Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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+ A Parish of the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania +

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Sunday, October 5, 2025 - 17th Sunday After Pentecost - Tone 8

Martyr Charitina of Amisus (304) | Saints Peter, Aleksy, Jonah, Philip, and Germogén, Metropolitans of Moscow and All Russia | Saint Charitina, Princess of Lithuania (1281) | Saint Gregory of Chandzoc in Georgia (861) | Ven. Eudocimus of Vatopedi (Mt. Athos)

Readings: *Epistle – 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1* *Gospel – Luke 6:31-36*

Sub-deacon: Daniel (Kenneth) Kavalkovich
Reader: Mark Klus

Choir Director: Nina Patterson
Reader: David Pellack

Parish President: Matthew Andrews
Reader: Jerome Stafford

Weekly Schedule

Today: October 5 – Monthly Panikhida immediately after Divine Liturgy.

Today: October 5 – Orthodox Church in America's 3rd Annual Church Musician Appreciation Sunday!

Monday: October 6 – The Glorification of Saint Innocent, Metropolitan of Moscow and Apostle to the Americas

Thursday: October 9 – The Glorification of Saint Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia, Enlightener of North America

Saturday: October 11 – Great Vespers at **4:00pm**

Sunday: October 12 – 18th Sunday After Pentecost | Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council
Reading of Hours – 9:00am Divine Liturgy – **9:30am**
Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow the Divine Liturgy

Tuesday: October 14 – Bible Study at **6:30pm** on ZOOM media platform ONLY!

Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Health for the Living:
John Nedbal (on his birthday) offered by Nina Patterson
John Spack offered by the Herbert Family
John Spack, Family offered by Catherine Kavalkovich
Ethan, Levi, Leila, Vincent, John Spack, William, Patricia, Catherine offered by Debra Kavalkovich

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:
Vera Bortniak; Eleanor Sidoriak; Patricia Sbarra offered by the Herbert Family

May Their Memories Be Eternal!

Vigil Cross Candles – 9/28/25

Please remember in your prayers:
Jane Kelly; Anne (Homa) Killoran; Dr. Gail Rutan [Recovery]; Fania Wanenchak and all those who are serving in our Armed Forces!

A Warm Welcome to all our visitors & guests who worshiped with us today and who have joined us in celebrating the Divine Liturgy. Please join us in the church basement for our Fellowship Coffee Hour.

Please ensure that your Mobile Phone is set to Silent or on vibrate during Divine Liturgy! Thank You!!!

Announcements / Events

The Fall General Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 19, 2025 after Divine Liturgy in the church basement. This is Notice #2 of 3.
According to Article IV, Section 2, Subsection A. of the Parish By-Laws, notice of all Annual and General Parish Meetings shall be announced in the Parish Bulletin and read by the Parish Rector from the amvon on three consecutive Sundays preceding the date of the Meeting. This meeting will have on the agenda the status of the Hall/Yard showing to potential buyers; updates on any topics since our last parish meeting in June; housekeeping and maintenance items; and finally, the parish will elect parish council members for the offices of Parish President, Parish Secretary, and Parish Trustee (Even-Year Term) for 2026-2027 term years.

OCA's Annual Church Musician Sunday (Today)
The Sunday on or following the commemoration of St. Romanus the Melodist (October 1) has been designated by Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America as a date to honor the essential role of liturgical music in the life of the Orthodox Church. This year, "Church Musician Sunday" will fall on Sunday October 5, 2025, which is Today.
Parishes are asked to publicly recognize in announcements and bulletins those in their communities who serve in musical ministries: choir directors, singers, chanters, readers, composers, arrangers, bell-ringers, hymnologists, translators, and hymnographers.
Please see the following: https://www.oca.org/news/headline-news/annual-church-musician-sunday-to-be-held-sunday-october-5

2026 Saint Tikhon's Monastery Calendar - Taking orders now:
The parish will once again be ordering 2026 calendars from Saint Tikhon's Monastery. As a result from a generous benefactor, a donation was made to the church to cover the cost of one calendar per household for parishioners of the church.
If you wish to order additional calendars besides the one that will be ordered for your household, there is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board downstairs in the church basement to do so.
The cost of the 2026 St Tikhon's calendars is $8 per calendar. The deadline for ordering extra calendars is Sunday, November 9, 2025!

Aluminum Can Tab Collection to support Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
Did you know that you can help Children's Hospital of Philadelphia every time you enjoy the canned beverage of your choice? The parish will be accepting aluminum can tabs as a Charity program to support this city's finest children's hospital. Please drop off your aluminum can tabs in the container located at the end of the dessert section of the food table (closet to the coffee table area).

Special weekly collections taken after Gospel or Sermon
In addition to our general collection, the parish takes a special collection each week to fund certain parish projects. By the action taken at the Fall General Parish Meeting held back on Sunday, October 10, 2021, the parish body approved that the special collection for the first three Sundays of the month be earmarked towards the repairing/fixing/replacing of the roofs of both houses that the parish owns (now known as the Row House Fund). The fourth Sunday (and fifth, when it occurs) the special collection will be earmarked towards Charity. This new collection schedule began back on Sunday, October 17, 2021. Please be generous with your offering. Every little bit counts. Thank You!

Shop Rite Gift Cards
If you need to purchase Shop Rite Gift Cards, please see either David Pellack or Ken Kavalkovich to secure them. Your purchase of a Shop Rite Gift Card will help support the parish's Charity projects at no additional expense to the purchaser.

Fellowship Coffee Hour & Cleaning Teams:
If you have volunteered to host coffee hour, please check which Team you are on and when your Team is hosting coffee hour on the calendar printout which is in the white/clear 3-ring binder located on the display case outside the office room.

2025 Monthly/Quarterly Schedule:
1st Sunday of each month – Monthly Panikhida immediately after Divine Liturgy.
2nd Tuesday of each month – Bible Study at 6:30pm on ZOOM media platform.
4th Thursday of each month – Book Club at 6:30pm on ZOOM media platform.
5th Sunday of each quarter – Quarterly Parish Council Meeting after Liturgy.

Cash Flow Activity (September) Thank you all for your continuous financial support in maintaining your parish!

	Mon Sep 22 to Sun Sep 28	September Month to Date
Attendance:	35	34 (monthly average)
Funds In:	$ 2,873.00	$ 6,410.00
Funds Out:	$ 1,647.84	$ 8,650.80
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	$ 1,225.16	($ 2,240.80)

Website Links:
Orthodox Church in America – https://www.oca.org
Orthodox Church in America: Lives of the Saints – https://www.oca.org/saints/lives
Orthodox Church in America: Scripture Readings – https://www.oca.org/readings
Orthodox Church in America: Text for Liturgical Services – https://www.oca.org/liturgics/service-texts
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