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Elevation of the Holy Cross

Orthodox Church

Williamsport, PA.



Icon of St. Gregory Palamas

2nd Sunday of Great Lent

March 16th, 2025

Elevation of the Holy Cross Orthodox Church

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Today's Scripture Readings:

Epistle: Hebrews 7:26-8:2; Hebrews 1:10-2:3

Gospel: St. Mark 2:1-12; St. John 10:9-16

Welcome to everyone! Please join us for some fellowship in the Parish Hall after the Liturgy!

**** Parish Announcements ****

+ The Church will be open this Tuesday & Thursday from 7:00 – 10:00am for private prayer and/or Confession.

+ *Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts* - Lenten potluck following - Wednesday March 19th and Friday March 21st at 5:20pm

** Lenten Retreat – March 22nd * Parish Hall - 10 – 2pm... **RSVP**

+ *Great Vespers* - Saturday March 22nd at 4pm

+ *Hours, Divine Liturgy, Procession* – Sunday March 23rd at 9:40 - Lenten Fellowship following in the Hall.

** **March Benevolence** – *Family Promise* (Williamsport)

Our Stewardship – March 9th, 2025

Tithes/Offerings - \$3,422.00 / Online Giving - \$373.50

Candle Offerings – \$201.00 / Benevolence -\$250.00

Memorial Gift - \$20.00

God loves a cheerful giver (1 Cor 9:7)

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 everyone too. If you have any questions about Communion, please see Fr. Seraphim 😊

✝ ST. MARK 2: 1-12 (GOSPEL)

And again He entered Capernaum after some days, and it was heard that He was in the house. Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive them, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them.

Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men. And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying.

When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven you.” And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, “Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, “Why do you reason about these things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Arise, take up your bed and walk’?”

But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins” – He said to the paralytic, “I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.”

Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!” (NKJV)

✝ ST. JOHN 10:9-16 (GOSPEL, SAINT)

I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them.

The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

(NKJV)

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

His Eminence Archbishop Alexander, Priestmonk Ambrose (Young), Abbot Tryphon, Mitred-Archpriest Nicholas (Harris), Mitred-Archpriest Daniel & Mat. Myra (Kovalak), Pres. Eva (Koutroulelis), Alexa Stover & Morgan Fallon (children to be born of them), Catharine Mann, Paul Beard, Harry Hiras, Evelyn Chabal, Michael & Amelia Kuzmiak, Juliana Matusiak, Isaac Bannister, Michael Lazorchak, Elizabeth & Paula Davis, Larissa Chapin, Brian Gunter, Parker Fox & those suffering from the wars in Ukraine, Russia, & the Middle East, & the families of the Air disasters **Our Catechumens:** Garrett Payer, Shyanne Vance, Melissa Czock, Kurt Schmitt (Military), & Jiselle Macari

Prayers for the Newly Departed: Memory Eternal

Archpriest Paul Harrilchak +3/12, Priest Jonas Worhsam +3/8, Paula Daubert +2/20, Patricia Macy +2/25, David McHenry, All those who have lost their lives in the wars in Ukraine, Russia, & the Middle East, the victims of the Air disasters