

Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania + Wilkes-Barre Deanery

Elevation of the Holy Cross
Orthodox Church
Williamsport, PA.



*Hieromartyr Babylas, Bishop of
Antioch*

Holy Prophet Moses

September 4th, 2022

Elevation of the Holy Cross Orthodox Church

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Today's Scripture Readings:

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Gospel: St. Matthew 19:16-26

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

Services, Events & Announcements

+ FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS +

VESPERAL LITURGY — WEDNESDAY SEPT 7TH @ 5:30

+ Great Vespers – Saturday September 10th @ 5

+ Divine Liturgy - Sunday September 11th @ 10 (Hours @ 9:40)

Potluck Fellowship following

+ FEAST OF THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS +

GREAT VESPERS W/LITYA — TUESDAY SEPT 13TH @ 5:30

DIVINE LITURGY — WEDNESDAY SEPT 14TH @ 9

+ Do you know someone who does not attend Church? Invite them to come with you! 😊

Our Giving – August 28th, 2022

Tithes/Offerings - \$935.00 / Online Giving - \$791.70

Candle Offerings – \$44.00 / Love Offerings -

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. 😊

Some words to ponder . . .

“When you meet God and experience this happiness, you need no other happiness.

“Lord have mercy” does not primarily mean asking God to take care of our problems, but rather it means – “Lord, I want to be with you, but I’m not able to... my heart is dead.”

We must not run away from Christ!

Being with Christ is not easy, I understand this, but it is possible only when you gradually fall in love with Him.

We do not take care of the precious pearl that the Lord gave us and we get used to it so much that we lose the sense of gratitude. Imagine a man who is blind since birth and then his eyes are opened.... he must always remember how terrible it was that he could not see anything, and suddenly he saw the world. How can such a person not be grateful that he is able to see and how can he not be thankful to the One who gave him sight.

The Church is not an intermediary, but rather it is the place and opportunity of meeting God, and the greatest revelation of this opportunity is the mystery of communion, regarding which,

Christ Himself said that He will always be with whoever receives His body and blood."

Archpriest Theodore Gignadze

"In the end times a man will be saved by Love, humbleness, and kindness"

"When you cannot resolve the issue and you don't know what to do, trust in God's Providence and do not think about it anymore."

+Saint Gabriel (Urgebadze) of Tibilisi, Georgia

"As God is ever-flowing, infinite goodness, He desires and ever seeks to impart His goodness to His creatures, if only they turn to Him with faith, hope, and love, like children to their father, recognizing their sinfulness, poverty, need, blindness, and infirmity without Him."

Righteous John, Wonderworker of Kronstadt, My Life in Christ, p. 440.

Prayers For the Health and Salvation of those in need: Many Years!

Metropolitan Herman, 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 Maybo, Paul Beard, Evelyn Chabal, Phoebe Davis, Michael Kuzmiak, Juliana Matusiak, Catherine Mann, Sophia Cohen, Elias Ciaccio & those suffering in Ukraine

Prayers for the Newly Departed: Memory Eternal!

Met. Kallistos Ware +8/24, Archpriest John Reeves +8/22, Archpriest Alexander Padlo +8/2, Monk Arseny +7/30, Matushka Patricia Bohush +8/2, Matushka Anne Hopko +8/4, & those who have lost their lives in Ukraine