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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JULY 26, 2026

8th Sunday after Pentecost

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+ Sunday of St. Jacob, Enlightener of Alaska +

Hieromartyr Hermolaus & Martyrs Hermippus & Hermocrates at Nicomedia (ca. 305) + Ven. Moses the Hungarian of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves –ca. 1043). Martyr Parasceva of Rome (2nd c.) + Ven. Gerontius of St. Anne Skete (Mt. Athos) + The "Emvolon" Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos in Constantinople

READINGS:

Epistles	I Cor. 1:10-18	Phil. 3:7-14 (Saint)
Gospels	Matt. 14:14-22	Mark 10:29-31, 42-45 (Saint)

Parish President: Brett McKenna Deacon: Jerome Stafford Sub-deacon: Daniel (Kenneth) Kavalkovich

Choir Director: Nina Patterson Reader: Mark Klus Reader: David Pellack

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1: BEGINNING OF THE ASSUMPTION (DORMITION) FAST
Assumption (Dormition) Fast ends August 14.

Saturday August 1, 12 – 3 pm: Produce Distribution outside church. *(More information on the back)*

Saturday August 1, 4:00 pm – Great Vespers

Sunday August 2, 9:00 am – Reading of the Hours
9:30 am – Divine Liturgy

FUTURE DATES:

Thursday, August 6, 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy — Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Saturday, August 15: The Assumption (Dormition) of our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary

Monday, September 1: Church New Year

CANDLES AND PRAYERS FOR THE LIVING AND DEPARTED

Health for the Living:

Health of *Family & Friends,* offered by Nina Patterson
Health of *Susan and Andrew Mohnach,* offered By David Pellack
Health of *Family & Friends,* offered by C. Kavalkovich

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

May God Grant Them Memory Eternal!

Crosses Available to Light:
1 Small Cross is $25 / 1 Large Cross is $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 set your cellphone to vibrate or off during Liturgy. Thank you.

Reminder of items that must be completed before one leaves the church for the day:

Again, we are kindly asking and reminding our parishioners to please be vigilant once services are completed and double check to ensure 1) windows are closed and locked, 2) all candles are put out, 3) doors and gates are locked, 4) non-essential appliances are unplugged, and… and 5) ALL lights are turned off!

ANNOUNCEMENTS / EVENTS

FREE PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION & COMMUNITY OUTREACH: SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

We are partnering with Sharing Excess to distribute fresh, free produce to our neighborhood, with a goal of feeding 50 to 75 households.

We need volunteers to help distribute the food, but more importantly, to connect with our neighbors and let them know our church is here for them. If you can give some time to help hand out items and welcome our community, please reach out to Deacon Jerome or Thekla (Tish).

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).

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.
4th Thursday of each month –Book Club at 6:30pm on ZOOM media platform.
5th Sunday of each quarter –Quarterly Parish Council Meeting after Liturgy.

Attendance: Sunday, July 19: 48 July MTD: 39

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

	Mon. July 13 to Sun. July 19	July Month to Date
Funds In:	$ 4,536.32	$ 7,206.32
Funds Out:	$ 1,597.00	$12,632.78
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	$ 2,939.32	($ 5,426.26)

REPOSE OF ST. JACOB (NETSVETOV), ENLIGHTENER OF THE PEOPLES OF ALASKA (1864)

Saint Jacob Netsvetov, Enlightener of the Peoples of Alaska, was an Alaskan Creole from the Aleutian Islands who became a priest of the Orthodox Church and continued the missionary work of St. Innocent for Alaskan Natives. His feast day is celebrated on July 26, the day of his death.

Father Jacob (Netsvetov) of Alaska was born on Atka Island, Alaska. His father was a Russian from Tobolsk. His mother was an Aleut from Atka island. Father Jacob was a physician of bodies as well as souls. He often cared for the sick among his flock even to his own detriment. Father Jacob's preaching often brought together in the Holy Faith tribes who were traditional enemies.

Saint Jacob Netsvetov's death was from natural causes while he was serving as a priest on July 26, 1864 at the age of 60 and was buried at the Holy Trinity Church, Sitka. His legacy still goes on as many Russian descendants living in Alaska have family names that spring from 1800-1875 and follow the teachings of Saint Jacob Netsvetov in their day-to-day life.

https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2026/07/26/102091-repose-of-saint-jacob-netsvetov-enlightener-of-the-peoples-of-al