

Orthodox Church in America + Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania

Elevation of the Holy Cross Orthodox Church Williamsport, PA.



Venerable Alypius the Stylite of Adrianopolis

November 26th, 2023

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Today's Scripture Readings:

Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-6

Gospel: St. Luke 13:10-17

A warm welcome to EVERYONE this morning!!

Services & Announcements

- + Church **OPEN** for prayer Thursday this week 7:30 – 9:30am
- + *Compline/Bible Study* – Wednesday November 29th at 5:30
- + *Great Vespers* – Saturday December 2nd at 5
- + *Hours, Divine Liturgy* – Sunday December 3rd at 9:40 – *Fellowship following in the Hall.*
- + If you are interested in reading the Hours, and/or helping with Fellowship Hour, please see Matushka Mary.
- + *Food items (non-perishable) being collected for the St. Ann Food Pantry through Advent. You can leave them in the Hall.*
- + Benevolence for December: - *Diocesan Seminarian Fr. Dn. Kirill & Mat. Olivia Zawatski*

Our Giving – November 19th, 2023

Tithes/Offerings - \$465.00 / Online Giving - \$200.00

Candle Offerings – \$77.01 / Memorial - \$2.00

Thank you all 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 must be at peace with everyone too.*** If you have any questions about Holy Communion, please see Fr. Seraphim. 😊

**** Please remain (**quietly**) for the *Prayers of Thanksgiving* after the Liturgy, before going over to the Hall for Fellowship.**

The Venerable Alypius the Stylite

Saint Nikolai Velimirovič

Alypius was born in Hadrianopolis, a city in Paphlagonia. From childhood, he was dedicated to the service of God. He served as a deacon with Bishop Theodore in the church in that city. But, desirous of a life of solitude, prayer and meditation,

Alypius withdrew to a Greek cemetery outside the city. This was a cemetery from which people fled in terror, because of frequent demonic visions seen there. Alypius set up a cross in the cemetery and built a church in honor of St. Euphemia, who had appeared to him in a dream. Beside the church, he built a tall pillar, climbed on top of it, and spent fifty-three years there in fasting and prayer. Neither the mockery of men nor the evil of the demons was able to drive him away or cause him to waver in his intention.

Alypius especially endured countless assaults from demons. Not only did the demons try to terrorize him with apparitions, but stoned him as well, and gave him no peace, day or night, for a long time. The courageous Alypius protected himself from the power of the demons by the sign of the Cross and the name of Jesus. Finally the demons were defeated and fled from him. Men began to revere him and come to him

for prayer, consolation, instruction and healing. Two monasteries were built beside his pillar, one on one side for men and one on the other for women. His mother and sister lived in the women's monastery.

St. Alypius guided the monks and nuns from his pillar, by example and words. He shone like the sun in the heavens for everyone, showing them the way to salvation. This God-pleaser had so much grace that he was often illuminated in heavenly light, and a pillar of this light extended to the heavens above him. St. Alypius was a wonderful and mighty miracle-worker in life, and also after his repose. He lived for one hundred years and entered into rest in the year 640, during the reign of Emperor Heraclius. His head is preserved in the Monastery of Koutloumousiou on the Holy Mountain.

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), Archpriest Michael (Evans), Pres. Eva (Koutroulelis), Pres. Rosy (Tanveer), Mat. Mary Lynn (Henry), Mat. Deborah (Belonick), Mat. Barbara (Matusiak), Mat. Nancy Chuta, Alexa Yonkin & infant Eleanor, Xenia Crews, Anastasia Linnehan & the children to be born of them, Paul Beard, Evelyn Chabal, Michael Kuzmiak, Juliana Matusiak, Elias Ciaccio, Elizabeth Wadsworth, Sebastian Fillar, Anna Conrad, Isaac Bannister, Paisios Sundin, Christine Perrin, Agnes Andreanoff, Michael Lazorchak, Edward Hojnicky, Brian Gunter, Vladimir Kerkendall, Alec Litchard & those suffering from the wars in Ukraine, Russia, & the Middle East

Prayers for the Newly Departed: Memory Eternal!

Archpriest Sergius Clark +11/22, Archpriest William Clark +11/14, Priest Antony Gori +11/13, Protodeacon Nicholas Jannakos +11/18, Phoebe Davis +11/9, Jason Brown +11/10 & Those who have lost their lives in the wars in Ukraine, Russia, & the Middle East