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 9, 2026
10th Sunday after Pentecost
• Tone 1 •

+ Glorification of Ven. Herman of Alaska, Wonderworker of All America +

Apostle Matthias (ca. 63) + Martyr Anthony of Alexandria + Ven Psoï of Egypt (4th c.) + Martyrs Julian, Marcian, John, Jacob (James), Alexius, Demetrius, Photius (Phocas), Peter, Leontius, and Mary, of Constantinople (730).

READINGS: Epistles: I Cor. 4:9-16 Gal. 5:22-6:2 *(St. Herman)*
Gospels: Matt. 17:14-23 Luke 6: 17-23 *(St. Herman)*

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) Fast ends August 14.

Tuesday August 11, 6:30 pm – Bible Study (Zoom only)

Thursday August 13 – Leavetaking of the Transfiguration
– St. Tikhon, Bishop of Vorónezh, Wonderworker of Zadónsk and All Russia (1783)

Friday August 14, 6:00 pm – Great Vespers for the Dormition and Assumption of the Theotokos

Saturday August 15, 9:30 am – Divine Liturgy: Dormition and Assumption of Our Most-Holy Lady, Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary

Saturday August 15, 4:00 pm – Great Vespers

Sunday August 16, 9:00 am – Reading of the Hours
9:30 am – Divine Liturgy - 11th 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 *Michael, Jenn, Cathy,* offered by David Pellack
Health of *Geoff Morick,* offered by Nina Patterson
Health of *Family & Friends,* offered by C. Kavalkovich
Health of *Catherine Kavalkovich,* offered by Tish and Mark
May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Crosses Available to Light: 1 Small Cross is $25 /
1 Large Cross is $50 / EX: for Memory, Health, Birthdays, Anniversaries

Memory for the Departed:

In Memory of *Anna Homa,* offered by Ron Homa
May Her Memory Be Eternal!

In Memory of John and Margaret Pellack
– August 9 —
offered by David Pellack
May Their Memory Be Eternal!

Welcome to all our visitors & guests! Please join us after Liturgy for coffee hour in the basement.
Please set your cellphone to vibrate or off during Liturgy. Thank you.

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 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.

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:

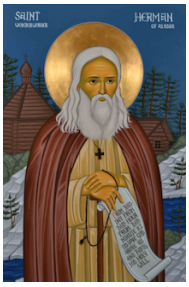
1st Sunday of each month –Monthly Panikhida immediately after Divine Liturgy.
2nd Tuesday of each month –Bible Study at 6:30pm on ZOOM media platform.
4th Thursday of each month –Book Club (postponed until further notice).
5th Sunday of each quarter –Quarterly Parish Council Meeting after Liturgy.

Attendance: Sunday, Aug. 2: 52 Aug. MTD: 52

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

	Mon. July 27 to Sun. Aug. 2	July Month (Unaudited)
Funds In:	$ 3,334.47	$ 9,578.79
Funds Out:	$ 3,932.95	$14,816.06
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	($ 598.48)	($ 5,237.27)

VENERABLE HERMAN OF ALASKA, WONDERWORKER OF ALL AMERICA



Saint Herman of Alaska is widely considered the patron saint of Alaska and the wonderworker of all North America. He was a Russian monk who is the first Orthodox saint canonized in the New World for his dedicated efforts in bringing the faith of Jesus Christ to the natives of the Aleutian Islands and Alaska.

A monastic center was formed on Spruce Island of the Aleutian chain and was named New Valaam by Herman out of respect for the cloister he had left. It was from this spiritual center that Herman served the people of Alaska, as well as the islands, for forty years.

Herman was able to see into the hearts of others, as well as into the future. He worked miracles during his life. To this day he remains a wonderworker, healing the souls and bodies of those who ask for his intercessions before the throne of God

In accordance with his last wish, he was buried on Spruce Island. He was canonized as a saint 9 August 1970.