

St. Mary Protection of the Theotokos Parish

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**CHRIST IS RISEN!
INDEED HE IS RISEN!
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ХРИСТОС ВОСКРЕС!
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

Sunday	5/15	9:00AM	Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour, Education
Wednesday	5/18	7:00PM	Daily Vespers
Saturday	5/21	9:00AM	Divine Liturgy
		6:00PM	Cathedral Vigil
Sunday	5/22	9:00AM	Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour, Education
Wednesday	5/25	7:00PM	Daily Vespers
Saturday	5/28	NO SERVICES (Fr. Anthony will be at SVS)	
Sunday	5/29	9:00AM	Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour, Education
Wednesday	6/1	7:00PM	Daily Vespers
Saturday	6/4	6:00PM	Cathedral Vigil
Sunday	6/5	9:00AM	Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour, Education
Wednesday	6/8	7:00PM	Cathedral Vigil of the Ascension
Thursday	6/9	9:00AM	Festal Liturgy of the Ascension
Saturday	6/11	6:00PM	Cathedral Vigil
Sunday	6/12	9:00AM	Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour, Education
Wednesday	6/15	NO SERVICE (Fr. Anthony will be at a conference)	
Saturday	6/18	6:00PM	Cathedral Vigil of Pentecost
PENTECOST	6/19	9:00AM	Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour, Grave Blessing
Saturday	6/25	6:00PM	Cathedral Vigil
ALL SAINTS	6/26	9:00AM	Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour
MONDAY 6/27: THE APOSTLES FAST BEGINS			
Saturday	7/2	NO SERVICE (Fr. Anthony will be on vacation)	
Sunday	7/3	9:00AM	Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour
Saturday	7/9	6:00PM	Cathedral Vigil
Sunday	7/10	9:00AM	Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour
Monday	7/11	7:00PM	Cathedral Vigil of Sts. Peter & Paul
Tuesday	7/12	9:00AM	Festal Liturgy of St. Peter & Paul

*****END OF THE APOSTLES FAST*****

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

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May 15th ; Holy Myrrhbearers

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 2 Troparion (Resurrection)

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal, / You destroyed hell with the splendor of Your Godhead. / And when from the depths You raised the dead, / all the powers of heaven cried out: // "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!"

Tone 2 Troparion (from the Pentecostarion)

The noble Joseph, / when he had taken down Your most pure Body from the Tree, / wrapped it in fine linen and anointed it with spices, / and placed it in a new tomb. / But You rose on the third day, O Lord, // granting the world great mercy.

Tone 2 Troparion (from the Pentecostarion)

The Angel came to the Myrrhbearing Women at the tomb and said: / "Myrrh is fitting for the dead; / but Christ has shown Himself a stranger to corruption! / So proclaim: "The Lord is risen, // granting the world great mercy."

Tone 2 Kontakion (from the Pentecostarion)

You commanded the Myrrhbearers to rejoice, O Christ God. / By Your Resurrection, You stopped the lamentation of Eve, the first mother. / You commanded them to preach to Your Apostles: // "The Savior is risen from the tomb!"

Tone 8 Kontakion (Pascha)

You descended into the tomb, O Immortal, / You destroyed the power of death. / In victory You arose, O Christ God, / proclaiming: "Rejoice!" to the Myrrhbearing Women, // granting peace to Your Apostles, and bestowing Resurrection on the fallen.

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

Prokimen (Tone 6; Psalm 27:9,1)

O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance!

v: To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!

Epistle: Acts 6:1-7

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (Psalm 84:1,10)

v: O Lord, You have been gracious to Your land; You have turned back the captivity of Jacob.

v: Mercy and truth have met, righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Gospel: St. Mark 15:43-16:8

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 worshiping 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. Together, we prayer the prayer Jesus taught His disciples (and 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

It is with sadness brightened by the joy of the Resurrection that I share the news of the **repose of our sister Mildred Pasterick**. Funeral arrangements are as follows: Funeral Service will be at 10 am Tuesday in St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 1031 Fullerton Ave., Allentown 18102. Calling hours are 6 – 8 pm Monday and 8:30 – 9:15 am Tuesday with a Memorial Litya at 9:15 am Tuesday, all in the Stephens Funeral Home, Inc., 274 N. Krocks Rd., Allentown 18106. **May her memory be eternal – Christ is Risen!**

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!**

Next Parish Board Meeting: 5/23 @6:30PM

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

St. Mary's Ukrainian Dance Group: Wednesdays @6:30 in the parish hall. Upcoming performance: Saturday, 6/11 6:30PM Ukrainian Homestead Lehighon Fund Raiser for Ukraine (Arrival time 6:00 PM).

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

- 5/15 "Chanting the Cathedral Vigil w/Tones 1 & 2 (as on Saturday Evenings)"
- 5/22 "Chanting the Cathedral Vigil w/Tones 3 & 4 (as on Saturday Evenings)"
- 5/29 "Chanting the Cathedral Vigil w/Tones 5 & 6 (as on Saturday Evenings)"
- 6/5 "Chanting the Cathedral Vigil w/Tones 7 & 8 (as on Saturday Evenings)"

Reading and Greeter Schedule

Today's Epistle Reader: Alex Mackiewicz; Next Week: Richard Bodner

Today's Greeters: Eleanor Fox & Katherine Kramer;

Next Week: Judy Miller & Vera Muzychka

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

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 6:1-7

Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Proch'orus, and Nica'nor, and Timon, and Par'menas, and Nicola'us, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them.

And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

Gospel: St. Mark 15:43-16:8

Joseph of Arimathe'a, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Mag'dalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid.

And when the sabbath was past, Mary Mag'dalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salo'me, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to any one, for they were afraid. 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.