

April 1st ; Entrance of Our Lord into Jerusalem

Antiphon One Refrain:

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

Antiphon Two Refrain:

O Son of God, seated on the colt of an ass, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

Antiphon Three Refrain & Festal Tropar (Tone One): By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy passion, / Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O Christ God. / Like the children with the palms of victory, / we cry out to Thee, O Vanquisher of Death: / “Hosanna in the highest! // Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord.”

Festal Tropar (Tone Four): When we were buried with Thee in baptism, O Christ God, / we were made worthy of eternal life by Thy Resurrection. / Now we praise Thee and sing: / “Hosanna in the highest! // Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!”

Festal Kondak (Tone Six): Sitting on Thy throne in Heaven, / carried on a foal on earth, O Christ God, / accept the praise of angels and the songs of children, who sing: // “Blessed is He Who comes to recall Adam!”

Prokeimenon (Tone 4)

Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord! God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us!

v: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever!

Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things!

v: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Gospel: St. John 12:1-18

(Instead of “It is truly meet . . .,” we sing:)

God is the Lord and hath revealed Himself to us! Celebrate the feast and come with gladness! Let us magnify Christ with palms and branches, singing: “Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord, our Savior!”

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

Upcoming Services

Please note that the changes to the schedule for 4/1 – 4/4 were made so that we could have joint services with the parish of the Holy Assumption both here and in Northampton.

Willow Sunday	4/1	9AM	Willow/Palm Sunday Divine Liturgy
Holy Monday	4/2	10AM 6PM	Bridegroom Matins Presanctified Liturgy (at Northampton)
Holy Tuesday	4/3	10AM 6PM	Bridegroom Matins Presanctified Liturgy (at Northampton)
Holy Wednesday	4/4	10AM 6PM	Bridegroom Matins (w/Hymn of Kassiani) Presanctified Liturgy (at Northampton)
Holy Thursday	4/5	3PM 7PM	Mystical Supper Twelve Gospels
Holy Friday	4/6	10AM 7PM	Royal Hours & Typika Great Vespers of the Passion w/Procession
Holy Saturday	4/7	10AM 3PM 5PM	Matins of Lamentation Vesperal Liturgy of the Resurrection Blessing of Baskets
PASCHA (Sunday)	4/8	7:30AM (~8AM) (~9AM) (~10AM)	Nocturnes of the Resurrection; Procession Paschal Matins; Homily of St. John Chrysostom Divine Liturgy of the Resurrection Blessing of Paschal Baskets. Everyone is welcome to stay and feast together!
		Noon	Agape Vespers
Bright Monday	4/9	12:45PM 10:00AM	Blessing of Paschal Baskets Diving Liturgy
Saturday	4/14	10:00AM 6PM	Hierarchical Liturgy, at St. Andrew's (SBB, NJ) Vespers at St. Sophia Seminary
Sunday	4/15	9AM	Divine Liturgy, St. Thomas Sunday

Parish News and Events

Everyone is invited to stay for homemade BBQ Pulled Pork on Pascha morning next week!

Our **St Mary's Seniors** The next meeting is 4/2 at 12:30PM. Hoagies are on 4/25.

Our next **Parish Board Meeting:** Monday, 4/16 @6:30PM.

Our next **WINE TASTING** will be on 4/21 at 6PM. See John Maly for details.

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

Reader Schedule: 4/1 Dennis Ritter; 4/8 Joseph Truchan; 4/15 Nik Fartuch

Greeter Schedule: 4/1 Eleanor Fox; 4/8 Judy Miller & Vera Muzychka; 4/15 PM Tina Perkins;

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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