

February 18th : Forgiveness Sunday (Cheesefare)

Tone 4 Tropar (*Resurrection*)

When the women Disciples of the Lord / learned from the Angel the joyous message of the Resurrection, / they cast away the ancestral curse / and elatedly told the Apostles: / "Death is overthrown! / Christ God is risen, // granting the world great mercy!"

Tone 6 Kondak (*from the Lenten Triodion*)

O Master, Teacher of wisdom, / Bestower of virtue, / Who teaches the thoughtless and protects the poor, / strengthen and enlighten my heart! / O Word of the Father, / let me not restrain my mouth from crying to You: / "Have mercy on me, a transgressor, // O merciful Lord!"

Tone 4 Tropar (*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 2 Kondak (*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 8 (*Psalm 75: 11,1*)

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God!

v: In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.

Epistle: Romans 13:11-14:4

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (*Psalm 91:1,2*)

v. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your Name, O Most High.

v. To declare Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth by night.

Gospel: St. Matthew 6:14-21

NOTE: At the end of the service, we will pray the Prayers of Forgiveness and then come forward to offer each other forgiveness (in lieu of kissing the cross).

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

Upcoming Services

Sunday	2/18	9AM	Divine Liturgy & Service of Forgiveness
Monday	2/19	4PM	Great Canon of St. Andrew
Tuesday	2/20	7PM	Great Canon of St. Andrew
Wednesday	2/21	4PM	Presanctified Liturgy
		7PM	Great Canon of St. Andrew
Thursday	2/22	7PM	Great Canon of St. Andrew
Friday	2/23	10AM	Presanctified Liturgy
Saturday	2/24	4PM	Parish Vigil
Sunday	2/25	9AM	Divine Liturgy (Sunday of Orthodoxy)
		4PM	Sunday of Orthodoxy (St. Nicholas OCA)
Wednesday	2/28	7PM	Presanctified Liturgy
Friday	3/2	10AM	Presanctified Liturgy
Saturday	3/3	9AM-4PM	Lenten Retreat (St. Nicholas GOC, Bethlehem)
		6PM	Parish Vigil (Note time change)
Sunday	3/4	9AM	Divine Liturgy (St. Gregory Palamas)
		4PM	Lenten Vespers (St. Mary's UOC, Allentown)
Wednesday	3/7	7PM	Presanctified Liturgy
Friday	3/9	10AM	Presanctified Liturgy
Saturday	3/10	10AM	Divine Liturgy (Soul Saturday)
		4PM	Parish Vigil
Sunday	3/11	9AM	Divine Liturgy (Adoration of the Cross)
Wednesday	3/14	7PM	Presanctified Liturgy
Friday	3/16		(NO PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY)

Parish News and Events

Lenten Retreat (free, with food!): St. Nicholas GOC (Bethlehem). 3/3; 9AM-4PM.

We are hosting the Pan-Orthodox Lenten Vespers and repast on 3/4.

UOL Retreat. St. Francis Center. Speakers: Bishop Gregory (ACROD) & Fr. Anthony. 3/24.

Sunday of Orthodoxy choir practice, St. Nicholas on Bridle Path on 2/18 at 1:30PM.

Our next **Parish Board Meeting:** Monday, 2/19 @6:30PM.

Our **St Mary's Seniors** next meeting is 3/5 at 12:30PM. Also Red Lobster on 2/25!

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: 2/18 Rdr. James; 2/25 John Sokalsky; 3/4 Robert Noecker

Greeter Schedule: 2/18 Eleanor Fox; 2/25 Judy Miller & Vera Muzychka; 3/4 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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