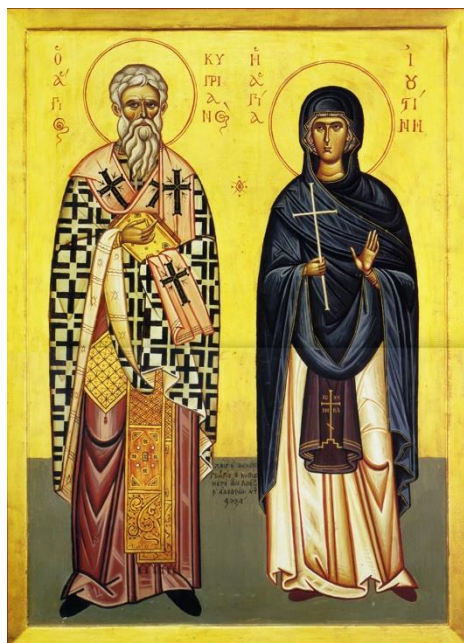


Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania + Wilkes-Barre Deanery

Elevation of the Holy Cross Orthodox Church Williamsport, PA.



*Hieromartyr Gyprian, Virgin-
Martyr Justina*

“Church Musician Sunday”

October 2nd, 2022

Elevation of the Holy Cross Orthodox Church

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Today's Scripture Readings:

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10

Gospel: St. Luke 6:31-36

A very warm welcome to everyone, and especially to our visitors this morning! Please join us after in the Fellowship Hall!

Services, Events & Announcements

- + *Life Chain* – TODAY - October 2nd, 2:30-3:30 on the *Golden Strip*.
- + *Compline and Bible Study* – Wednesday October 5th @ 5:30
- + *Great Vespers* – Saturday October 8th @ 4 - **Parish Pig Roast following in the Hall (Weekend with Archbishop Mark)** 😊
- + *Divine Liturgy* - Sunday October 9th @ 10 (Hours @ 9:40) Fellowship following in the Hall
- + *Parish Annual Meeting* – Sunday November 6th

Our Giving – September 18th, 2022

Tithes/Offerings - \$869.00 / Online Giving - \$800.00

Candle Offerings – \$128.00

Our Giving – September 25th, 2022

Tithes/Offerings - \$699.00 / Online Giving - \$125.00

Candle Offerings – \$72.00

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. 😊

Wisdom, Let Us Attend!

2 Corinthians 6:1-10 (Epistle) We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says: “In an acceptable time I have heard You, and in the day of salvation I have helped You.” Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

Luke 6:31-36 (Gospel) And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise. But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them.

And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same.

And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back.

But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. Therefore, be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

“In times of temptation the weak look for who to blame. The strong look for God.” St. John Chrysostom

Prayers For the Health and Salvation of those in need: Many Years!
Archbishop Melchisedek, 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 Mayo, Paul Beard, Evelyn Chabal, Phoebe Davis, Michael Kuzmiak, Juliana Matusiak, Catherine Mann, Elias Ciaccio & those suffering in Ukraine and from the Hurricane

Prayers for the Newly Departed: Memory Eternal!
Met. Herman +9/6, Met. Kallistos +8/24, Archpriest John Reeves +8/22, Sophia Cohen +9/7 & those who have lost their lives in Ukraine and from the Hurricane