

January 20th; Sunday after Theophany

Tone 1 Troparion (Resurrection)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, / while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure ^body, / You rose on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. / The powers of heaven therefore cried to You, O Giver of Life: / “Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your ^Kingdom! // Glory to Your dispensation, O Lover of mankind!”

Tone 1 Troparion (of the Feast)

When You, O Lord, were baptized in the Jordan, / the worship of the Trinity was made manifest. / For the voice of the Father bore witness to You, / calling You His Beloved Son; / and the Spirit in the form of a dove / confirmed the truthfulness of His word. / O Christ our God, You have revealed Yourself, // and have enlightened the world, glory to You!

Tone 2 Troparion (John the Baptist)

The memory of the righteous is celebrated with songs of praise, / but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for you, O Forerunner. / You were shown indeed to be the most honorable of the prophets, / for in the waters you baptize the One whom you preached. / After suffering with joy on behalf of the truth, / you proclaimed even to those in hell the God Who appeared in the flesh / Who takes away the sin of the world, // and grants us great mercy!

Tone 6 Kontakion (John the Baptist)

The river Jordan trembled, and was driven back / filled with fear at Your coming in the flesh, while John drew back in awe / as he fulfilled the ministry of the Spirit. / The ranks of angels stood amazed, / when they beheld You baptized in the stream. / And we, who were in darkness, are filled with light. // We praise You, O God made manifest, as You enlighten all!

Tone 4 Kontakion (for the Feast)

Today You have shone forth to the world, O Lord, / and the light of Your countenance has been marked on us. / Knowing You, we sing Your praises. / You have come and revealed Yourself, // O unapproachable Light.

Prokeimenon Tone 1 (Sunday after Theophany; Psalm 32:22,1)

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on You.

v: Rejoice in the Lord, O your righteous! Praise befits the just!

Prokeimenon Tone 7 (John the Baptist; Psalm 63:10)

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord, and shall hope in Him.

Epistle: Ephesians 4:7-13 (Sunday after Theophany)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. (Psalm 88:1,11)

v: I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your truth from generation to generation.

v: For You have said: “Mercy will be established forever; Your truth will be prepared in the heavens.

v: Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.

(Instead of “It is truly meet,” we sing:) Magnify, O my soul, the most-pure Virgin Theotokos, more honorable than the heavenly hosts. / No tongue knows how to praise you worthily, O Theotokos; / even angels are overcome with awe praising you. / But since you are good, accept our faith; / for you know our love inspired by God. / You are the defender of Christians, and we magnify you. // O Full of Grace. Glory to you!

Worship Schedule (also see our website)

Saturday	1/19	10AM	Theophany: Divine Liturgy, Blessing of Waters, Blessing of Houses
Sunday	1/20	9AM	Divine Liturgy, Blessing of Houses
Saturday	1/26	4PM	Great Vespers w/ Litya
Sunday	1/27	9AM	Divine Liturgy
Saturday	2/2	4PM	Great Vespers w/ Litya
Sunday	2/3	9AM	Divine Liturgy
Thursday	2/7	6:30PM	Akathist to the Pokrova
Saturday	2/9	4PM	Great Vespers w/ Litya
Sunday	2/10	9AM	Divine Liturgy (Zacchaeus Sunday)
Thursday	2/14	5:30PM	Parish Vigil of the Meeting (40 th Day)
Friday	2/15	10AM	Divine Liturgy (IN SOUTH BOUND BROOK)
Saturday	2/16		NO VIGIL SERVICE
Sunday	2/17	9AM	Divine Liturgy (Publican & Pharisee)
Fast-free Week!			
Thursday	2/21	5:30PM	Akathist to the Pokrova
Saturday	2/23	4PM	Great Vespers w/ Litya
Sunday	2/24	9AM	Divine Liturgy (Prodigal)
Regular Fast Week (Meatfare)			
Thursday	2/28	5:30PM	Akathist to the Pokrova
Saturday	3/2	4PM	Great Vespers w/ Litya
Sunday	3/3	9AM	Divine Liturgy (Last Judgment; Farewell, Meat!)
Meat Free Week (Cheesefare)			
Thursday	3/7	5:30PM	Akathist to the Pokrova
Saturday	3/9	4PM	Great Vespers w/ Litya
Sunday	3/10	9AM	Divine Liturgy, Prayers of Forgiveness
Start of Great Lent			

Remember to sign up to have your house blessed! Christ is Baptized! In the Jordan!

Dear Parishioners: **the Jr UOL is having a food drive from now to February 3, 2018** which is also the date of the Super Bowl of Caring. Please contribute with food and soup!!!

Our next **Dinner & Wine Tasting** is scheduled for 2/9 @6PM. Please spread the word!

Our **St Mary's Seniors**: Hoagies on 1/23 have been cancelled due to the weather.

We have two regular Grief Share groups: Mondays at 10AM and Tuesday at 6:30PM. Both meet in the Library. See Joe Truchan for details.

“Orthodoxy on Tap” 2/12 @7PM at Fegley's Brew Works, Bethlehem. Fr. Matthew Joyner: speaker.

Reader Schedule: 1/20 Richard Bodnar

Greeter Schedule: 1/20 Eleanor Fox. 1/27 Judy Miller & Vera Muzychka, 2/3 Perkins family,

*** Please join us in the hall for coffee and fellowship 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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