

# St. Mary Protection of the Theotokos Parish

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**CHRIST IS RISEN!**

**INDEED HE IS RISEN!**

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**ВОІСТИНУ ВОСКРЕС!**



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.

## Upcoming Services

<b>Sunday</b>	5/8	9:00AM Divine Liturgy – St. Thomas Sunday; Easter Egg Hunt; Mother’s Day
<b>Wednesday</b>	5/11	7:00PM Daily Vespers
<b>Saturday</b>	5/14	*** NO MORNING SERVICE*** 6:00PM Cathedral Vigil
<b>Sunday</b>	5/15	9:00AM Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour, Education
<b>Wednesday</b>	5/18	7:00PM Daily Vespers
<b>Saturday</b>	5/21	9:00AM Divine Liturgy 6:00PM Cathedral Vigil
<b>Sunday</b>	5/22	9:00AM Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour, Education
<b>Wednesday</b>	5/25	7:00PM Daily Vespers
<b>Saturday</b>	5/28	NO SERVICES (Fr. Anthony will be at SVS)
<b>Sunday</b>	5/29	9:00AM Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour, Education
<b>Wednesday</b>	6/1	7:00PM Daily Vespers
<b>Saturday</b>	6/4	6:00PM Cathedral Vigil
<b>Sunday</b>	6/5	9:00AM Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour, Education
<b>Wednesday</b>	6/8	7:00PM Cathedral Vigil of the Ascension
<b>Thursday</b>	6/9	9:00AM Festal Liturgy of the Ascension
<b>Saturday</b>	6/11	6:00PM Cathedral Vigil
<b>Sunday</b>	6/12	9:00AM Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour, Education
<b>Wednesday</b>	6/15	NO SERVICE
<b>Saturday</b>	6/18	6:00PM Cathedral Vigil of Pentecost
<b>PENTECOST</b>	6/19	9:00AM Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour, Education
<b>Saturday</b>	6/25	6:00PM Cathedral Vigil
<b>ALL SAINTS</b>	6/26	9:00AM Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour, Education
<b>***MONDAY 6/27: THE APOSTLES FAST BEGINS***</b>		
<b>Saturday</b>	7/2	NO SERVICE
<b>Sunday</b>	7/3	9:00AM Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour, Education

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

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# May 6<sup>th</sup> ; St. Thomas Sunday

## The Order of Worship

**Censing of the Altar, Iconostasis, Nave/Sanctuary, & People.**

**Blessed is the Kingdom ... Amen.** Heaven and earth are joined in praise of God.

**Great Litany.** Prayers of supplication to God w/ refrain "Lord have mercy!"

**Psalm 102.** The Psalms are the greatest hymns of the Church.

**The Little Litany.** "Again and again" we lift up our praises and prayers to God.

**Psalm 145 & "Only Begotten Son".** This psalm and song remind us why we are here.

**The Little Litany.** "Again and again" ... we are learning to pray continuously.

**The Beatitudes.** The wisdom of the Logos offered in song – beautiful consolation.

**The Little Entrance/Gospel Entrance.** This symbolizes Christ coming from heaven into the world. We can kiss the Gospel (an icon of "The Word") in celebration saying; "Christ is in our midst" "He is and shall be!" "*Khristos Posered Nas*" "*I Ye I Budet*"

**Come Let Us Worship.** An invitation to enter into deeper worship of Jesus Christ.

**Hymns for Today.** As with all the music, everyone is encouraged to sing along!

**Tone 7 Troparion (from the Pentecostarion)**

From the sealed tomb, You shone forth, O Life! / Through closed doors You came to Your Disciples, O Christ God. / Renew in us, through them, an upright spirit, // by the greatness of Your mercy, O Resurrection of all!

**Tone 4 Troparion (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 8 Kontakion (from the Pentecostarion)**

Thomas touched Your life-giving side with an eager hand, O Christ God, / when You came to Your Apostles through closed doors. // He cried out with all: "You are my Lord and my God!"

**Tone 2 Kontakion (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.

**Trisagion:** We join the angels in proclaiming God's glory (Holy God, Holy Immortal...)!

**Tone 3 Prokeimenon** (Psalm 146:5,1)

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power! His understanding is beyond measure!

*v: Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God!*

**Epistle:** Acts 5:12-20

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!** (Tone 8; Psalm 94:1,3)

*v: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!*

*v: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King over all the earth.*

**Gospel: St. John 20:19-31**

**Litanies for the Faithful and for the Catachumens.** Catachumens are Christians preparing to enter into the Mysteries of the Orthodox Church (e.g. Communion).

**Cherubic Hymn.** This song reminds us that we must "put aside all earthly cares" so that we can join the angels in worshipping God in fullness and in truth.

**The Great Entrance.** The priest brings out the bread and wine that will become the Body and Blood of Christ. ***Symbolizes Palm Sunday... and the Passion of Christ.***

**Litany of the Sacrifice.** The work of the people is to enter into Communion with God.

**Deacon's exhortation: "Let us love one another...."** We answer by proclaiming our faith in the Trinity and Holy Orthodoxy through reciting the Profession of Faith.

**Commemoration of the Last Supper and Consecration of the Gifts.**

**Hymn to the Birthgiver of God, Mary.**

The Angel cried to the Lady, full of grace: / "Rejoice, O pure Virgin! Again, I say: 'Rejoice, / your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb! / With Himself He has raised all the dead.'" // Rejoice, O ye people!

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem! / The glory of the Lord has shone on you! / Exult now, and be glad, O Zion! / Be radiant, O pure Theotokos, // in the Resurrection of your Son!

**Litany of Preparation.**

**Lord's Prayer.** We join together praying the "Our Father", the prayer Jesus taught us.

**"Holy Things for the Holy".** We now enter into the greatest Mystery of Communion.

**Communion of the Faithful.** Communion is reserved for those who are members of an Orthodox parish and have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting, and regular confession. All are invited to join this parish and commune with us!

**Post-Communion Prayers, Dismissal & Distribution of the Antidoron.** At this point everyone is invited forward to kiss the cross and receive the blessed bread cut from the Eucharistic loaf before the service.

## Parish News and Events

**Happy Mother's Day!!!** Please stay and join us for a banquet in honor of our mothers!

**Easter Egg Hunt!!!** Today after the Divine Liturgy!

**What a beautiful Holy Week and Pascha we had here!** Thanks and blessings to everyone who made the services possible (and beautiful), and especially to John, our choir, and our chanters!

**St. Mary's now sponsors a Grief Support Group.** Tuesdays. 6:30PM – 8:00PM in the Library. The cost is free. For more information or registration, please call Joe Truchan at 610-262-3251. **Please spread the word!**

**St. Mary's Seniors:** 5/25. Hoagie Making.

**St. Mary's Ukrainian Dance Group:** Wednesdays @6:30 in the parish hall.

**Upcoming Spiritually Speaking (& Singing!) Classes (after Coffee Hour)**

- 5/8 (Music class cancelled for Mother's Day- sorry!)
- 5/15 "Chanting the Cathedral Vigil w/Tones 1 & 2 (as on Saturday Evenings)"
- 5/27 "Chanting the Cathedral Vigil w/Tones 3 & 4 (as on Saturday Evenings)"
- 6/5 "Chanting the Cathedral Vigil w/Tones 5 & 6 (as on Saturday Evenings)"
- 6/12 "Chanting the Cathedral Vigil w/Tones 7 & 8 (as on Saturday Evenings)"
- 6/19 "Chanting the Funeral Service"

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### Reading and Greeter Schedule

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

Today's Greeters: Richard and Carolyn Rosko;

Next Week: Eleanor Fox & Katherine Kramer

**Let Fr. Anthony know if you would like to be added to the schedule!**

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**In Orthodoxy,** communion is reserved for those who are members in good standing 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!

## Today's Scripture Readings

**Epistle: Acts 5:12-20**

And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch. And of the rest durst no man join himself to them: but the people magnified them. And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.) Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them. There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one...

Then the high priest [had the apostles put into prison] But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said, Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life.

**Gospel: John 20:19-31**

Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.

Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained. But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.

The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.

And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you. Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.

And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.

Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.