Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

A Parish of the Orthodox Church in America and of the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania •

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October 11, 2026
19th Sunday after Pentecost (3rd of Luke)
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+ Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council +

Holy Apostle Philip of the Seventy, one of the Seven Deacons (1st c.) + St. Theophanes the Confessor and Hymnographer, Bishop of Nicea (ca. 850) + Ven. Theophanes, Faster, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves–12th c.) + Ven. Leo of Optina (1841) + Martyrs Zenaïs (Zinaida) and Philonilla, of Tarsus in Cilicia (1st c.)

READINGS:

Epistles:	2 Cor. 11:31–12:9	Heb. 13:7–16
Gospels:	Luke 7:11–16	John 17:1–13

Parish President: Brett McKenna
Choir Director: Nina Patterson
Deacon: Jerome Stafford
Reader: Mark Klus
Sub-deacon: Daniel (Kenneth) Kavalkovich
Reader: David Pellack

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Saturday — October 17, 4:00 pm: Great Vespers

Sunday — **October 18, 8:30 am – Chrismation of Timothy Crowe and Heather Harrington**
9:00 am – Reading of the Hours
9:30 am – Divine Liturgy – 19th Sunday after Pentecost (3rd of Luke)

NOTE: Sunday, October 11 Church picnic is cancelled

FUTURE DATES:

November 15-24: Nativity Fast
Saturday, November 21, 9:30 am Liturgy: The Feast of the Entrance into the Temple of Our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos

CANDLES AND PRAYERS FOR THE LIVING AND DEPARTED

Health for the Living:

Health of *Jason & Brooke*, offered by Nina Patterson
Health of *Family & Friends,* offered by Catherine Kavalkovich
Health of *Family, Friends & Parishioners,* offered by David Pellack
Safe travel for *Barbara, Norman & Family*, Safe Travel for *Debra*, offered by M/M Kavalkovich
Health of *Colin, Anastasia, Catherine, Paul, Edward, Anna,* offered by M/M Kavalkovich
Health of *Jason & Brooke,* offered by Nina Patterson

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

In Memory of *Aunt Greta,* offered by Basil Stafford

In Memory of my *father,* ***Donald Berchtold***, on his 100th Birthday.
–offered by Tish Berchtold

May God Grant Them Memory Eternal!

Crosses Available to Light: *1 Small Cross $25 / 1 Large Cross $50 / EX: for Memory, Health, Birthdays, Anniversaries*

Welcome to all our visitors & guests! Please join us after Liturgy for coffee hour in the basement.
Please continue to check our parish website, social media pages, and your emails regularly for updated information.
Please ensure that your cellphone is set to Silent or on Vibrate during Liturgy. Thank you.

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
Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania –https://doepa.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS / EVENTS

Congratulations to Kyle (Moses the Black) Jones on your Baptism/Chrismation! God Grant You Many Years!

Thank you to everyone who helped with the fall cleanup and produce giveaway yesterday!

Childless Christians Group Event: Sunday, October 18, 1 pm

Barnes Foundation special exhibit https://www.barnesfoundation.org/exhibitions/noguchi-to-asawa-designing-postwar-america. Please contact Tish (in person or text 215-828-9789) by October 12th if you're interested. Tickets are available online. *We will meet at the entrance.*

Young Adult Service Group

We are looking to organize the church's young people to help out our parishioners. If you (or anyone you know) needs help with something around the house, please contact Charlie Baker at (865) 680-6384 or cbake23z@gmail.com. It could be anything ranging from yard work and moving heavy objects, to cleaning and housework. You can share 1) The task to be completed 2) A range of dates and times that would work for you 3) The address where the work will be completed. *Please get in contact. We want to help!*

CHARITIES:

Peyton Heart Project

The Peyton Heart Project mission is to raise global awareness about suicide, bullying, and to help end the stigma surrounding mental health issues. We're doing this through our campaign of distributing small, knitted and crocheted hearts with inspirational messages in locations where we hope they'll be easily found. ***Please take several hearts to distribute and spread a positive message. The hearts are located in the basket on the ambo.***

Shop Rite Gift Cards Support St. Mary Magdalene Monastery (Mother Catherine)

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.

Aluminum Can Tab Collection to support Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Did you know that you could 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 (close to the coffee table area).

RECYCLING REMINDER: Please no empty sugar packets, paper products in Blue Recycling Container

Special weekly collections taken after Gospel or Sermon

1st Collection during the Liturgy is for special causes: the first three Sundays of the month are 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 collection schedule began back on Sunday, October 17, 2021. Please be generous with your offering. Every little bit counts.
2nd Collection during the Liturgy is for the Parish. *Thank You!*

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 that is in the white/clear 3-ring binder located on the display case outside the office room.

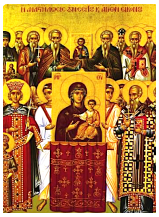
2026 Monthly/Quarterly Schedule:

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.
5th Sunday of each quarter –Quarterly Parish Council Meeting after Liturgy.

Attendance: Sunday, Oct. 4: 37 Oct. MTD: 37

Cash Flow Activity: Thank you all for your continuous financial support in maintaining your parish!

	Sept. 28 to Oct. 4	Sept. Month (Unaudited)
Funds In:	$ 2,242.63	$ 6,875.17
Funds Out:	$ 2,339.32	$ 5,668.08
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	($ 96.69)	$ 1,207.09



Commemoration Of The Holy Fathers Of The 7th Ecumenical Council

On October 11, the Church commemorates the 350 bishops/hierarchs of the Seventh Ecumenical Council, Nicaea II, under the holy Patriarch Tarasius in 787 AD. They are honored for protecting the doctrine of Christ's Incarnation and defeating the Iconoclast heresy. They clarified that veneration (honor and respect) shown to an icon passes directly to the person it represents, whereas true adoration/worship belongs to God alone.