

St Mary Protection of the Theotokos Parish

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GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!

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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 13th 2015; Tone 3; St. Andrew+++++++

Epistle. Colossians 1:12-18. Summary: We have been delivered from darkness and sin by Christ, through Whom all things were made!

Gospel. St. Luke 13:10-17. Summary: No matter what the hypocrites say, God does and should heal in Church on Sundays!

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Sunday 12/13 9:00AM Divine Liturgy – Coffee Hour
Sunday School – Spiritual Speaking

Wednesday 12/9 7:00PM Akathist (CHURCH)

Friday 12/18 5:00PM St. Nicholas Vespers in Northampton

Saturday 12/19 9:00AM St. Nicholas Liturgy (CHAPEL)

Sunday 12/20 9:00AM Divine Liturgy – St. Nicholas Program!!!

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 (Advent is a perfect time!). 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

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

12/16 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)

12/19: 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, 12/13 at 3:30pm

Fr. Anthony would like to **visit all our shut-in's** during Advent and Nativity. If you know of someone who would like a visit, please let him know (many of you already have – thank you!).

Today's Epistle Reader: John Sokalsky; Next Week: Robert Noecker

Today's Communion Prayers: Kaitlyn Zimmerman.; Next Week: Faith Warren

Today's Greeters: Eleanor Fox & Katherine Kramer;

Next Week: Judy Miller & Vera Muzychka