

December 31st ; The 30th Sunday after Pentecost
(The Last Sunday of the Nativity Fast: Holy Ancestors)

Tone 5 Tropar (Resurrection)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, / co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, / born for our salvation from the Virgin; / for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, / to endure death, / and to raise the dead // by His glorious Resurrection.

Tone 2 Tropar (Ancestors)

Great are the accomplishments of faith, / for the three Holy Youths rejoice in the fountain of flames as though in the / waters of rest; / and the Prophet Daniel appeared / a shepherd to the lions as though they were sheep. // So by their prayers, O Christ God, save our souls!

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 6 Kondak (Ancestors)

You did not worship the graven image, / O thrice-blessed ones, / but armed with the immaterial Essence of God, / you were glorified in a trial by fire. / From the midst of unbearable flames you called on God, crying: / "Hasten, O compassionate One! / Speedily come to our aid, // for You are merciful and able to do as You will!"

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 4 (Song of the three Holy Youths, v. 2&3)

Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name forever!
v: For You are just in all that You have done to us.

Epistle: Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40 (Sunday before Nativity)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (Psalm 43:1,7)

v: We have heard with our ears, O God, for our fathers have told us.

v: For You have saved us from them that oppose us, and have put to shame them that hate us.

Gospel: Matthew 1:1-25 (Sunday before the Nativity)

Communion Verses (Psalms 148:1 & 32:1)

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

Upcoming Services

Sunday	12/31	9AM	Divine Liturgy, greening of the sanctuary
Friday	1/5	9AM	Royal Hours
Saturday	1/6	10:00AM	Divine Liturgy of Christmas Eve
		7PM	Grand Compline of the Nativity
Sunday	1/7	9AM	Divine Liturgy of the Nativity
Saturday	1/13	4PM	Parish Vigil of St. Basil (Malanka!)
Sunday	1/14	9AM	Divine Liturgy of St. Basil; Spiritually Speaking
Thursday	1/18	9AM	Royal Hours for Theophany
		10AM	Vesperal Liturgy for Theophany
		7PM	Great Compline of Theophany & Water Blessing
Friday	1/19	10AM	Theophany Liturgy & Blessing of Water
Saturday	1/20	4PM	NO VIGIL (Fr. A is traveling for seminary)
Sunday	1/21	9AM	Divine Liturgy

Parish News and Events

May his memory be eternal! Louis Golden reposed 12/23. As announced last Sunday, his funeral was yesterday.

Our next turn to work at the Soup Kitchen is Thursday, January 11th. Please contact Joe Truchan if you can help.

We will once again be offering a traditional **Ukrainian Christmas Eve Holy Supper** in the parish hall! **5PM on 1/6**. The event is free, but reservations are required. The sign-up poster is in the hall. See Chris Z. 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:** Monday, 1/15 @6:30PM.

Our **St Mary's Seniors** next meeting is 1/2 at 12:30PM.

The **St. Michael Men's Group** will meet after Christmas.

St. Mary Dancers: rehearsals are Wednesdays, 6:30-8PM.

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

Reader Schedule: 12/31 Robert Noecker; 1/7 Alex Mackiewicz; 1/14 Richard Bodnar

Greeter Schedule: 12/31 PM Tina Perkins; 1/7 Eleanor Fox; 1/14 Judy Miller & Vera Muzychka
 *** 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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