the holy martyr remained steadfast and declared that he was a Christian. He was whipped and thrown into prison, where the only food given to him was what had already been offered to the idols. They hoped that he would be overcome with hunger and thirst and eat it. Saint Hyacinth did not eat the food, and he died

after thirty-eight days. When they came to torture him again, they found his dead body.

The jailer saw two angels in the cell. One covered the saint's body with his own garment, and the other placed a crown of glory on his head. The twelve-year-old Hyacinth suffered for Christ in the year 108 in the city of Rome. Later, the saint's relics were transferred to Caesarea.

Saints Diomedes, Eulampius, Asclepiodotus, and Golinduc also suffered with Saint Hyacinth.

(www.oca.org/saints/lives/2022/07/03)

“Great encouragement, consolation and hope are afforded to those who pray by the following reassuring words of the Lord: “Ask, and it shall be given you . . .” and further, “What man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?”

St. John of Kronstadt, My Life in Christ p.109

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, Michael Juran, 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, & those who have lost their lives in Ukraine