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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September 27, 2026
17th Sunday after Pentecost (1st of Luke)
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READINGS: Epistle: 2 Cor. 6:16-7:1
Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Thursday — October 1 – Protection of Our Most-Holy Lady Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary

Saturday — October 3: 4:00 pm – Great Vespers

Sunday — October 4: 9:00 am – Reading of the Hours
9:30 am – Divine Liturgy – 18th Sunday after Pentecost (2nd of Luke)
After Liturgy – Fall General Parish Meeting *(information on back)*

FUTURE DATES:

November 15 – December 24: Nativity Fast

CANDLES AND PRAYERS FOR THE LIVING AND DEPARTED

Health for the Living:

Health of *Katie Torpey*, offered by Nina Patterson

Health of *Family, Friends, Parishioners,* offered by Catherine Kavalkovich

Health of *Stafford family*, offered by Basil

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

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.

Reminder of items that must be completed before one leave 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… 5) ALL lights are turned off!

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

Parish Council Meeting is TODAY After Divine Liturgy

Fall General Parish Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 4. This is Notice #3 of 3.
According to Article IV, Section 2, Subsection A. of the Parish By-Laws, notice of all Annual and General Parish Meetings shall be announced in the Parish Bulletin and read by the Parish Rector from the amvon on three consecutive Sundays preceding the date of the Meeting.

Meeting will start after Divine Liturgy in church basement. During this meeting the parish will elect parish council members for Vice President–currently held by Natalie Patterson; Treasurer–currently held by Daniel Herbert; Trustee (Odd Year) –currently held by Reader Mark Klus.

Church Picnic Sunday, October 11, after Liturgy *More information to come.*

Recycling at the Parish Reminder:
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

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.
5th Sunday of each quarter –Quarterly Parish Council Meeting after Liturgy.

Attendance: Sunday, Sept. 20: 44 Sept. MTD: 37

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

	Mon., Sept. 14 to Sept. 20	Sept. Month to Date
Funds In:	$ 1,550.00	$5,512.00
Funds Out:	$ 2,140.09	$ 4,936.70
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	($ 590.09)	$ 575.30

MARTYRS CALLISTRATUS AND HIS COMPANIONS (49 MARTYRS – ca. 304)

Martyr Callistratus and his 49 companions were commemorated on September 27 and are known for their courageous faith during the reign of Diocletian in 288 A.D., where they faced severe persecution and ultimately martyrdom for refusing to renounce Christianity. They are celebrated for their miraculous endurance and the conversion of many soldiers to Christianity through their example.