

## St Mary Protection of the Theotokos Parish

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**GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!**

**СЛАВА ІСУСУ ХРИСТУ!**

**GLORY FOREVER TO GOD!**

**СЛАВА НАВІКИ БОГУ!**

Welcome to the God-loving and God-protected Orthodox Christian parish of St. Mary's! **It is a blessing to have you with us today and we encourage you to come back as often as you are able.** Like us, you may find that you have found your spiritual home here!

**+++++++ December 6<sup>th</sup> 2015; Tone 2; Advent Fast+++++++**

**Epistle. Ephesians 6:10-17. Summary:** There is evil battling against us. God gives us protection – put on the full armor of God!

**Gospel. St. Luke 12:16-21. Summary:** Get outside your comfort zone and use your gifts to the glory of God.

### THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

**Sunday** 12/6 9:00AM Divine Liturgy – Memorial Litya (Mackiewicz),  
Sunday School, Coffee Hour  
**Wednesday** 12/9 7:00PM Akathist (CHURCH)  
**Saturday** 12/12 6:00PM Great Vespers w/Litya (CHAPEL)  
**Sunday** 12/13 9:00AM Divine Liturgy –  
Sunday School – Spiritual Speaking

**Check our website for the full listing of services & activities!!**

**In Orthodoxy,** communion is reserved for those who are members of an Orthodox parish (there are no “free agents” in Christianity!) and who have prepared themselves through prayer and fasting. See Fr. Anthony if you would like to join this beautiful community of St. Mary's!

**A Reminder:** our bishops encourage regular communion (weekly is ideal) and confession (monthly is ideal). Confession is offered after Vespers, before Divine Liturgy (just sit up front so Fr. Anthony knows), and by appointment. Confession & Communion: the medicine of salvation!!!

## NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

**Fr. Anthony and Pani Tina THANK YOU** for your support during the passing and funeral of Father's stepfather, Stan. **May his memory be eternal!**

**God bless everyone** who supported yesterday's Cookie Sale!

**It's almost Caroling Season!** Let Walter Milinichik know if you would like to go caroling. This will joining other groups to carol for His Eminence Metropolitan Anthony on Saturday 16 January 2016 at 1:00 PM in South Bound Brook!

**Kitchen Sessions:** please join us 12/19 at 10PM as we pinch perohi!

**St Nicholas Day and Celebration!** 12/18 5PM – Vespers (CHAPEL); 12/19 9AM – Divine Liturgy (CHAPEL); 12/20 after Liturgy - Children's Celebration!!!

**Spiritually Speaking** (every other Sunday after Coffee Hour in the Social Hall):

12/13: Spiritual Athleticism: how fasting and prayer increase resilience

12/27: The Harmony of God: the salvific beauty of liturgy and music

1/10: The Deeper Magic: A Spiritual History of Humanity

1/24: The Orthodox Harmony of Science and Religion

**St. Mary's Seniors**

12/7 at 12:30PM in the Social Hall: Christmas Dinner

12/16 at 8:00AM in the Social Hall: Hoagie Sale

**St. Mary's Ukrainian Dance Group:** Every Wednesday @6:30 in the Social Hall

**Educational Series:** Saturdays, 12/5-1/2 @ 5:00 in the Chapel (before Vespers)

12/5: Christ the Messiah in the Old Testament – Who were we expecting?

12/12: The Prophecies of Christ the Messiah – How were we to know him?

12/19: The Poetry of God: Christ in the Hymns of the Nativity Services

12/26: Christ the Messiah in the OT Readings of the Nativity Services

1/2: Christ the Messiah in the NT Readings of the Nativity Services

1/9: The Ontology of Evil and the Fall of the Old Adam (Humanity)

1/16: Theophany and the Restoration of the New Humanity

**Seminarian Yuri Bobko** will be staying with Fr. Anthony and Pani Tina throughout the Advent/Pilipivka and Christmas/Nativity seasons so he can experience life in our UOC-USA families and parishes. Let them know if you would like to host him for a day trip, special event, or dinner!

**St. Nicholas Parish:** Nativity folk and liturgical music concert, 12/14 at 3:30pm