

Upcoming Services

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

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.

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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