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 4, 2026
18th Sunday after Pentecost (2nd of Luke)
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+ Fall General Parish Meeting Today after Liturgy +

Hieromartyr Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens (1st c.) + Uncovering of the Relics of St. Gurias, First Archbishop of Kazan, & St. Varsonuphy, Bishop of Tver (1595) + Synaxis of the Hierarchs of Kazan (1976) + Rt. Blv. Prince Vladimir Yaroslavich, Prince of Novgorod (1052) + Ven. Helladus & Onisim (Onesimus) of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves–12th-13th c.) + Ven. Ammon, Recluse, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves–13th c.) + Martyrs Gaius, Faustus, Eusebius, & Chaeremon, of Alexandria (3rd c.) + Martyr Peter of Capetolis (3rd-4th c.) +

READINGS:

Epistle: 2 Cor. 9:6-11
Gospel: Luke 6:31-36

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Tuesday — October 6 – Glorification of St. Innocent, Metropolitan of Moscow, Enlightener of the Aleuts, and Apostle to the Americas (1977–Sept 23rd O.S.*)
–Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas (1st c.)

Friday — October 9 – Glorification of St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow & All Russia, Enlightener of North America (1989–Sept. 26th O.S.*)

Saturday — **October 10: 12 pm – 2:00 pm:** Produce Giveaway *(more information on back)*
2:00 pm: Baptism/Chrismation of Kyle Jones
4:00 pm: Great Vespers

Sunday — **October 11: 9:00 am** – Reading of the Hours
9:30 am – Divine Liturgy – 19th Sunday after Pentecost (3rd of Luke)

* O.S. stands for Old Style, i.e. Julian calendar

NOTE: Sunday, October 11 Church picnic is cancelled

CANDLES AND PRAYERS FOR THE LIVING AND DEPARTED

Health for the Living:

Health of *Family & Parishioners*, offered by Nina Patterson
Health of *Diane Pratt,* offered by Catherine Kavalkovich
Health of *Colin, Family & Friends*, offered by Debra & Ken Kavalkovich

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

In Memory of *Patricia, Vito, Marc Sr. & Jr., Anne, Helen, Albert, Marion, Patricia, June,* offered by Debra & Ken Kavalkovich

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS / EVENTS

Parish Council Meeting TODAY After Divine Liturgy

Our NEXT Produce Give-Away Project is scheduled for Saturday, October 10, 12 noon–2 pm
Produce supplied by *Sharing Excess* and arranged by Tish and Reader Mark. Please come and volunteer! Paper (or plastic) grocery bags are needed. See Tish for more information.

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 12s 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!*

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.***

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).

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.

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!*

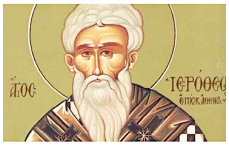
Fellowship Coffee Hour & Cleaning Teams
If you have volunteered to host coffee hour, please check which Team you are on and when your Team is hosting coffee hour on the calendar printout that is in the white/clear 3-ring binder located on the display case outside the office room.

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, Sept. 27: 31 Sept. MTD: 34

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

	Mon., Sept. 21 to Sept. 27	Sept. Month to Date
Funds In:	$ 1,424.00	$ 6,936.00
Funds Out:	$ 129.06	$ 5,065.76
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	$ 1,294.94	$ 1,870.24



HIEROMARTYR HIEROTHEUS, BISHOP OF ATHENS (1st century)

Hierotheus was a companion of St. Dionysius the Areopagite and received the Christian Faith from the Apostle Paul a short time after Dionysius did. Later, the Apostle appointed him bishop of Athens. At the time of the Dormition of the Most-holy Theotokos, Hierotheus arrived in Jerusalem and took part in her burial. With his divine chanting he inspired heartfelt worship in many, revealing himself as a man inspired from on high. He labored much in the work of evangelism, converted many pagans to the truth and governed well his flock. He finally died a martyr for Christ, who granted him a twofold crown in His Heavenly Kingdom: the crown of a hierarch and the crown of a martyr.