

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul And the Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel

18th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, Archbishop of Philadelphia

April 5, 2026



Parish Mission Statement

With Jesus Christ as our Head and Foundation, the Cathedral Parish of Saints Peter and Paul forms a vibrant Roman Catholic community in Center City and serves all those who come to the Cathedral Basilica, the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Our parish community professes our Catholic Faith, ministers to others and welcomes all, as rooted in the Word of God and the celebration of the Sacraments of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

*Adopted by the Parish Council
August 10, 2021*

Declaración de la Misión de la Parroquia Catedral de los Santos Pedro y Pablo

Con Jesucristo como nuestra Cabeza y Fundamento, la Parroquia Catedral de los Santos Pedro y Pablo forma una vibrante comunidad Católica Romana en el centro de la ciudad y sirve a todos aquellos que vienen a la Catedral Basílica, la Iglesia Madre de la Arquidiócesis de Filadelfia. Nuestra comunidad parroquial profesa nuestra fe católica, ministra a los demás y da la bienvenida a todos, enraizada en la Palabra de Dios y la celebración de los sacramentos de Jesucristo, nuestro Señor y Salvador.

*Adoptado por el Consejo Pastoral
Parroquial, 10 de agosto del 2021*

Readings for Mass for this Week

Please see the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: usccb.org/bible/readings

LIVE STREAMED SUNDAY MASS AT 11:00 AM
[Click Here](https://vimeo.com/event/2470138), or go to: <https://vimeo.com/event/2470138>

The Cathedral Shop is open

Wed. 10:30 AM - 2:00 PM / Sat. 11:00 AM - 5:15 PM
Sun. 10:30 AM - 6:30 PM / 215-665-9032

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul
@CathedralPhila



Parish Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
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www.cathedralphila.org • info@cathedralphila.org
Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel <https://cathedralphila.org/drexel/>

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday, April 5, 2026

*“Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed;
let us then feast with joy in the Lord. R. Alleluia, alleluia. cf. 1 Corinthians 5:7*

Mass Intentions

April 4	Holy Saturday
9:00	Morning Prayer and Rites of Immediate preparation for the Elect
12:00	Office of Readings
8:00	Easter Vigil in the Holy Night with the Sacraments of Christian Initiation for Adults
April 5	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
8:00	For the People of the Parish
9:30	For peace in the world and the city
11:00	For vocations to the Holy Priesthood
1:00	For vocations to the Consecrated Life (<i>Por las vocaciones a la Vida Consagrada</i>) (<i>Misa bilingual</i>)
April 6	Monday within the Octave of Easter
7:15	For the Easter intentions of the parishioners
12:05	Essie Mae Rubin
April 7	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
7:15	Claudio Piccini
12:05	Gyung Ja Kim
April 8	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
7:15	Mary Peters
12:05	For the intentions of the Young Church of Philadelphia
April 9	Thursday within the Octave of Easter
7:15	For the intentions entrusted to St. Katharine Drexel
12:05	Clare D’Agostino
April 10	Friday within the Octave of Easter
7:15	Edward Brusko
12:05	Donald J. Stecher
April 11	Saturday within the Octave of Easter
12:05	Odile Charles
5:15	For the intentions of Soon Young Susanna Suh-Kim
April 12	Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)
8:00	For the People of the Parish
9:30	For the living & deceased members of the League of the Sacred Heart
11:00	Dr. Moon Ja Marianna Suh-Noh & Jae Yun Thomas Noh
12:30	Urbis De Jesus

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Easter to all our parishioners and visitors! May the Risen Lord fill you with his peace! May our response to the Risen Lord be Christian lives of fidelity and joy!

*Today, we celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead! The Collect for the Easter Mass during the Day teaches us that as Jesus conquers death with His Resurrection, he has “unlocked the path to eternity.” Today, all of creation and all of God’s creatures, especially his sons and daughters, receive a new outpouring of his divine life as we all share in the promises of the Resurrection. We have worked hard this past Lent to turn away from sin and to be more faithful to the Gospel. We have fasted, we have been more conscious of those in need, we have been more focused in our prayer. Now, with Easter, the Lord delights us with a new gift of himself, the gift of his risen life. We receive this risen life with our Easter Communion. This Communion helps us to remain committed to the new and refreshed living of the Christian life that follows from a well-observed Lent. The newly baptized adults at the Easter Vigil inspire us as we support them to be credible witnesses of Christ risen from the dead. I encourage you, as you kept a disciplined and faithful Lent, to consider keeping a similar Easter Time. During Easter Time, continue to come to Mass more frequently, to read the Sacred Scriptures, to spend time in the presence of the Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament, and to be generous in acts of charity. *Let us pray for one another this Easter Sunday and support one another in living more obvious and intentional Christian lives.**

*The celebration of the Sacraments, especially Baptism, Confirmation, and the Holy Eucharist, reveals the grace and power of the Resurrection. It is for this reason that the Church prefers that these Sacraments, especially for adults, take place during Easter Time. Our Elect were fully initiated—with Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist—into the Church with the great Easter Vigil. All throughout Easter Time, adults who have already been baptized as non-Catholics will be received into full communion with the Catholic Church with the Sacraments of Confirmation and the Eucharist. Likewise, all throughout Easter Time, adults who have been baptized as Catholics will be confirmed and receive their first Holy Communion. Our school-age candidates will be confirmed next Sunday, April 12, 2026, at the 11:00 AM Solemn Mass. Our school-age candidates will receive their first Holy Communion on Sunday, May 3, 2026, at the 11:00 AM Solemn Mass. *Let us keep all those receiving the Easter Sacraments in our prayers.**

*Don’t forget to purchase your tickets for our Parish Keys and Sword Event 2026. See the website to learn all about this wonderful parish event, <http://cathedralphila.org/keys/>. Also, please reach out to people, restaurants, and businesses that you think might want to have an ad in our *Keys and Sword Ad Book*.*

If you participated in Operation Rice Bowl, you can make your donation at any time over the next few weeks in any of the parish collections at Mass or mail it to the Parish Office.

Thank you to all our parishioners and visitors for your goodness and generosity to the Cathedral Parish, especially this Easter. The second collection next Sunday will be directed to support the landscape needs of the Cathedral Parish. You can mail your Sunday offerings to the Cathedral Parish Office or make use of the many ways to give electronically. Please see <http://cathedralphila.org/donate/>. Thank you so very much.

Happy Easter!
Father Dennis Gill, Rector

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Our Lord, Jesus Christ Has Risen!



PRAYER PARTICIPATION GENEROSITY

Give the gift of joy this Easter season. Please consider a gift to the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul Parish Fund through your will or a planned gift to provide lasting support for God's work through the Church.

Jesus, have mercy on us.

Mary and Joseph, pray for us.

St. Katharine Drexel, pray for us.

And let us remember to pray for each other always!

For more information, visit: www.cathedralphila.org.

Your generosity on 3/29 was:

Regular \$7,471
 Special 1,571 (to special maintenance of the Cathedral
 Electronic* 2,889 Parish)
 Total \$11,931

*Electronic giving is your average weekly giving for February

Thank you for your generosity to the Cathedral Parish

Please consider a gift to support the good works of our Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul.

- You are invited to become a member of our parish family and take part in our ministries, programs, events, and worship. Please speak with Deacon Burgos, email us at info@cathedralphila.org or call the office at 215561-1313 to make an appointment with Father Gill and he can help you register.
- Consider the Cathedral in your Financial Plan – call Rose at the Cathedral office 215-561-1313. She can help with your Estate planning – such as adding the Cathedral as a beneficiary of your life insurance, IRA, annuity or a memorial gift. She can also help you with Tax Planning – such as a gift of appreciated stock or a distribution from your IRA.
- Donate on-line** at <http://cathedralphila.org/donate/> or scan this QR code:



SEND YOUR PRAYER INTENTIONS TO:
prayingforyou@cathedralphila.org.

THE TOTAL GIFT A KATHARINE DREXEL STORY

Our Emmy Award-winning film, *The Total Gift: A Katharine Drexel Story*, is now streaming on FORMED, making it instantly accessible to millions of Catholics around the world.

This is more than a new streaming home — it's a powerful step forward in our mission of evangelizing the culture through beautiful, faithful storytelling.

CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS



**PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026
 11:00AM**

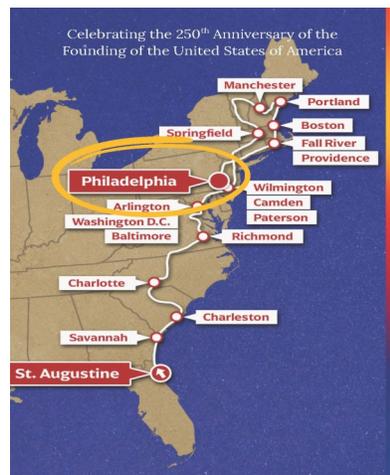
CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL
 18th Street & Benjamin Franklin Parkway
 Philadelphia, PA 19103

REGISTER HERE:

<https://form.jotform.com/ODWPhila/confirmation-registration>

DEADLINE: MAY 15, 2026

Info@cathedralphila.org | 215 561-1313



National Eucharistic Pilgrimage

One Nation Under God
 culminates at the

Cathedral Basilica
 of Saints Peter and Paul
 Philadelphia, PA

July 2-5, 2026

- Holy Mass
- Eucharistic Procession
- Continuous Eucharistic Adoration at the Cathedral
- Service Events
- and more!

Schedule of events & adoration signups at archphila.org/underGod

Please remember these parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Parish in your prayers/ Oren por los enfermos y fallecidos: Gavin, John Loughrin, Thea, Susanna Szvet, Kevin Perez, Susan Tavares, Karina Estevez, Nancy Tomaszewski, Glenda, Annaleigh & Nicholas Gidosh, Mary Chesloski, Andres & Sharlene and Meriel, Mary Chesloski, Lucy Redgwick, Bianca Torres, Maureen Connor, Susan Tavares, Erick Santos, For All Souls in Purgatory, For the Deliverance Ministry and all in need of deliverance, For the intentions submitted to PrayersUniteTheWorld.org, and those in nursing homes or hospitals and all the sick. **To add or remove parishioners, friends or family members to the prayer list, please send an email to: prayingforyou@cathedralphila.org. Por favor envíe un email o llame a la oficina parroquial para añadir o remover los nombres de la lista de personas que estén enfermas.**

Reserve la fecha!

Peregrinación Eucarística Nacional
Una nación bajo Dios
culmina en la
Basilica Catedral de los Santos Pedro y Pablo Filadelfia, PA

2 a 5 de julio del 2026

- Santa Misa
- Procesión eucarística
- Adoración eucarística continua en la Catedral
- Oportunidades de servicio y mucho más!

Más información próximamente a archphila.org/underGod

Instituto Católico Hispano de la Arquidiócesis de Filadelfia
Hispanic Catholic Institute of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia

Taller de Quinceañeras para el 2026

Participe en este taller celebrando la fe católica, cultura e historia de esta importante celebración hispana.

El taller es una invitación para las Quinceañeras a conocer más profundamente a Dios y su amor por ellas.

Registración previa es requerida/Advance registration is required.

¿Cuándo? / When?

Julio 11, 2026	July 11, 2026
Septiembre 12, 2026	September 12, 2026
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Para registrarse contacte/To register contact:
Jhoselyn Martínez, administradora del Instituto
Tel. (215) 667-2820, Email: Jmartinez@archphila.org

LA VIDA PARROQUIAL
EN UNA
Era Apostólica
TALLER EN ESPAÑOL PARA
LOS LÍDERES PARROQUIALES

Sábado, 11 de abril del 2026
9:00 a.m. a 12:00 p.m.

Parroquia de Santa Catalina Drexel
1920 Providence Ave, Chester

Registración

\$15 por persona

Registración electrónica, haga clic en este enlace:
<https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=yPy4dv>
o visite phillyevang.org/events

Registración por cash, llame a
• Miriam Rodríguez, 215-320-8065
• Eileen López, 610-872-3731

REFLEXIÓN DEL PÁRROCO

Estimados feligreses,

¡Felices Pascuas a todos nuestros feligreses y visitantes! ¡Que el Señor Resucitado los colme de su paz! ¡Que nuestra respuesta al Señor Resucitado sea vidas cristianas de fidelidad y alegría!

*¡Hoy celebramos la Resurrección de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo de entre los muertos! La Oración Colecta de la Misa del día de Pascua nos enseña que, así como Jesús vence a la muerte con su Resurrección, Él ha “abierto las puertas de la eternidad.” Hoy, toda la creación y todas las criaturas de Dios, especialmente sus hijos e hijas, reciben un nuevo derramamiento de su vida divina, al compartir todos nosotros las promesas de la Resurrección. Hemos trabajado arduamente durante esta pasada Cuaresma para apartarnos del pecado y ser más fieles al evangelio. Hemos ayunado, hemos sido más conscientes de aquellos que pasan necesidad y hemos estado más concentrados en nuestra oración. Ahora, con la Pascua, el Señor nos deleita con un nuevo don de sí mismo: el don de su vida resucitada. Recibimos esta vida resucitada en nuestra Comunión pascual. Esta Comunión nos ayuda a mantenernos comprometidos con esa vida cristiana renovada y revitalizada que surge de una Cuaresma bien vivida. Los adultos recién bautizados durante la Vigilia Pascual nos inspiran, mientras nosotros los apoyamos para que sean testigos creíbles de Cristo resucitado de entre los muertos. Los animo a que, habiendo vivido una Cuaresma disciplinada y fiel, consideren vivir un Tiempo Pascual de manera similar. Durante el Tiempo Pascual, continúen asistiendo a Misa con mayor frecuencia, leyendo las Sagradas Escrituras, pasando tiempo en presencia del Señor en el Santísimo Sacramento del Altar y siendo generosos en los actos de caridad. *Oremos los unos por los otros en este Domingo de Pascua y apoyémonos mutuamente para vivir vidas cristianas más evidentes e intencionales.**

La celebración de los Sacramentos, especialmente el Bautismo, la Confirmación y la Sagrada Eucaristía, revela la gracia y el poder de la Resurrección. Es por esta razón que la Iglesia prefiere que estos Sacramentos, particularmente para los adultos, se celebren durante el Tiempo Pascual. Nuestros “Elegidos” fueron plenamente iniciados en la Iglesia —mediante el Bautismo, la Confirmación y la Eucaristía— durante la gran Vigilia Pascual. A lo largo de todo el Tiempo Pascual, aquellos adultos que ya han sido bautizados en otras confesiones cristianas serán recibidos en plena comunión con la Iglesia Católica mediante los Sacramentos de la Confirmación y la Eucaristía. Asimismo, durante todo el Tiempo Pascual, los adultos que han sido bautizados como católicos recibirán la Confirmación y su Primera Comunión. Nuestros candidatos en edad escolar recibirán la Confirmación el próximo domingo, 12 de abril del 2026, durante la Misa Solemne de las 11:00 AM. Nuestros candidatos en edad escolar recibirán su Primera Comunión el domingo 3 de mayo del 2026, durante la Misa Solemne de las 11:00 AM. *Tengamos presentes en nuestras oraciones a todos aquellos que recibirán los Sacramentos de Pascua.*

No olviden adquirir sus entradas para nuestro evento parroquial Llaves y Espadas «Keys and Sword por su nombre en inglés» del 2026. Visiten el sitio web para conocer todos los detalles sobre este maravilloso evento parroquial: <http://cathedralphila.org/keys/>. Asimismo, les pedimos que se pongan en contacto con personas, restaurantes y empresas que consideren que podrían estar interesados en incluir un anuncio en nuestro “Libro de Anuncios Keys and Sword.”

Si participaron en la iniciativa Operación Plato de Arroz «Rice Bowl por su nombre en inglés» pueden realizar su donación en cualquier momento durante las próximas semanas, ya sea en cualquiera de las colectas parroquiales durante la Misa o enviándola por correo a la oficina parroquial.

Agradecemos a todos nuestros feligreses y visitantes por su bondad y generosidad hacia la Parroquia de la Catedral, especialmente en esta Pascua. La segunda colecta del próximo domingo se destinará a cubrir las necesidades de jardinería y paisajismo de la Parroquia de la Catedral. Pueden enviar sus ofrendas dominicales por correo a la oficina parroquial de la Catedral o utilizar las diversas opciones disponibles para realizar donaciones electrónicas. Por favor, visiten: <http://cathedralphila.org/donate/>. Muchísimas gracias.

¡Felices Pascuas! Padre Dennis Gill, Rector

Join us



THE MOTHER CHURCH OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA:
CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL
INVITES YOU TO ATTEND THE

Keys & Sword 2026

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2026
6:00PM - 10:00PM

THE LOGAN PHILADELPHIA HOTEL
ONE LOGAN SQUARE, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103

YOU CAN SUPPORT OUR EVENT BY BECOMING A SPONSOR,
PURCHASING TICKETS FOR THE DINNER,
AND ADVERTISING IN OUR PROGRAM BOOK.
SECURE YOUR TICKET, ADVERTISEMENT, AND SPONSORSHIP BY JUNE 5!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT
KSPHILA.ORG OR SCAN THE QR CODE.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

Join us at the **Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul** for the launch of the **Catholic Charities Appeal**. Your generosity brings hope, healing, and support to thousands of individuals and families throughout our Archdiocese. Your gift can make a meaningful difference. Be part of this mission of mercy and love.

Make your gift today:

<https://catholicchurchofphila.org/appeal/>

Together, we can share Christ's compassion with those most in need.

SENIORS SPIRITUAL GATHERING

All seniors are invited to join us for a spiritual talk, with fellowship, prayer, and refreshments in a welcoming community. Feel free to bring a friend.

Presenter: Fr. Dennis Gill

Topic: *Devotion to the Sacred Heart*

Date & Time: Saturday, April 11, 2026

1:00 pm to 2:30 pm.

Location:

Neumann Room (Back door of the Cathedral Basilica)

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say rejoice
Philippians 4:4*

**Questions: Contact Barbara Rensman
at rensmanb@msn.com**

Parking available. We look forward to seeing you.



F.L.A.M.E.
(A Ministry for
Catholics in their 40s
& 50s) Presents:

AFTERNOON AT THE

Cathedral

Saturday, April 25th
12:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

Cathedral Basilica
of Saints Peter & Paul

18th Street & Benjamin Franklin Parkway
Philadelphia, PA 19103

RSVP



Schedule:

- 12:00 PM Mass
- 1:00 PM Intro & Refreshments
- 2:00 PM Talk: "Echoing Christ & Making Christ Visible"
- 3:00 PM Group Conversation & Break
- 4:00 PM Adoration & Lectio Divina
- 4:30 PM Confession
- 5:15 PM Mass

\$10 cash goodwill offering greatly appreciated



FROM A HEAR SPARK
DROPS A FLAME PROMPT

With Deacon
Chiko Egbufoama,
who will be with us all day

Pentecost

Extended Vigil Mass

MAY 23, 2026
5:15 PM

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul

"Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love"

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CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS

-Adult faith formation-

Thursday, April 9, 2026, 7:00 PM

Living a Christian Life

The Beatitudes

Grace and Heaven

Meeting in the Neumann Room

The weekly catechetical session is primarily for the adults among us who are preparing to receive the Easter Sacraments. However, **anyone** interested in the topic for better understanding and faith formation is most welcome to attend. Anyone, especially our parishioners, seeking more information on the reception of the Sacraments or assisting as a sponsor, please call the Parish Office, 215-561-1313 or email Father Dennis Gill at info@cathedralphila.org



Thank you to the many generous donations we received for the Easter flowers that help to make our Cathedral Church beautiful throughout the Easter season! The beautiful flowers which adorn Cathedral Church at Easter are offered to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ and to glorify God.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

Dear parishioners, we kindly ask that you use the contribution envelopes that are mailed to your home. **If you prefer to switch to online giving, please let us know.** If for some reason you must make use of a different envelope, please be sure to include on it your parish data base identification number (which can be found on your regular contribution-envelopes). Only those offerings which are properly labeled can be reflected in your annual statement declaring tax deductible contributions to the parish. If you have moved, or are not receiving contribution envelopes, or if you have any questions please contact the Parish Office at 215-561-1313. Thank you.

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

The Cathedral Parish offers year round opportunities for people seeking more information about the Catholic Faith, the Sacraments and living the Christian Life. These opportunities are for adults who would like to inquire about following Jesus and becoming a member of the Catholic Church, or who are already baptized Christians and would like to become Catholic, or who are already baptized Catholics and would like to receive Confirmation and Holy Communion. There are many people like yourself inquiring, and we are ready to answer your questions. Please contact Fr. Dennis Gill at: fr.dgill@archphila.org

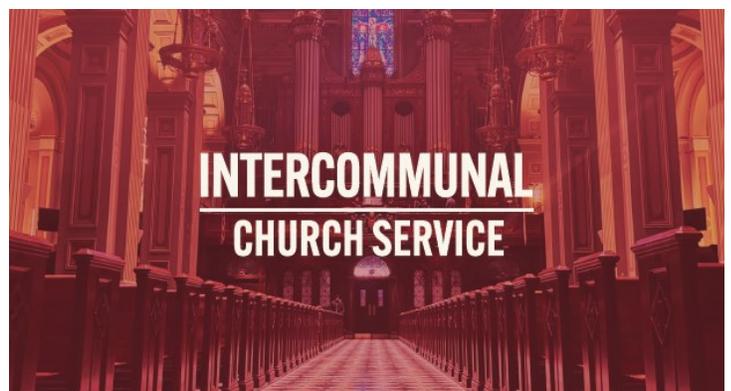
CONSECRATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS
"We Hold These Truths"
&
NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE
"One Nation, Under God"

The year 2026 is the **250th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America.** In honor of this occasion, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) are planning two national initiatives. The first is a solemn act of **consecration of the United States of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in June 2026.** The second is a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage in which the Blessed Sacrament will be carried in procession through the east coast of the USA, **culminating in Philadelphia on July 2-5, 2026.**

THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Sponsored by the Legion of Mary at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul
Each Friday at 3:00 PM Via Zoom Meeting:
Meeting ID: 846 4429 0612 Passcode: Mercy
"Jesus, I trust in you." St. Faustina, Pray for us!

Join us in **PRAYER FOR PEACE IN OUR CITY**
Every Sunday from 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM
Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul
Parking available - All are Welcome!



Friday, April 24, 2026, 7:00 PM
Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia, PA
Join us for this special church service during the
Armenian Heritage Walk Weekend of Celebration.

This historic Service of Gratitude, Unity, and Commemoration, remembering the Holy Martyrs of the Armenian Genocide and honoring America250, will unite the Armenian community in faith. The service will be presided over by Bishop Mesrop Parsamyan, Archbishop Anoushavan, and Bishop Mikael Mouradian, with clergy from all five Armenian churches in the Greater Philadelphia area and an Armenian community choir. A special additional ceremony will follow in an adjacent garden, making this a meaningful, can't-miss moment of unity and commemoration.

Date:
Friday, April 24, 2026
Time:
Evening Service, 7:00 PM

Location:
Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul,
Philadelphia, PA

More details are on the way! We'll be updating the event pages on our website as plans take shape and special moments are added. Please use the link below for updates and to RSVP.

Transportation Available



Scan QR or visit
armenianheritagewalk.org/intercommunal



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LIVE IT.
PASS IT ON.**

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