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 30, 2026
13th Sunday after Pentecost
• Tone 4 •

+ Afterfeast of the Beheading of the Forerunner, St. John the Baptist +

Ss. Alexander (340), John (595), and Paul the New (784), Patriarchs of Constantinople + Repose of Ven. Alexander, Abbot of Svir (1533) + Translation of the Relics of Rt. Blv. Great Prince Alexander Nevsky (1724) + Uncovering of the Relics of St. Daniel, Prince of Moscow (1652) + St. Christopher of Palestine (6th c.) + St. Fantinus of Calabria (9th c.) + Synaxis of the Serbian Hierarchs: Ss. Sava I (1237)

READINGS:

Epistle: I Cor. 16:13-24
Gospel: Matt. 21:33-42

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Tuesday September 1: Church New Year (Indiction)

Friday September 4: Holy Prophet Moses (16th c. B.C.)

Saturday September 5: Holy Prophet Zachariah and Righteous Elizabeth, parents of St. John the Baptist (1st c.)
4:00 pm – Great Vespers

Sunday September 6: 9:00 am – Reading of the Hours
9:30 am – Divine Liturgy - 14th Sunday after Pentecost –Commemoration of the Miracle of the Archangel Michael at Colossae

FUTURE DATES:

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 & Parishioners*, offered by Nina Patterson
Health of *Lynn & Jim Brubaker*, offered by David Pellack
Health of *Family*, offered by Nina Patterson
Health of *Catherine, Anna, Children & Grandchildren, Stephen* offered by M/M Kavalkovich
Health of *Ronald*, Health of *Marylyn*, offered by Cheryl Homa
Health of *Family & Friends*, offered by Catherine Kavalkovich
Health of *Myron*, offered by Tish & Mark
Honoring Virgin Mary, offered by Basil

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

In Memory of *Patricia, Helen, Albert, Vincent, Vito, Frances, Anne, Andrew,* offered by M/M Kavalkovich

Large Cross in Memory of
Michael & Mary Popelak and **MaryAnn Brodie**
Offered by the DeVito Family

May God Grant Them Memory Eternal!

Crosses Available to Light: 1 Small Cross $25 / 1 Large Cross $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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / EVENTS

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 (or plastic) grocery bags are needed. See Charlie or Tish for more information.

RECYCLING POLICY AT THE PARISH

The following are acceptable recycling items and should be placed in the **Blue** container next to the Black trash can:
- Paper and Cardboard (ensure cardboard boxes are flattened)
- EMPTY Plastic Bottles/Containers/Jugs (#1-2) where the neck is smaller than the base.
- EMPTY Glass Bottles/Jars - EMPTY Cartons - EMPTY Metal Cans (Please no food remnants left in these containers)

PLEASE **DO NOT** RECYCLE THE FOLLOWING:
• Paper Plates, Bowls • Plastic utensils, Cups • Plastic wrap, Plastic bags • **Paper Towels, Napkins, Facial Tissues** • Any kind of **Styrofoam** • **Sugar Packets** • Pizza boxes (because of food grease left in the box) • Bubble Wrap
*It has been very frustrating to have to sort these (especially the **highlighted**) items out of the blue box.*

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.*

Next Childless Christians Group Future Event

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17: PA Nat'l Quilt Extravaganza *(at Greater Phila. Expo Ctr, 100 Station Ave, Oaks, PA)*

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. 23: 49 Aug. MTD: 45

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

	Mon., Aug. 17 to Aug. 23	Aug. Month to Date
Funds In:	$ 1,317.00	$ 7,700.36
Funds Out:	($ 70.00) *reimbursement*	$ 6,039.14
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	$ 1,387.00	$ 1,661.22

THE BEHEADING OF THE FORERUNNER, ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

The Evangelists Matthew (Mt.14:1-12) and Mark (Mark 6:14-29) provide accounts about the martyrdom of John the Baptist in the year 32 after the Birth of Christ.

The date for the beheading of St. John the Baptist is commemorated on August 29 each year, which is linked to the early fifth century observance in Jerusalem, believed to be near the burial site of John the Baptist. This date became known as the Passion, or Beheading, of St. John the Baptist.