

## April 7 ; Fourth Sunday of Great Lent

### St. John of the Ladder & Feast of the Annunciation

#### **Tone 4 Troparion (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 4 Troparion (Annunciation)**

Today is the beginning of our salvation, the revelation of the eternal mystery!  
The Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin as Gabriel announces the coming of Grace. Together with him let us cry to the Theotokos: "Rejoice, O Full of Grace, //the Lord is with you!"

#### **Tone 3 Troparion (for the Pokrova/Temple)**

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 8 Kontakion (Annunciation)**

O victorious leader of triumphant hosts! We, your servants delivered from evil sing our grateful thanks to you, O Theotokos. As you possess invincible might set us free from every calamity //so that we may sing; "Rejoice, O unwedded Bride!"

#### **Tone 4 Prokeimenon**

O Lord, how manifold are Your works; in wisdom have You made them all.

*v: Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, You are very great!*

#### **Tone 4 Prokeimenon**

From day to day proclaim the salvation of our God!

**Epistle:** Hebrews 2: 11-18. For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren, saying: "I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will sing praises to You" And again: "I will put My trust in Him," And again: "Here am I and the children whom God has given Me." Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham. Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.

#### **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

*v. Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth!*

*v. For You love righteousness, and hate iniquity*

*v: He descends like rain upon the fleece, like raindrops that water the earth.*

**Gospel:** St. Luke 1: 24-38

#### **Communion Hymns**

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*)

The Lord has chosen Zion; He has desired it for His habitation. (*Ps 131/132:14*)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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#### **Worship Schedule (also see our website)**

<b>Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	Divine Liturgy (ANNUNCIATION & St. John of the Ladder)
	<b>4:00 PM</b>	Pan-Orthodox Vespers (St. Mary's UOC, Allentown)
<b>Wed, April 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	Presanctified Liturgy
<b>Thurs, April 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	Great Canon of St. Andrew
<b>Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	Presanctified Liturgy / Lenten Soup and Potluck
<b>Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup></b>		Divine Liturgy at UOL Retreat
<b>Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	Divine Liturgy (St. Mary of Egypt)
	<b>4:00 PM</b>	Lenten Vespers (St. Nicholas GOC, Bethlehem)

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The **UOL RETREAT in Bethlehem is April 13<sup>th</sup>**. Contact Natalie (nsufler@aol.com) for reservations. Bishop Gregory (Carpatho-Russian Church) and Fr. Anthony are the speakers.

**Lehigh Council of Churches Soup Kitchen** We are now working the second Thursday of each Month. See Joe Truchan for details.

**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.

**Psanky Classes:** Today and 4/14 after Coffee Hour. Invite friends!

**Lenten Vespers (all at 4:00pm)** 4/7 (Today) St. Mary Ukrainian, Allentown; 4/14:St. Nicholas GOA, Bethlehem

**St. Mary's Seniors:** Hoagies 4/24 Join us!

**Gift Card Fundraiser:** We will be taking orders again soon. See John Onulack for details

**Reader Schedule:** 4/7 Robin Bodnar, 4/14 Dennis Ritter, 4/21 Joseph Truchan

**Greeter Schedule:** 4/7 Judy Miller & Vera Muzychka, 4/14 Pani Tina Perkins, 4/21 Eleanor Fox

\*\*\* 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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