

August 27th : The Sunday before the Dormition

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 (Forefeast of the Dormition)

Dance with joy, O peoples! / Clap your hands with gladness! / Gather today with fervor and jubilation; / sing with exultation! / The Mother of God is about to rise in glory, / ascending from earth to heaven. // We ceaselessly praise her in song as truly Theotokos.

Tone 4 Troparion (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 (Resurrection)

On this day You rose from the tomb, O Merciful One, / leading us from the gates of death. / On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; / with the Prophets and Patriarchs // they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Your power.

Tone 4 Kontakion (Forefeast of the Dormition)

Today the universe dances with joy at your glorious memorial, / and cries out to you, O Mother of God: // "Rejoice, O Virgin, pride of Christians!"

Tone 2 Kondakion (for the Pokrova/Temple)

The mystery hidden from eternity / and unknown to the angels, / is manifested to those on earth through you, Theotokos! / God being incarnate of you by union without confusion / and of His Own will freely enduring the Cross for us / and raising the first-formed man, // has saved our souls from death!

Tone 3 Prokeimenon (Resurrection; 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: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11. [Excerpts] Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain... that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time....Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (Resurrection; Psalm 30:1,2)

v: In You, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame!

v: Be a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me!

Gospel: St. Matthew 19:16-26.

Upcoming Services

Sunday	8/27	9AM	Divine Liturgy
		5PM	Dormition Vespers at Northampton
Monday	8/28	9AM	Dormition Liturgy at Northampton
Saturday	9/2	****	NO SATURDAY SERVICE ****
Sunday	9/3	9AM	Divine Liturgy (Fr. Vasyl Shak serving)
Saturday	9/9	10AM	Hierarchical Divine Liturgy and Ordination St. Demetrius, Carteret NJ
		4PM	Reader's Vespers (followed by wine tasting)
Sunday	9/10	1030AM	Divine Liturgy at Emmaus Park (Pav. 6)
Monday	9/11	10AM	Hierarchical Liturgy; opening of school year followed by lunch (all at St. Sophia's in SBB)
Saturday	9/16	10AM	Hierarchical Liturgy in Dover DE
		4PM	Reader's Vespers

Parish News and Events

We are accepting donations for an **AED machine** for St. Mary's. Please help if you can.

Fundraising Event! We will be holding our first **WINE TASTING EVENT** on Saturday, September 9th at 6PM here at the parish. Cost will be \$20 per person and the theme will be "**White Wines of the World**". Additional details will follow. Please see John Maly or Chris Zimmerman for more information.

Upcoming St. Mary Dancers' Events (rehearsals start 9/6, 6:30-8PM):

- 9/10 Sun 1PM St. Mary's Picnic (Emmaus Park)
- 9/23 Sat 4PM Ukrainian Potato Bake (Ukrainian Homestead Leighton)
- 10/14 Sat 1PM St. Mary's 100th Church Anniversary (Parish Hall)
- 10/15 Sun Noon Open Gate Farm Tour (Willow Haven Farm, New Tripoli, PA)
- 10/15 Sun 2:30 & 3:30 Jim Thorpe Octberfest (Memorial Hall, Jim Thorpe, PA)

The Grief Support Group: 6:30PM on Tuesdays downstairs. See Joe Truchan for details.

Our next **soup kitchen date** is Tuesday, 8/29. Please contact Joe Truchan if you can serve.

St. Mary's Seniors is running a trip to see "Home for the Holidays" at the Brownstone Dinner Theater in Patterson, NJ on December 12. ALL ARE WELCOME. \$94 includes transportation, show, family style dinner, gratuities. Very little walking involved--- bus to restaurant and back unless you want to dance. Call Elinor Antoniuk 610-262-0682.

St. Mary's Outdoor Liturgy and Picnic: Sunday 9/10 Emmaus Park (Pavilion 6).

Reader Schedule: 8/27 Alex Mackiewicz, 9/3 Richard Bodnar, 9/10 Robin Bodnar

Greeter Schedule: 8/27 Pani Tina Perkins; 9/3 Eleanor Fox; 9/10 Judy Miller & Vera Muzychka

***** Please join us for coffee hour after the service! *****

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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