

# St. Mary Protection of the Theotokos Parish

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**CHRIST IS RISEN!  
INDEED HE IS RISEN!  
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ХРИСТОС ВОСКРЕС!  
ВОІСТИНУ ВОСКРЕС!**



Welcome to the God-loving and God-protected Orthodox Christian parish of *Pokrova* (Protection of the Holy Theotokos or “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!

We are a parish of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA under the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople and our doors and hearts are open to you and your family!

Please visit our website: pokrova-allentown.org and help yourself to the many pamphlets located on the literature racks outside the church. Fr. Anthony would love answering your questions; you can reach him at 484-232-9423, father.anthony@yahoo.com, on Facebook (Douglas Anthony Perkins or facebook.com/pokrova.allentown), or face to face after services.

Handicap parking is available behind the church; regular parking is available on the street and (on Sundays) at Kohut Funeral Home.

## Upcoming Services

<b>Sunday</b>	5/29	9:00AM	Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour, Education
<b>Wednesday</b>	6/1	7:00PM	Daily Vespers
<b>Saturday</b>	6/4	6:00PM	Cathedral Vigil
<b>Sunday</b>	6/5	9:00AM	Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour, Education
<b>Wednesday</b>	6/8	7:00PM	Cathedral Vigil of the Ascension
<b>Thursday</b>	6/9	9:00AM	Festal Liturgy of the Ascension
<b>Saturday</b>	6/11	2:00PM	Cathedral Vigil (NOTE TIME CHANGE)
<b>Sunday</b>	6/12	9:00AM	Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour, Education
<b>Wednesday</b>	6/15	NO SERVICE	(Fr. Anthony will be at a conference)
<b>Saturday</b>	6/18	6:00PM	Cathedral Vigil of Pentecost
<b>PENTECOST</b>	6/19	9:00AM	Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour, Grave Blessing
<b>Saturday</b>	6/25	6:00PM	Cathedral Vigil
<b>ALL SAINTS</b>	6/26	9:00AM	Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour

### \*\*\*MONDAY 6/27: THE APOSTLES FAST BEGINS\*\*\*

<b>Saturday</b>	7/2	NO SERVICE	(Fr. Anthony will be on vacation)
<b>Sunday</b>	7/3	9:00AM	Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour
<b>Saturday</b>	7/9	6:00PM	Cathedral Vigil
<b>Sunday</b>	7/10	9:00AM	Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour
<b>Monday</b>	7/11	7:00PM	Cathedral Vigil of Sts. Peter & Paul
<b>Tuesday</b>	7/12	9:00AM	Festal Liturgy of St. Peter & Paul

### \*\*\*END OF THE APOSTLES FAST\*\*\*

<b>Saturday</b>	7/16	6:00PM	Cathedral Vigil
<b>Sunday</b>	7/17	9:00AM	Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour
<b>Saturday</b>	7/23	6:00PM	Cathedral Vigil
<b>Sunday</b>	7/24	9:00AM	Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour
<b>Saturday</b>	7/31	6:00PM	Cathedral Vigil
<b>Sunday</b>	8/1	9:00AM	Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour

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

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# May 29<sup>th</sup>; Samaritan Woman

## The Order of Worship

**Censing of the Altar, Iconostasis, Nave/Sanctuary, & People.**

**Blessed is the Kingdom .... Amen.** Heaven and earth are joined in praise of God.

**Great Litany.** Prayers of supplication to God w/ refrain “Lord have mercy!”

**Psalm 102.** The Psalms are the greatest hymns of the Church.

**The Little Litany.** “Again and again” we lift up our praises and prayers to God.

**Psalm 145 & “Only Begotten Son”.** This psalm and song remind us why we are here.

**The Little Litany.** “Again and again” ... we are learning to pray continuously.

**The Beatitudes.** The wisdom of the Logos offered in song – beautiful consolation.

**The Little Entrance/Gospel Entrance.** This symbolizes Christ coming from heaven into the world. We can kiss the Gospel (an icon of “The Word”) in celebration saying; “Christ is in our midst” “He is and shall be!” “*Khristos Posered Nas*” “*I Ye I Budet*”

**Come Let Us Worship.** An invitation to enter into deeper worship of Jesus Christ.

**Hymns for Today.** As with all the music, everyone is encouraged to sing along!

### **Tone 4 Troparion (Resurrection)**

When the women Disciples of the Lord / learned from the Angel the joyous message of the Resurrection, / they cast away the ancestral curse / and elatedly told the Apostles: / “Death is overthrown! / Christ God is risen, // granting the world great mercy!”

### **Tone 8 Troparion (Midfeast)**

In the middle of the feast, O Savior, / fill my thirsting soul with the waters of piety as You cried to all: / “If anyone thirst, let him come to Me and drink!” //  
O Christ God, Fountain of our life, glory to You!

### **Tone 4 Troparion (Parish Patron/Pokrova)**

O Mother of God, sheltered by thy coming / we faithful people today keep feast in joy, / and looking at thy most pure image, / moved to the depths. Of our hearts, we say: / “Protect us with thy precious veil / and deliver us from every ill, / by entreating Christ, thy Son and our God, // to save our souls.

### **Tone 8 Kontakion (Pentecostarion)**

The Samaritan Woman came to the well in faith; / she saw You, the Water of wisdom and drank abundantly. // She inherited the Kingdom on high, and is ever glorified!

### **Tone 4 Kontakion (Midfeast)**

Christ God, the Creator and Master of all, / cried to all in the midst of the feast of the Law: / “Come and draw the water of immortality!” / We fall before You and faithfully cry: // “Grant us Your mercies, for You are the Fountain of our life!”

### **Tone 2 Kontakion (Parish Patron/Pokrova)**

The Choirs of Saints and the Virgin / stand in church praying to God for us. / Angels and hierarchs bow in adoration, / Apostles and Prophets all rejoice / in thee, O Mother of God, // who for us prays to God Eternal.

**Trisagion:** We join the angels in proclaiming God’s glory (Holy God, Holy Immortal...)!

**Prokimen (Tone 3; Psalm 46:6,1)**

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

v: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

**Epistle:** Acts 11:19-26; 29-30

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!** (Tone 4, Psalm 44:5,8)

v: *Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth!*

v: *For You love righteousness, and hate iniquity.*

**Gospel: St. John 4:5-42**

**Litanies for the Faithful and for the Catachumens.** Catachumens are Christians preparing to enter into the Mysteries of the Orthodox Church (e.g. Communion).

**Cherubic Hymn.** This song reminds us that we must “put aside all earthly cares” so that we can join the angels in worshipping God in fullness and in truth.

**The Great Entrance.** The priest brings out the bread and wine that will become the Body and Blood of Christ. ***Symbolizes Palm Sunday... and the Passion of Christ.***

**Litany of the Sacrifice.** The work of the people is to enter into Communion with God.

**Deacon’s exhortation: “Let us love one another....”** We answer by proclaiming our faith in the Trinity and Holy Orthodoxy through reciting the Profession of Faith.

**Commemoration of the Last Supper and Consecration of the Gifts.**

**Hymn to the Birthgiver of God, Mary.**

The Angel cried to the Lady, full of grace: / “Rejoice, O pure Virgin! Again, I say: ‘Rejoice, / your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb! / With Himself He has raised all the dead.’” // Rejoice, O ye people!

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem! / The glory of the Lord has shone on you! / Exult now, and be glad, O Zion! / Be radiant, O pure Theotokos, // in the Resurrection of your Son!

**Litany of Preparation.**

**Lord’s Prayer.** Together, we pray the prayer Jesus taught His disciples (and us).

**“Holy Things for the Holy”.** We now enter into the greatest Mystery of Communion.

**Communion of the Faithful.** Communion is reserved for those who are members of an Orthodox parish and have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting, and regular confession. All are invited to join this parish and commune with us!

**Post-Communion Prayers, Dismissal & Distribution of the Antidoron.** At this point everyone is invited forward to kiss the cross and receive the blessed bread cut from the Eucharistic loaf before the service.

## Parish News and Events

After our last Amen today, we will go straight outside for a Memorial Litya for our departed servicemen and women. A blessed Memorial Day weekend to all!

**Confession is always available** on Saturdays before or after Vigil, before Divine Liturgy on Sunday, and by appointment.

**Grief Support Group.** Tuesdays. 6:30PM – 8:00PM in the Library. For more information or registration, please call Joe Truchan at 610-262-3251.

**We have been making due** without a dishwasher in the hall for several years, and it's time to get a new one. *If we plan on continuing to use the kitchen and hall for fundraisers and events, we really need to get this done.* Please consider supporting this investment in the life of our parish with a donation.

Many of our families have been blessed through sending their children to All Saints Camp. *Please consider sending your children and youth to All Saints Camp* (we will be attending Mommy & Me, Daddy & Me the first week in August).

**Ministry to the Hungry:** Please see Fr. Anthony if you are interested.

**St. Mary's Seniors:** 6/7 - Country Buffet then meeting in the hall.

**St. Mary's Ukrainian Dance Group Performance:** Saturday, 6/11 6:30PM Ukrainian Homestead Lehighton Fund Raiser for Ukraine (Arrival time 6:00 PM)

**Upcoming Spiritually Speaking (& Singing!) Classes (after Coffee Hour)**

5/29 "Chanting the Cathedral Vigil w/Tones 3, 4, & 5 (as on Saturday Evenings)"

6/5 "Chanting the Cathedral Vigil w/Tones 6, 7, & 8 (as on Saturday Evenings)"

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### Reading and Greeter Schedule

Today's Epistle Reader: Robin Bodner; Next Week: Dennis Ritter.

Today's Greeters: Richard and Carolyn Rosko;

Next Week: Eleanor Fox & Katherine Kramer

**Let Fr. Anthony know if you would like to be added to the schedule!**

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**In Orthodoxy,** communion is reserved for those who are members in good standing of an Orthodox parish and who have prepared themselves through prayer and fasting. We would love to have you as a member and communicant here at St. Mary's - See Fr. Anthony if you would like to join our parish!

## Today's Scripture Readings

**Epistle: Acts 11:19-26; 29-30**

Now those who were scattered after the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to no one but the Jews only. But some of them were men from Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they had come to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord.

Then news of these things came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent out Barnabas to go as far as Antioch. When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord. For he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord.

Then Barnabas departed for Tarsus to seek Saul. And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for a whole year they assembled with the church and taught a great many people. And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.

Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea. This they also did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

**Gospel: St. John 4:5-42**

So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. ... A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." ... Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." The woman said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water? Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life." The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." ...

The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, "Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?" ...

Then they said to the woman, "Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world."