Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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+ A Parish of the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania +

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Sunday, December 7, 2025 - 26th Sunday After Pentecost – (11th of Luke) – Tone 1

Saint Ambrose, Bishop of Milan (397) | Venerable Anthony, Abbot of Siya (Novgorod – 1558) | Venerable Nilus of Stolobénsk (1554) | Ven John the Faster, of the Kiev caves (Near caves – 12th c.) | Martyr Athenodorus of Mesopotamia (ca. 304) | Ven Paul the Obedient

Readings: *Epistle – Ephesians 5:9-19* *Gospel – Luke 17:12-19 (from the 27th Sunday)*

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: Monthly Panikhida immediately after Divine Liturgy

Today: ADVENT BAZAAR! After Liturgy, come down to the church basement and check out the Christmas cards, icons, and other Christmas goodies as we prepare for the Nativity of our Lord!

Today: National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day (In honor of the 2,403 Americans who lost their lives on that tragic day)

Tuesday: December 9 – Bible Study at **6:30pm** on ZOOM media platform ONLY!

Saturday: December 13 – Repose of Venerable Herman of Alaska, Wonderworker of All America

Saturday: December 13 – Great Vespers at **4:00pm**

Sunday: December 14 – 27th Sunday After Pentecost | Sunday of the Forefathers
Reading of Hours – 9:00am Divine Liturgy – **9:30am**
Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow the Divine Liturgy

Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Health for the Living:
William Nedbal offered by Nina Patterson

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:
Barbara Margols offered by Nina Patterson
Mary and Paul Koran offered by the Reader David Pellack
John and Julia Jugan offered by the Reader David Pellack
Albert Kavalkovich; Ronald Andrew Kavalkovich offered by Catherine Kavalkovich

May Their Memories Be Eternal!

Vigil Cross Candles – 11/30/25

Please remember in your prayers:
Jane Kelly; Anne (Homa) Killoran; Dr. Gale Rutan [Recovery]; Fania Wanenchak; All Christians persecuted in the country of Nigeria (and all around the world) by Islamic Terrorist; 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

ADVENT BAZAAR at the parish every Sunday until Sunday December 21
Our parish Advent Bazaar has begun and will be held every Sunday during Advent, ending on Sunday, December 21. All proceeds from the Advent Bazaar goes towards the parish's HVAC Fund. Parishioners are invited to contribute one or two items, should they wish. Dr. Gale Rutan is offering hand-painted icons and greeting cards with icon prints. Please place items on the single table that is located near the church basement back door.

ADVENT CLOTHING DRIVE at the parish from now until Sunday, December 28
The Parish Charity Committee is holding an Advent Clothing Drive from now until Sunday, December 28. The Committee is looking for donation of socks, underwear, sweatshirts, sweatpants, and blankets. Please place clothing donations in the box on the single table that is located near the church basement back door. Thank You in advance for your generosity.

62nd Annual Diocesan Assembly
The 62nd Annual Diocesan Assembly will be held on Thursday, January 29 and Friday, January 30, 2026 at St. Michael Orthodox Church in Old Forge, PA. If you are interested in attending as a Lay Delegate to represent the parish or attend just as an Assembly observer, please speak with Father Mark, Parish President Matthew Andrews, or Parish President-Elect Brett McKenna. Thank You.

Reservations are to be made prior to December 30, 2025. The Diocese cannot guarantee the room rates after that date. Please contact Spring Hill Suites by Marriott Scranton Montage Mountain for $99.00 USD/per night. The **LAST DAY** to book your room(s) is Tuesday, December 30, 2025. Be sure to look for the **DOEPA26 Room Block**. You will most likely need to ask for the taxes to be removed from the hotel bill. Link for the room reservation is as follows: https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1759328944340&key=GRP&app=resvlink&blockFull=true

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 (November) Thank you all for your continuous financial support in maintaining your parish!

	Mon Nov 24 to Sun Nov 30	November Month (Unaudited)
Attendance:	40	43 (monthly average)
Funds In:	$ 1,893.09	$12,836.09
Funds Out:	$ 310.37	$ 6,073.08
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	$ 1,582.72	$ 6,763.01

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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