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 23, 2026

12th Sunday after Pentecost

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+ Leavetaking of the Dormition (Assumption) +

Martyr Lupus, slave of St. Demetrius of Thessalonica (4th c.) + Hieromartyr Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons (202) + St. Eutychius (ca. 540) and Florentius (547), of Nursia + St. Callinicus, Patriarch of Constantinople (705).

READINGS: Epistles: I Cor. 15:1-11 Phil. 2:5-11 *(Theotokos)*
Gospels: Matt. 19:16-26 Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Friday August 28: Ven. Moses the Black of Scete (4th c.)

Saturday August 29: Beheading of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John *(Strict Fast-wine and oil)*
4:00 pm – Great Vespers

Sunday August 30: 9:00 am – Reading of the Hours
9:30 am – Divine Liturgy - 13th 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 *Nancy*, offered by Nina Patterson
Health of *Family & Parishioners*, offered by Catherine Kavalkovich
Health of *John & Michelle Spack*, offered by Tish & Mark
Health of *Martha*, offered by Tish and Mark
May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

In Memory of *Stephen Spack*, offered by Nina Patterson
In Memory of *Mary Popelak & Julie DeVito*, offered by DeVito family
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 ensure that your cellphone is set to Silent or on Vibrate during Liturgy. Thank you.

The Scriptures are part of the Church's Holy Tradition. In the words of Father Alexander Schmemann,
"A Christian is the one who, wherever he looks, finds Christ, and rejoices in Him."

ANNOUNCEMENTS / EVENTS

Childless Christians Group Future Events

TODAY AT 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.*

Our NEXT Produce Give-Away Project is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 12, 12 noon–2 pm

Produce supplied by *Sharing Excess* and arranged by Charlie Baker. Please come and volunteer! Paper grocery bags are needed. See Charlie or Tish for more information.

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.
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: 44 Aug. MTD: 40

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

	Mon., Aug. 10 to Aug. 16	Aug. Month to Date
Funds In:	$ 2,158.36	$ 6,383.36
Funds Out:	$ 1,812.53	$ 6,109.14
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	$ 345.83	$ 274.22

THE LEAVETAKING OF THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS

The Leavetaking of the Dormition of the Theotokos is commemorated on August 23, marking the final day of the feast celebrating the Dormition (or falling asleep) of the Mother of God. This day involves repeating the services of the feast, symbolizing the handing-over (Slavonic term) of the event to God and reflecting on the promise of eternal life. – *Metropolitan Anthony of Sourozh*
https://orthochristian.com/73242.html