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 18, 2026
20th Sunday after Pentecost (4th of Luke)
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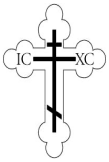
+ Holy Apostle And Evangelist Luke (1st c.) +

Martyr Marinus the Elder at Anazarbus (4th c.) + Ven. Julian the Hermit, of Mesopotamia (4th c.).

READINGS: Epistles: Gal. 1:11-19 Col. 4:5-9, 14, 18 *(St. Luke)*
Gospels: Luke 8:5-15 Luke 10:16-21 *(St. Luke)*

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

TODAY 8:30 am – Chrismation of Timothy (St. Moses the Black of Scetes) Crowe
and
Heather (St. Sophia of Rome) Harrington



WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Monday October 19: Prophet Joel (800 B.C.)

Friday October 23: Holy Apostle James (Jacob), Brother of the Lord (ca. 63)

Saturday October 24, 9:30 am – Divine Liturgy — Memorial Saturday – Holy and Glorious Greatmartyr Demetrius
4:00 pm – Great Vespers

Sunday October 25, 9:00 am – Reading of the Hours
9:30 am – Divine Liturgy – 21st Sunday after Pentecost (5th of Luke)

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 *James Fairchild,* offered by Nina Patterson
Health of *Family,* offered by Nina Patterson
Health of *Kyle Moses,* offered by David Pellack
Health of *Tanya Krawchuk,* offered by Tish and Reader Mark

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

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

May God Grant Her 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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY CHRISMATED SERVANTS OF GOD:

Timothy (Moses the Black) Crowe
– Godparents Deacon Jerome & Matushka Brigid

Heather (Sophia) Harrington
– Godmother Nina Patterson

God Grant You Many Years!

ANNOUNCEMENTS / EVENTS

October 10: Kyle (Moses the Black) Jones' Baptism and Chrismation

Above, 2nd from left: Kyle's godparents, his mom Kelly, Kyle, Deacon Jerome.

L: Baptism
Above: Chrismation
R: Proceeding from altar
(Moses the Black icon on the left)

Childless Christians Group Event: TODAY, 1 pm

Barnes Foundation special exhibit https://www.barnesfoundation.org/exhibitions/noguchi-to-asawa-designing-postwar-america. *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!*

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.

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. 11: 45 Oct. MTD: 41

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

	Oct. 5 to Oct. 11	Oct. Month to Date
Funds In:	$ 2,235.00	$ 4,468.46
Funds Out:	$ 8,092.86	$ 9,759.86
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	($ 5,857.86)	($ 5,291.40)

HOLY APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST LUKE

The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke, was a native of Syrian Antioch, a companion of the holy Apostle Paul (Phil.1:24, 2 Tim. 4:10-11), and a physician enlightened in the Greek medical arts. Hearing about Christ, Luke arrived in Palestine and fervently accepted the preaching of salvation from the Lord Himself. After the Resurrection, the Lord Jesus Christ appeared to Saints Luke and Cleopas on the road to Emmaus.

Luke accompanied Saint Paul on his second missionary journey, and from that time they were inseparable.

Tradition credits Saint Luke with painting the first icons of the Mother of God. He also painted icons of the First-Ranked Apostles Peter and Paul.

Saint Luke wrote the Acts of the Holy Apostles at Rome around 62-63 A.D. At the center of the narrative is the Council of the holy Apostles at Jerusalem in the year 51, a Church event of great significance, which resulted in the separation of Christianity from Judaism and its independent dissemination into the world (Acts 15:6-29).