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 2, 2026

9th Sunday after Pentecost

• Tone 8 •

+ August 6 – Transfiguration of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ +

Translation of the Relics of the Protomartyr and Archdeacon Stephen from Jerusalem to Constantinople (ca. 428), and the finding of the Relics of the Righteous Nicodemus, Gamaliel, and Abibas, Bl. Vasily (Basil) of Moscow, Fool-for-Christ (1552) + Bl. Vasily of Kubénsk (15th c.) + Hieromartyr Stephen, Pope of Rome, and those with him (257).

READINGS:

Epistle: I Cor. 3:9-17

Gospel: Matt. 14:22-34

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

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

ASSUMPTION (DORMITION) OF THE THEOTOKOS FAST CONTINUES
Assumption (Dormition) Fast ends August 14.

Thursday August 6, 9:30 am – Divine Liturgy for Transfiguration of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
(bring fruit and vegetables to be blessed after Liturgy)

Saturday August 8, 4:00 pm – Great Vespers

Sunday August 9, 9:00 am – Reading of the Hours
9:30 am – Divine Liturgy - 10th Sunday after Pentecost. Glorification of Ven. Herman of Alaska, Wonderworker of All America

FUTURE DATES:

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

Tuesday, September 1: Church New Year

CANDLES AND PRAYERS FOR THE LIVING AND DEPARTED

Health for the Living:

Health of *Irene Torpey,* offered by Nina Patterson
Health of *Deacon Michael McCartney,* offered by Nina Patterson
Health of *Family & Friends,* offered by Catherine 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

Childless Christians Group Future Events

Sunday, August 23 (after church): Shofuso Japanese Cultural Center (in west Fairmount Park)
Thursday, September 17: Quilt Exhibition *(more information to come)*

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 donations of essential supplies: • 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 in labeled box in 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.

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 26: 32 July MTD: 36

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

	Mon. July 20 to Sun. July 26	July Month to Date
Funds In:	$ 2,363.00	$ 9,569.32
Funds Out:	$ 1,417.33	$14,050.11
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	$ 1,285.67	($ 4,480.79)

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

"What does it mean to say: He was transfigured?" asks the Golden-Mouthed Theologian (St. John Chrysostom). He answers this by saying: "It revealed something of His Divinity to them, as much and insofar as they were able to apprehend it, and it showed the indwelling of God within Him." The Evangelist Luke says: "And as He prayed, His countenance was altered" (Luke 9:29); and from the Evangelist Matthew we read: "And His face shone as the sun" (Mt.17:2). But the Evangelist said this, not in the context that this Light be thought of as subsistent for the senses *(let us put aside the blindness of mind of those who can conceive of nothing higher than what is known through the senses)*. Rather, it is to show that Christ God, for those living and contemplating by the Spirit, is the same as the sun is for those living in the flesh and contemplating by the senses. Therefore, some other Light for the knowing the Divinity is not necessary for those who are enriched by Divine gifts.

https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2017/08/06/102215-the-holy-transfiguration-of-our-lord-god-and-savior-jesus-christ