

Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania + Wilkes-Barre Deanery

# Elevation of the Holy Cross Orthodox Church Williamsport, PA.



*Hieromartyr Zenobios and his  
sister Zenobia, of Aegae in  
Gilicia*

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## ***Today's Scripture Readings:***

*Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19*

*Gospel: St. Luke 8:26-39*

***A very warm welcome to our visitors this morning!  
Please join us after in the Fellowship Hall!***

## **Services, Events & Announcements**

- + *Compline and Bible Study* – November 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 5:30 We are studying the Book of Acts . . . please join us!
- + *Great Vespers* – Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup> @ 5
- + *Divine Liturgy* - Sunday November 6<sup>th</sup> @ 10 (Hours @ 9:40) Fellowship following in the Hall
- + **2<sup>ND</sup> OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT** - *Parish Annual Meeting* – Sunday November 6<sup>th</sup>
- + Please remember our *Benevolence Fund* 😊

## **Our Giving – October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022**

Tithes/Offerings - \$862.00 / Online Giving - \$150.00

Candle Offerings – \$45.00 / Benevolence - \$500.00

Memorial Fund - \$100.00 (Helen Maybo)

***Thank you for your generosity!***

**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. 😊

### ***Hieromartyr Zenobios and his sister Zenobia, of Aegae in Cilicia***

The Hieromartyr Zenobius, Bishop of Aegae, and his sister Zenobia suffered a martyr's death in the year 285 in Cilicia. From childhood they were raised in the holy Christian Faith by their parents, and they led pious and chaste lives. In their mature years, shunning the love of money, they distributed away their inherited wealth giving it to the poor. For his beneficence and holy life the Lord rewarded Zenobius with the gift of healing various maladies. He was also chosen bishop of a Christian community in Cilicia.

As bishop, Saint Zenobius zealously spread the Christian Faith among the pagans. When the emperor Diocletian (284-305) began a persecution against Christians, Bishop Zenobius was the first one arrested and brought to trial to the governor Licinius. "I shall only speak briefly with you," said Licinius to the saint, "for I propose to grant you life if you worship our gods, or death, if you do not." The saint answered, "This present life without Christ is death. It is better that I prepare to endure the present torment for my Creator, and then with Him live eternally, than to renounce Him for the sake of the present life, and then be tormented eternally in Hades."

By order of Licinius, they nailed him to a cross and began the torture. The bishop's sister, seeing him suffering, wanted to stop it. She

bravely confessed her own faith in Christ before the governor, therefore, she also was tortured.

By the power of the Lord they remained alive after being placed on a red-hot iron bed, and then in a boiling kettle. The saints were then beheaded. The priest Hermogenes secretly buried the bodies of the martyrs in a single grave.

Saint Zenobius is invoked by those suffering from breast cancer.

[www.oca.org/saints/lives/2022/10/30/103110-hieromartyr-zenobios-and-his-sister-zenobia-of-aeg-in-cilicia](http://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2022/10/30/103110-hieromartyr-zenobios-and-his-sister-zenobia-of-aeg-in-cilicia)

“[There] is a disease of today's Orthodox Christians which can be deadly: the 'correctness disease.' . . . If you are critical of others, self-confident about your correctness, eager to quote canons to prove someone else is wrong, constantly 'knowing better' than others--you have the germs of the 'correctness disease.' These are signs of immaturity in spiritual life . . .” *Blessed Fr Seraphim Rose +1982*

***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), Paul Beard, Evelyn Chabal, Phoebe Davis, Michael Kuzmiak, Juliana Matusiak, Catherine Mann, Elias Ciaccio, Gary & Karen Larson, those suffering in Ukraine and from the effects of Hurricane Ian

***Prayers for the Newly Departed: Memory Eternal!***

Igumen Victorin (Torrez Martinez) +10/23, Priest Andrew Diehl +10/15, Helen Maybo +10/11 & those who have lost their lives in Ukraine and from Hurricane Ian