

## Upcoming Services

<b>Sunday</b>	5/7	9:00AM	Divine Liturgy Memorial Litya for Anna Kosik – Memory eternal!
<b>Wednesday</b>	5/10	10:00AM	Divine Liturgy (Mid-Pentecost)
<b>Saturday</b>	5/13	4:00PM	Parish Vigil
<b>Sunday</b>	5/14	9:00AM	Divine Liturgy (Mother's Day!)
<b>Saturday</b>	5/20	4:00PM	Parish Vigil
<b>Sunday</b>	5/21	9:00AM	Baptismal Divine Liturgy (John Chrysostom) Memorial Litya for Mp. Constantine

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## Parish News and Events

It is with a heavy heart, buoyed by faith in the Resurrection, that I share the news of the repose of Ann Kosik. Her family has elected to have a closed funeral home service. She was a faithful parishioner and we will pray the Memorial Litya for her together today as a community. **May her memory be eternal!**

I beg you, please make your desire for an **Orthodox funeral and burial** (and priestly end of life care) known through its inclusion **in your living will.**

**We welcome the Jr UOL Executive Board!** God bless your service to the UOC of the USA. We look forward to seeing you in Woonsocket at the Convention this Summer.

**The Grief Support Group** meets at 6:30PM on Tuesdays downstairs.

**Did you enjoy the UOL Lenten Retreat?** If you liked that, then you will LOVE this: St. Sophia Seminary is offering a week long retreat during which the faculty will offer classes on chanting, choir directing, and theology (and lots of opportunity for fellowship and open discussions). 6-10 June. This retreat is open to everyone!

The next **Parish Board Meeting** will be on 5/22 at 6:30.

### Adult Education

- **Sundays (11AM).** Our next “Spiritually Speaking” is TODAY.
- **Wednesdays (7PM).** This week we study the reception of the 10 Commandments.
- **Saturdays (5:00PM).** We'll table this for a while and come back with something of greater interest in the Fall.
- **Thursdays (10AM).** Home Bible Study. 5936 Limeport Pike, Coopersburg.

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## Reading and Greeter Schedule

Date	Epistle Schedule	Greeters
5/7/2017	Joseph Truchan	Judy Miller & Vera Muzychka
5/14/2017	Nicolai Fartuch	Richard Rosko
5/21/2017	Rdr. Nicholas Perkins	Eleanor Fox

## For Today's Service

### Tone 3 Troparion (Resurrection)

Let the heavens rejoice! / Let the earth be glad! / For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. / He has trampled down death by death. / He has become the first born of the dead. / He has delivered us from the depths of hell, / and has granted to the world// great mercy.

### 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 3 Kontakion (from the Pentecostarion)

By Your divine intercession, O Lord, / as You raised up the Paralytic of old, / so raise up my soul, paralyzed by sins and thoughtless acts; / so that being saved I may sing to You:// “Glory to Your power, O compassionate Christ!”

### Tone 8 Kontakion (Pascha)

You descended into the tomb, O Immortal, / You destroyed the power of death. / In victory You arose, O Christ God, / proclaiming: “Rejoice!” to the Myrrhbearing Women, // granting peace to Your Apostles, and bestowing Resurrection on the fallen.

### 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.

### Prokimen (Tone 1; Psalm 32:22,1)

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on You!

*v: Rejoice in the Lord, O your righteous! Praise befits the just!*

**Epistle:** Acts 9:32-42. [*Abridged*] And it came to pass ... [While Peter and the disciples were traveling Peter healed a man named Aeseas of his palsy]. Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did. And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died ... [Peter went to her] and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning him to the body said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up. ... And it was known throughout all Joppa; and many believed in the Lord.

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!** (Psalm 88:1,2)

*v: I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your truth from generation to generation.*

*v: For You have said: “Mercy will be established forever; Your truth will be prepared in the heavens.”*

**Gospel: St. John 5:1-15**

**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!

Welcome to the God-loving and God-protected Orthodox Christian parish of *Pokrova* (“St. Mary 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 (and a wonderful home, it is)!

**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, your family, and your friends!**

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