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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November 1, 2026
22nd Sunday after Pentecost (6th of Luke)
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+ Holy Wonderworkers Cosmas & Damian, and mother St. Theodota +

Holy Wonderworks and Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian of Mesopotamia, and their mother, St. Theodota + Hieromartyrs John the Bishop and Jacob (James) the Presbyter, of Persia (ca.345) + Martyrs Cyrenia and Juliana in Cilicia (4th c.) + Martyr Hermenegild the Goth of Spain (586) + Martyrs Caesarius, Dacius, Sabbas, Sabinian, Agrippa, Adrian, and Thomas, at Damascus (7th c.) + Monk Martyrs Jacob, Jacob the Deacon, and Dionysius of Prodromou (Mt. Athos—1520).

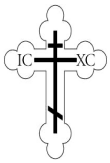
READINGS: Epistle: Gal. 6: 11-18
Gospel: Luke 8: 26-39

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 November 7, 4:00 pm – Great Vespers

Sunday November 8, 9:00 am – Reading of the Hours
9:30 am – Divine Liturgy – 23rd Sunday after Pentecost (7th of Luke)
Synaxis of the Archangels



FUTURE DATES:

November 15 – December 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 *Katie Torpey,* offered by Nina Patterson
Health of *Barbara Hess,* offered by Herbert family
Health of *Family & Parishioners,* offered by Catherine Kavalkovich

Memory for the Departed:

In Memory of *Irene Kavcsak,* offered by Nina Patterson
May God Grant Her Memory Eternal!

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

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

RECYCLING REMINDER: Please NO empty sugar packets in Blue Recycling Container

ANNOUNCEMENTS / EVENTS

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!*

Childless Christians outing for November

Mutter Museum, 19 S 22nd St, Philadelphia, PA 19103
Sunday, Nov 15 at 12:30pm

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).

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. 25: 30 Oct. MTD: 39

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

	Oct. 12 to Oct. 25	Oct. Month to Date
Funds In:	$ 3,793.00	$ 8,261.46
Funds Out:	$ 3,574.55	$13,334.41
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	$ 218.45	($ 5,072.95)

Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian, their mother St. Theodota

Holy and Unmercenary Physicians Cosmas and Damian (c. 3rd century) and their mother St. Theodota were natives of Asia Minor (some sources say Mesopotamia). Their mother raised them in Christian piety.

Cosmas and Damian were physicians and early Christian martyrs. Thery embraced Christianity and practiced medicine and surgery without a fee. This led them to being named "unmercenaries"; by this, they attracted many to the Christian faith. *(Unmercenary is an epithet applied to a number of Christian saints who didn't accept payment for good deeds. These include Christian healers or physicians who, in conspicuous opposition to medical practice of the day, tended to the sick, free of charge.)*

They practiced their profession in the seaport of Aegeae, then in the Roman province of Cilicia. Emperor Diocletian, who favored the worship of the Olympian gods, issued a series of edicts that condemned the Christians because of their faith and fame as healers.