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 6, 2026
14th Sunday after Pentecost
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+ Commemoration of the Archangel Michael at Colossae +

Martyrs Eudoxius, Zeno, and Macarius (311-312) + St. Archippus of Herapolis + Martyr Romulus, & with him many others (107-115) + Hieromartyr Cyril, Bishop of Gortyna (3rd-4th c.) + Martyrs Cyriacus, Faustus the Presbyter, Abibas the Deacon, & 11 others, at Alexandria (ca. 250) + St. David of Hermopolis in Egypt (4th c.) + Hieromartyr Priest Maksym (Sandowicz) of Carpatho-Rus' (1914).

READINGS:

Epistle: 2 Cor. 1:21-2:4
Gospel: Matt. 22:1-14

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 8: 9:30 am – Divine Liturgy: Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady, Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary
6:30 pm – Bible Study (on Zoom platform only)

Saturday September 12: 12:00 pm – 2pm: Produce Distribution Outside Church *(More information on the back)*
4:00 pm – Great Vespers

Sunday September 13: 9:00 am – Reading of the Hours
9:30 am – Divine Liturgy - 15th Sunday after Pentecost

FUTURE DATES:

Monday, September 14: Elevation (Exaltation) of the Holy Cross
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 *Tim & Celeste,* offered by Nina Patterson
Health of *Family, Friends, Parishioners,* offered by David Pellack
Health of *Catherine Kavalkovich & Barbara Andrews*, offered by Tish & Mark

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

In Memory of *Parents,* offered by Ron & Cheryl Homa

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.

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

Our NEXT FREE PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION AND OUTREACH: this SATURDAY, SEPT. 12, 12 noon – 2 pm

We are partnering with *Sharing Excess* to distribute fresh, free produce to our neighborhood, with a goal of feeding 50 to 75 households.

We need volunteers to help distribute the food, but more importantly, to connect with our neighbors. If you can give some time to help hand out items and welcome our community, please reach out to Charlie (Herman) Baker.

Next Childless Christians Group Future Event:

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

Recycling Project 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

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.*

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. 30: 39 Aug. MTD: 42

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

	Mon., Aug. 24 to Aug. 30	Aug. Month to Date
Funds In:	$ 2,580.00	$10,280.36
Funds Out:	$ 1,057.27	$ 7,096.41
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	$ 1,522.73	$ 3,183.95

COMMEMORATION OF THE ARCHANGEL MICHAEL AT COLOSSAE

The feast today in honor of the Archangel Michael commemorates the great miracle he wrought when he delivered from destruction a church and holy spring named for him. The pagans, moved by malice, sought to destroy the aforesaid church and holy spring by turning the course of two rivers against them. But the Archangel appeared and, by means of the Cross and a great earthquake that shook the entire area, diverted the waters into an underground course. Henceforth, the name of that place changed from Colossae to Chonae, which means "funnels" in Greek.