

## December 17<sup>th</sup> ; The 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

### (The Third Sunday of the Nativity Fast)

#### **Tone 3      Tropar      (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      Tropar      (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      Kondak      (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 2      Kondak      (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 3      (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:** Colossians 1:12-18. Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

#### **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!      (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:** Luke 17:12-19

\*\*\* *Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service!* \*\*\*

## Upcoming Services

<b>Sunday</b>	12/17	9AM	Divine Liturgy & St. Nicholas Program
<b>Monday</b>	12/18	4PM	Parish Vigil – St. Nicholas
<b>Tuesday</b>	12/19	10AM	Divine Liturgy – St. Nicholas
<b>Thursday</b>	12/21	4PM	Parish Vigil – Conception of St. Anna
<b>Friday</b>	12/22	10AM	Divine Liturgy – Conception of St. Anna
<b>Saturday</b>	12/23	4PM	Parish Vigil
<b>Sunday</b>	12/24	9AM	Divine Liturgy
<b>Saturday</b>	12/30		[NO VIGIL]
<b>Sunday</b>	12/31	9AM	Divine Liturgy, greening of the sanctuary
<b>Friday</b>	1/5	9AM	Royal Hours (note change)
<b>Saturday</b>	1/6	10:00AM	Divine Liturgy of Christmas Eve (note change)
		5PM	Holy Supper!!!
		7PM	Grand Compline of the Nativity
<b>Sunday</b>	1/7	9AM	Divine Liturgy of the Nativity
<b>Saturday</b>	1/13	4PM	Parish Vigil of St. Basil (Malanka!)
<b>Sunday</b>	1/14	9AM	Divine Liturgy of St. Basil
<b>Thursday</b>	1/18	9AM	Royal Hours for Theophany
		10AM	Vesperal Liturgy for Theophany
		7PM	Great Compline of Theophany & Water Blessing
<b>Friday</b>	1/19	10AM	Theophany Liturgy & Blessing of Water

## Parish News and Events

**Check out the tables in the breezeway!** There are lots of great Christmas gifts and Christmas cards and wrapping paper!

We will once again be offering a traditional **Ukrainian Christmas Eve Holy Supper** in the parish hall! **5PM on 1/6**. See Chris Zimmerman for details.

**Our next Wine Tasting** will be on 1/27. It will feature red wines (paired with culinary delights designed to match them) and the expert descriptions of our own John Maly!

Our next **Parish Board Meeting** will be on Monday, 12/18 at 6:30PM.

Our **St Mary's Seniors** next meeting is 1/2 at 12:30PM; join us and invite your friends!

**St. Mary Dancers:** rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 6:30-8PM.

**The Grief Support Group:** 6:30PM on Tuesdays downstairs. Dealing with the Holidays sessions are 12/26 & 1/2. See Joe Truchan for details.

**Reader Schedule:** 12/17 Rdr. James; 12/24 John Sokalsky; 12/31 Robert Noecker

**Greeter Schedule:** 12/17 Eleanor Fox; 12/24 Judy Miller & Vera Muzychka; 12/31 PM Tina Perkins

\*\*\* Let Fr. Anthony know if you would like to be added to the Reader &/or Greeter schedule! \*\*\*

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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