

DIocese of Eastern Pennsylvania + Wilkes-Barre Diocese

**ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
ORTHODOX CHURCH
WILLIAMSPORT, PA.**



**THE HOLY MYRRHBEARERS
MOTHER'S DAY
MAY 12TH, 2019**

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Today's Scripture Readings:

Epistle: Acts 6:1-7
Gospel: St. Mark 15:43-16:8

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

Happy & Blessed Mother's Day!

Welcome to EVERYONE this morning to our visitors, guests and especially ALL our Mothers, Grandmothers & Godmothers! Please join us over in the Parish Hall after the Liturgy for some fellowship!

Services, Events & Announcements

****Wednesday May 15th Vespers @ 6pm (Orthodoxy 101 after Vespers)**

****Saturday May 18th Great Vespers @ 5pm**

****Sunday May 19th Divine Liturgy @ 10am (Hours @ 9:40)**

****This season's grass cutting list is posted on the bulletin board in the Hall. If your name is not on there, and you would like to help, see Dan Thetford.**

LAST SUNDAY – **May 5th**

Attendance 71 - Regular Offering - \$5412.00

Candles - \$134.00 / Pascha Offering - \$238.00

Love Offerings - \$70.00 / Memorial Offerings – \$1425.00

NEXT SUNDAY – **May 19th**

Reading of the Epistle – Herman A.

Fellowship Hour

May 12th – Lamprinos & Armstrong

May 19th – Strayer & Gavlock

Help with clean-up after our meals together is greatly appreciated, so let's ALL help each other! ☺

A Word from Your Pastor . . .

Oh, the love of a mother! Today we give thanks for all our Moms, Grandmothers, Great-Grandmothers & Godmothers. Let us remember the sacrifices that they made for us, and all the love they have given to us. Most of all, for the life they gave us. THANK YOU Moms! We love you!!

Don't forget, we are still in the Paschal Season so let us keep high the Feast of Feasts!!

Christ Is Risen! Indeed He Is Risen!

Christos Anesti! Alithos Anesti!

Christos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!

With Love and God's Blessing,

+ Fr. Seraphim

Grateful for the Love of My Mother

The most important gift I received from my mother was the gift of love. She loved me and demonstrated her love for me throughout my childhood. She also showed me how to love others, and that ability to be willing to be open to love, and to demonstrate love, eventually allowed me to love God.

It was from my mother that I discovered that God was not simply there as a cosmic problem solver, or gift giver, or but was, like her, One Who loved me. God, like my mother, first loved me, and the lessons of love that I learned from her enabled me to be open to the love of God.

In turn, the gift of love that came from my mother allowed me to see God as not my own private possession, but One Whom I wanted to share with others. Much of my desire to become a priest was built on the foundation of love of Christ instilled in me through my mother's own love of the Saviour, and her willingness to be in service to others.

Memory eternal, O Lord, grant unto Thy servant Elisabeth.

Happy Mother's Day to all those who are moms, and to those who love and serve others like moms.

*Love in Christ,
Abbot Tryphon*

All Merciful Saviour Monastery, Vashon Island, WA.

Regarding Holy Communion: Only those faithful who are Orthodox Christians and have properly prepared themselves by fasting, prayer, 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.* ☺