

Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania + Wilkes-Barre Deanery

Elevation of the Holy Cross Orthodox Church Williamsport, PA.



Sunday of the
Myrrhbearing Women
3rd Sunday of Pascha

May 8th, 2021

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Today's Scripture Readings:

Epistle: Acts 6:1-7; 1 John 1:1-7
Gospel: St. Mark 15:43-16:8; St. John 19:25-27; 21:24-25

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!
Christos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!
Christos Anesti! Alithos Anesti!

A festive welcome to everyone, and especially to our Mothers this morning! Please join us for some fellowship after in the Parish Hall!

Services, Events & Announcements

- + **Compline & Adult Ed – Wednesday May 11th @ 5:30pm**
- + **Great Vespers – Saturday May 14th @ 5pm**
- + **Sunday of the Paralytic – Divine Liturgy – May 15th @ 10am (Hours @ 9:40) Fellowship following**
- + **Happy Mother's Day to all our moms, grandmoms, great-grandmoms, and spiritual mothers! May God Grant All of them many more blessed years!**

Our Giving – May 1st, 2022

Tithes/Offerings - \$1,471.00.00
Online Giving - \$130.00
Candle Offerings – \$64.00 / Love Offerings - \$10.00

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.

A note from Matushka Mary: *Christ Is Risen! Indeed He Is Risen! Thank you to all of you for remembering me on my birthday last week! Thank you for your cards, gifts, phone calls, texts & flowers. It means more to me than you will ever know.* 😊

Love in Christ,

Mat. Mary

Proverbs 10; Wisdom of Solomon 6, 7, 8, 9 (Vespers reading)

“The mouth of the righteous bringeth forth wisdom; the lips of the wise man know grace. The mouth of the wise speaketh wisdom, and the truth delivereth them from death. If a righteous man dies, hope doth not, for the son of the righteous is born to life, and in his own good things he acquireth the fruit of righteousness. There is always light for the righteous and they obtain grace and glory from the Lord. The tongue of the wise is a good sister-in-law, and in their hearts resteth wisdom. The Lord loveth the hearts of the holy, and acceptable to Him are all the undefiled in the way.

“The wisdom of the Lord illumineth the faces of the wise. For she takes hold of those desiring her by making herself first known to them. She is easily seen by those who love her. He who rises early to seek her shall have no difficulty, and those keeping vigil for the sake of her shall quickly be without sorrows. For she goeth about seeking those worthy of her, and graciously revealeth herself in the pathways. Against wisdom evil doth not prevail.

“Therefore I was a lover of her beauty; I loved her and sought her out from my youth. I desired to make her my bride, and even the

Master of All loved her. For she is an initiate in the knowledge of God, and a discoverer of His works. Her labors are virtues, for she teaches temperance and prudence, justice and courage; nothing in life is more necessary for men than these. And if anyone desireth much knowledge, she knoweth the things of old, and beholdeth things to come; she understandeth turns of speech and the solution of riddles; she has foreknowledge of signs and wonders and the outcome of times and seasons. She is a mediator of good things for all, for immortality is in her, and glory in the company of her words.

“Therefore I appealed to the Lord and prayed to Him, and said to Him with all my heart: “O God of my fathers and Lord of mercy, Who hast made all things by Thy word, and by Thy wisdom hast fashioned man that he should have dominion over the creatures made by Thee, that he should rule the world in holiness and righteousness: Give me wisdom that sits by Thy throne, and cast me not away from among Thy children, for I am Thy servant and the son of Thy handmaid. Send her forth from the heavens, from Thy holy abode, and from the throne of Thy glory, that she may be with me, and instruct me in what is pleasing to Thee. And she shall guide me in understanding, and preserve me in her glory. For the thoughts of mortals are miserable, and their intentions likely to fail.”

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

His Eminence Archbishop Mark, 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, & those suffering in Ukraine.

Prayers for the Newly Departed: Memory Eternal!

His Eminence, Archbishop PAUL (Gassios) +4/24, Hieromonk Arsanios +4/7, Protodeacon Nicodemus Myers +4/29, & those who have lost their lives in Ukraine.