

Upcoming Services

Sunday	12/20	9:00AM	Divine Liturgy – Coffee Hour – St. Nicholas!
Tuesday	12/22	9:00AM	Divine Liturgy – Conception of St. Anna
Wednesday	12/23	7:00PM	Akathist (CHURCH)
Saturday	12/26	9:00AM	Memorial Divine Liturgy (CHAPEL)
		6:00PM	Great Vespers w/Litya
Sunday	12/27	9:00AM	Divine Liturgy; Coffee, School, Spiritually Speaking
Wednesday	12/30	7:00PM	Akathist (CHURCH)
Saturday	1/2	9:00AM	Div. Liturgy – Forefeast of Nativity (CHAPEL)
		6:00PM	Great Vespers w/Litya (CHAPEL)
Sunday	1/3	9:00AM	Divine Liturgy; Coffee, School; Greening
Wednesday	1/6	9:00AM	Royal Hours of Nativity (CHAPEL)
		8:00PM	Great Compline w/Litya (CHURCH)
Thursday	1/7	9:00AM	Divine Liturgy - Nativity!!! (CHURCH)
Friday	1/8	9:00AM	Div. Liturgy - Holy Theotokos (CHAPEL)
Saturday	1/9	9:00AM	Div. Liturgy – St. Stephen (CHAPEL)
		6:00PM	Great Vespers w/Litya (CHAPEL)
Sunday	1/10	9:00AM	Divine Liturgy; Coffee, School, Spiritually Speaking
Wednesday	1/13	7:00PM	Parish Vigil – Circumcision of Christ (CHAPEL)
Thursday	1/14	9:00PM	Festal Divine Liturgy (CHAPEL)
Saturday	1/16	9:00AM	Div. Liturgy – Forefeast of Jordan (CHAPEL)
		6:00PM	Great Vespers w/Litya (CHAPEL)
Sunday	1/17	9:00AM	Divine Liturgy; Coffee, School,
Monday	1/18	9:00AM	Royal Hours of Theophany/Jordan (CHAPEL)
		7:00PM	Great Vigil w/Blessing of Water (CHURCH)
Tuesday	1/19	9:00AM	Divine Liturgy–Theophany/Jordan (CHAPEL)

Check our website for the full listing of services & activities!!

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**GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!
GLORY FOREVER TO GOD!**

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**СЛАВА ІСУСУ ХРИСТУ!
СЛАВА НАВІКИ БОГУ!**

Welcome to the God-loving and God-protected Orthodox Christian parish of *Pokrova* (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!

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 and your family!

Please visit our website: pokrova-allentown.org and help yourself to the many pamphlets located on the literature racks outside the church. Fr. Anthony would love answering your questions; you can reach him at 484-232- 9423, father.anthony@yahoo.com, on Facebook (Douglas Anthony Perkins or facebook.com/pokrova.allentown), or face to face after services.

Handicap parking is available behind the church; regular parking is available on the street and (on Sundays) at Kohut Funeral Home.

December 20th; Gone 4: 29th Sunday of Pentecost

Tone 4 (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 (Resurrection)

My Savior and Redeemer / as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. / He has shattered the gates of hell, / and as Master, // He has risen on the third day!

Prokimen (Tone 4; Psalm 103:24,1)

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!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (Tone 4; Psalm 44:5,8)

v. Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth!
v. For You love righteousness, and hate iniquity.

Epistle. Colossians 3:12-16. Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Gospel. St. Luke 17:12-19. Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

Parish News and Events

The sign-up list for coffee hour is in the hall – an opportunity to serve!

It's Caroling Season! Let Walter Milinichik know if you would like to go caroling. We will be joining other groups to carol for His Eminence Metropolitan Anthony on Saturday 16 January 2016 at 1:00 PM in South Bound Brook!

St Nicholas Day and Celebration! After Liturgy today, we will celebrate St. Nicholas day with our children's program!

Parish Board Meeting: Tomorrow at 6:30 PM

Spiritually Speaking (every other Sunday after Coffee Hour in the Social Hall):
Next Sunday: The Harmony of God: the salvific beauty of liturgy and music

St. Mary's Seniors

1/11 at 12:30PM in the Social Hall: Seniors' Meeting
1/27 at 8:00AM in the Social Hall: Hoagie Sale

St. Mary's Ukrainian Dance Group: Every Wednesday @6:30 in the Social Hall

Educational Series: Saturdays, 12/5-1/2 @ 5:00 in the Chapel (before Vespers)
Next Saturday's lesson will explore the themes of the Nativity hymnography.

Seminarian Yuri Bobko will be staying with Fr. Anthony and Pani Tina throughout the Advent/Pilipivka and Christmas/Nativity seasons so he can experience life in our UOC-USA families and parishes. Let them know if you would like to host him for a day trip, special event, or dinner!

Reading and Greeter Schedule

Today's Epistle Reader: Robert Noecker ; Next Week: Alex Mackiewicz

Today's Communion Prayers: Faith Warren.; Next Week: Rdr. Nicholas Perkins

Today's Greeters: Judy Miller & Vera Muzychka;

Next Week: Richard Rosko

In Orthodoxy, communion is reserved for those who are members of an Orthodox parish and who have prepared themselves through prayer and fasting. We would love to have you as a member and communicant here at St. Mary's! See Fr. Anthony if you would like to join our parish!