

Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania + Wilkes-Barre Deanery

Elevation of the Holy Cross Orthodox Church Williamsport, PA.



Feast of All Saints

Holy Apostle Jude

June 19th, 2022

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Today's Scripture Readings:

Epistle: Hebrews 11:33-12:2
Gospel: St. Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38, 19:27-30

Blessed Father's Day!

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

Services, Events & Announcements

- + *Sts. Peter & Paul Fast begins tomorrow, Monday June 20th.*
- + *Compline/Bible Study – Wednesday June 22nd @ 5:30pm*
- + *Great Vespers – Saturday June 25th @ 5pm*
- + *Divine Liturgy - Sunday June 26th @ 10am (Hours @ 9:40) Fellowship following*
- + *With the Blessing of His Eminence, Archbishop MARK, Many Years to our newly adjusted Parish Council!*

Our Giving – June 12th, 2022

Tithes/Offerings - \$1,970.00 / Online Giving - \$125.00

Candle Offerings – \$88.00

Love Offerings - \$170.00

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. 😊

CONFESSION

On Making a Good Confession

Following His glorious Resurrection, as He appeared to His Disciples, Our Lord Jesus Christ gave the command that: “if you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained (John 20:23).”

From that moment in history, the Church has seen Confession (or repentance) as one of the holy mysteries (or sacraments) of the Church, through which the penitent receives the divine forgiveness of Christ for any sins that are confessed.

The Lord Jesus Christ bestowed His authority upon the Church to forgive sins, and the priest or the bishop, as His representative on earth through his ordination, prays to God for the salvation of the penitent who repents of his sins, and God forgives through the priest. The Mystery of Holy Confession is holy because it connects God and His children, with the priest acting as the Bridge.

To make a good confession it is necessary to prepare oneself carefully, asking God to grant grace sufficient to make a

thorough examination of the conscience. Sometimes we get so bogged down with regret, we fail to move on and grasp the moment. The wonderful thing about confession is the ability we are given, by our loving God, to receive absolution and move into the present moment. The past is forgiven, and the future is filled with hope. We must not occupy ourselves with the past, nor occupy ourselves with the future. All that is important is the present.

With love in Christ,

Abbot Tryphon, All Merciful Saviour Monastery, Vashon Island, WA.

“Who hated sin more than the saints? But they did not hate the sinners at the same time, nor condemn them, nor turn away from them. But they suffered with them, admonished them, comforted them, gave them remedies as sickly members, and did all they could to heal them.”

St. Dorotheos of Gaza

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 and Texas.

Prayers for the Newly Departed: Memory Eternal!

His Beatitude, Metropolitan HILARION (Kapral) +5/16, Schemamonk Ephraim (Atwood) +6/8, Matushka Helen Kuchta +5/6, Matushka Evgenia Glagolev +5/23, Mat. Lovey Ropitsky +6/12, & those who have lost their lives in Ukraine and Texas.