

St. Mary Protection of the Theotokos Parish

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CHRIST IS RISEN!

INDEED HE IS RISEN!

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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

Saturday	6/4	6:00PM	Cathedral Vigil
Sunday	6/5	9:00AM	Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour, Education
Wednesday	6/8	9:00AM	Divine Liturgy – Last Day of PASCHA
		7:00PM	Cathedral Vigil of the Ascension
Thursday	6/9	9:00AM	Festal Liturgy of the Ascension
Saturday	6/11	2:00PM	Cathedral Vigil (NOTE TIME CHANGE)
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, Festal (& Father’s Day) Feast
		2:00PM	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			
Saturday	7/16	6:00PM	Cathedral Vigil
Sunday	7/17	9:00AM	Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour
Saturday	7/23	6:00PM	Cathedral Vigil
Sunday	7/24	9:00AM	Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour
Saturday	7/31	6:00PM	Cathedral Vigil
Sunday	8/1	9:00AM	Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour

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

St. Mary Protection of the Theotokos Cathedral

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June 5th; Man Born Blind

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 5 Troparion (Resurrection)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, / co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, / born for our salvation from the Virgin; / for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, / to endure death, / and to raise the dead // by His glorious Resurrection.

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 4 Kontakion (Pentecostarion)

The Samaritan Woman came to the well in faith; / she saw You, the Water of wisdom and drank abundantly. // She inherited the Kingdom on high, and is ever glorified!

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.

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...)!

Prokimen (Tone 8; Psalm 75:11,1)

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God!

v: In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.

Epistle: Acts 16:16-34

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (Tone 8, Psalm 118:132,133; 99:6)

v. *Look upon me and have mercy on me!*

v. *Guide my steps according to Your word!*

v: *They called to the Lord and He answered them.*

Gospel: St. John 9:1-38

Litanies for the Faithful and for the Catechumens. Catechumens 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 pray 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

Summer provides temptations that try to pull us away from Sunday worship. To help us fight back, soon we will go into “Summer mode”, with Air Conditioning, shorter homilies, and simple musical settings designed so that everyone can sing along!

Grief Support Group. Tuesdays. 6:30PM – 8:00PM in the Library. For more information or registration, please call Joe Truchan at 610-262-3251.

We have been making due *without a dishwasher* in the hall for several years, and it’s time to get a new one. ***If we plan on continuing to use the kitchen and hall for fundraisers and events, we really need to get this done.*** Please consider supporting this investment in the life of our parish with a donation.

Many of our families have been blessed through sending their children to All Saints Camp. ***Please consider sending your children and youth to All Saints Camp*** (we will be attending Mommy & Me, Daddy & Me the first week in August).

Ministry to the Hungry: Please see Fr. Anthony if you are interested.

St. Mary’s Seniors: 6/7 - Country Buffet then meeting in the hall.

St. Mary’s Ukrainian Dance Group Performance: Saturday, 6/11 6:30PM Ukrainian Homestead Leighton Fund Raiser for Ukraine (Arrival time 6:00 PM)

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

6/5 "Chanting the Cathedral Vigil w/Tones 6, 7, & 8 (as on Saturday Evenings)"

Reading and Greeter Schedule

Today’s Epistle Reader: Robin Bodner; Next Week: Joseph Truchan.

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 16: 16-34

And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying: The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation. And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour. And when her masters saw that the hope of their gains was gone, they caught Paul and Silas, and drew them into the marketplace unto the rulers, And brought them to the magistrates, saying, These men, being Jews, do exceedingly trouble our city, And teach customs, which are not lawful for us to receive, neither to observe, being Romans. And the multitude rose up together against them: and the magistrates rent off their clothes, and commanded to beat them [and they had them put in prison... Paul and Silas prayed and great power came and loosed their shackles and opened the doors... the prison warden was amazed at this and asked to be baptized along with his family... great celebration ensued].

Gospel: St. John 9:1-38

And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him....

And [Jesus] said unto [the blind man], Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and was able to see.

[The people wanted to know who healed him, so he said;] A man that is called Jesus made clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, Go to the pool of Siloam, and wash: and I went and washed, and I received sight.

[Once they had verified the miracle, saying;the Pharisees were upset because the healing took place on the Sabbath. The man defended Jesus’ power and godliness. He said;] Since the world began was it not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind. If this man were not of God, he could do nothing.

[The Pharisees] answered and said unto him, Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us? And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God?

He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him?

And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee.

And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him.