



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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February 8, 2026

Sunday of the
Prodigal Son

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TODAY AFTER LITURGY: SOUP 'N BOWL X CHALLENGE -AND- ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Afterfeast of the Meeting. Great-martyr Theodore Stratelates ("the General"—319), Prophet Zechariah (ca. 520 B.C.). St. Sava II, Archbishop of Serbia (1269).

Readings: Epistle: I Cor. 6:12-20 Gospel: Luke 15:11-32

Sub-deacon: Daniel (Kenneth) Kavalkovich
Reader: Mark Klus

Parish President: Brett McKenna
Reader: David Pellack

Choir Director: Nina Patterson
Reader: Jerome Stafford

Weekly Schedule:

Tuesday: February 10, 6:30 pm - Bible Study on ZOOM media platform

Saturday: February 14, 9:30 am – Liturgy: Memorial Saturday (Saturday of Meatfare)
4:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday: February 15, Meatfare Sunday
9:00 am - Reading of the Hours
9:30 am - Liturgy

Please continue to check our parish website, social media pages, and your emails regularly for updated information regarding parish services, events. (Including church closings in case of inclement weather).

2026 House Blessing

If you wish to have your home blessed, please speak with Father Mark for date availability to schedule a house blessing.

The blessing of houses will begin Wednesday, Jan. 7 (day after Theophany). Items of importance when having your home blessed: 1) have a candle available to be burned during the house blessing, 2) a bowl of blessed holy water, 3) an icon (preferably the icon of Christ being baptized in the Jordan River), and 4) please make enough space for Father Mark to maneuver in the rooms you wish him to bless.

Candles and Prayers for the Living and Departed

Health for the Living:

Health of Jim Fairfield offered by Nina Patterson
Health of family and parishioners offered by Nina Patterson
Health of Laricca Racuko offered by David Pellack

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

In Memory of Gary Race offered by David Pellack
In Memory of Christopher John Homa and Joseph Killoran offered by Ron Homa

May Their Memories Be Eternal!



2 SMALL CROSSES IN MEMORY
OF MATESY HERBERT FROM THE
HERBERT FAMILY

May Her Memory Be Eternal!

2 Crosses are always available to light.
Example: for Memory, for Health, for
Birthdays, for Anniversaries.

1 Small Cross is \$25 /1 Large Cross is \$50

Announcements/Events

Annual Parish Meeting TODAY– after Divine Liturgy and Soup N’ Bowl in the church basement. The Spiritual Advisor’s report, the Treasurer’s report, the voting on the 2026 budget, along with any other business that needs to be discussed. The election of the 2026 parish council officers took place during the Fall Parish meeting back in November 2025.

Soup N’ Bowl X Challenge – immediately after Divine Liturgy in the church basement. Be prepared to indulge in some of the best warm and tasty soups/stews/chilis!

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).

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!*

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 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.

4th Thursday of each month –Book Club at 6:30pm on ZOOM media platform

This month only: Book Club is Thursday, February 5.

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

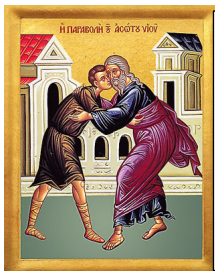
Attendance

February 1: 24

Month of January: 48

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

	Mon. Jan. 26 to Sun Feb. 1	January (Unaudited)
Funds In:	\$2,369.47	\$ 4,408.47
Funds Out:	\$5,791.51	\$17,088.41
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$3,422.04)	(\$12,679.94)



Sunday of the Prodigal Son

In the words of our Lord, we also learn of 3 things through this parable: the condition of the sinner, the rule of repentance, and the greatness of God’s compassion. Seeing in the person of the Prodigal Son our own sinful condition, we might come to our senses and return to God through repentance. For those who have fallen into great despair over their sins thinking that there is no forgiveness, this parable offers hope. The Heavenly Father is patiently and lovingly waiting for our return. There is no sin that can overcome His love for us.

A warm welcome to all our visitors and guests! After Liturgy please join us in the basement for our Fellowship Coffee Hour