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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AUGUST 16, 2026
11th Sunday after Pentecost
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+ Translation of the Image "Not-made-by-hands" of our Lord Jesus Christ (Aug. 16, 944) +

Afterfeast of the Dormition + Translation of the Image "Not-made-by-hands" of our Lord Jesus Christ from Edessa to Constantinople (944) + (Third "Feast of the Savior in August") + Martyr Diomedes the Physician of Tarsus in Cilicia (298) + Ven. Cherimon of Egypt (4th c.) + The „Feodorovskaya" Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos (1239).

READINGS:

Epistles:	I Cor. 9:2-12	Col. 1:12-18 *(Image "Not-made-by-hands")*
Gospels:	Matt. 18:23-35	Luke 9:51-56; 10:22-24 *(Image "Not-made-by-hands")*

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 22, 4:00 pm – Great Vespers

Sunday August 23, 9:00 am – Reading of the Hours
9:30 am – Divine Liturgy - 12th Sunday after Pentecost

FUTURE DATES:

Tuesday, September 1: Church New Year
Tuesday, September 8: Nativity of the Theotokos
Monday, September 14: Elevation (Exaltation) of the Cross

CANDLES AND PRAYERS FOR THE LIVING AND DEPARTED

Health for the Living:

Health of *Family & Friends*, offered by Nina Patterson
Health of *Peg & Ken Walker,* offered by David Pellack
Family & Parishioners, offered by Nina Patterson

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

Memory for the Departed:

In Memory of *Lawrence Gehris*, offered by Ron & Cheryl Homa
In Memory of *Thomas Buonocore*, offered by Nina Patterson
In Memory of *Anna Homa & Christy Lanahan*, offered by Ron & Cheryl Homa

May God Grant Them Memory Eternal!

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS / EVENTS

Our 1st Produce Give-Away Project a big success!

Saturday, August 1: Produce supplied by *Sharing Excess* and arranged by Deacon Jerome. 16 people came out to help. Several posted signs, handed out flyers throughout the neighborhood, put up a cabana, set up tables & chairs, organized each bag and handed to passersby. At least 50 bags of produce were given. Thank you everyone for your hard work! We hope to do it again.

Childless Christians Group Future Events

Sunday, August 23, 1:30 pm: Shofuso Japanese Cultural Ctr *(Lansdowne & Horticultural Drives in west Fairmount Park).*
Thursday, September 17: PA Nat'l Quilt Extravaganza *(at Greater Phila. Expo Ctr, 100 Station Ave, Oaks, PA)*

Support PROJECT HOME Hub of Hope's Summer Outreach

As temperatures rise and demand increases for the services Project HOME's Hub of Hope provides, there is an *URGENT NEED FOR* • Men's clothing (SM-XL) •*NEW* men's and women's underwear (All sizes) • *NEW* ankle socks • Men's sneakers (All sizes) • Cooling rags / *Please drop off donations into labeled box in the church basement.*

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.

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 (postponed until further notice).
5th Sunday of each quarter –Quarterly Parish Council Meeting after Liturgy.

Attendance: Sunday, Aug. 9: 34 Aug. MTD: 43

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

	Mon., Aug 3 to Aug. 9	August MTD
Funds In:	$ 900.00	$ 4,225.00
Funds Out:	$1,129.61	$ 4,296.61
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	($ 229.61)	($ 71.61)

THE TRANSLATION OF THE IMAGE "NOT-MADE-BY-HANDS" From Edessa to Constantinople

The Lord asked for some water and a cloth to be brought to Him. After washing His Face, He dried it with the cloth, and His Divine countenance was imprinted upon it. Ananias, a portrait painter hired by Abgar (ruler of Edessa who was suffering from leprosy) brought the cloth and the Savior's letter to Edessa. Reverently, Abgar pressed the holy object to his face and received partial healing. Only a small trace of the terrible affliction remained until the arrival of the disciple promised by the Lord. This was Saint Thaddeus, an Apostle of the Seventy (August 21), who preached the Gospel and baptized Abgar and all the people of Edessa. Abgar attached the Holy Napkin to a board and placed it in a gold frame adorned with pearls. Then he placed it in a niche above the city gates. On the gateway over the Icon he inscribed the words, "O Christ God, let no one who hopes on Thee be put to shame."

The Translation of the Image "Not-Made-by-Hands" (the Holy Mandylion) from Edessa to Constantinople took place on August 16, 944. This historic event commemorated by the Eastern Orthodox Church marked the solemn transfer of the miraculous cloth bearing the face of Jesus Christ from Mesopotamia to the Byzantine capital.