

St. Mary Protection of the Theotokos Parish

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GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!

GLORY FOREVER!

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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

Sunday	6/12	9:00AM	Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour
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
Monday	6/20	9:00AM	Divine Liturgy
Saturday	6/25	6:00PM	Cathedral Vigil
ALL SAINTS	6/26	9:00AM	Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour

MONDAY 6/27: THE APOSTLE’S 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!!

Speaking of our website – we just updated its look and layout and have continued adding more content. Now it includes AMAZING HIGH RESOLUTION 360 “pictures” of the outside (taken from a drone) and inside that you can explore at your leisure. Pokrova-allentown.org.

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June 12th: Sunday after Ascension

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!"

Psalms 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.

Psalms 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 6 Troparion (Resurrection)

The angelic powers were at Your tomb; / the guards became as dead men. / Mary stood by Your grave, / seeking Your most pure body. / You took captive hell, / not being tempted by it. / You came to the Virgin, granting life. // O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You.

Tone 4 Troparion (Ascension)

You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, / granting joy to Your Disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. / Through the blessing, they were assured, / that You are the Son of God, // the Redeemer of the world!

Tone 8 Troparion (Holy Fathers of the Church)

You are most glorious, O Christ our God! / You have established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth. / Through them You have guided us to the true Faith.// O greatly compassionate One, glory to You!

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 6 Kontakion (Ascension)

When You had fulfilled the dispensation for our sake, / and united earth to heaven, / You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, / not being parted from those who love You, / but remaining with them and crying:// "I am with you, and there is no one against you!"

Tone 8 Kontakion (Holy Fathers of the Church)

The Apostles' preaching and the Fathers' doctrines have established one Faith for the Church. / Adorned with the robe of truth, woven from heavenly theology, // It defines and glorifies the great mystery of piety.

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; Song of the Three Holy Youths; 3,4)

Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name forever! *v: For You are just in all that You have done for us! (v. 4)*

Epistle: Acts 20:16-18, 28-36

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (Tone 1, Psalm 49:1,5)

v: The Lord... speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

v: Gather to Me, My venerable ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice!

Gospel: St. John 17:1-13

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.

Magnify, O my soul, Christ the Giver of Life, Who has ascended from earth to heaven!

We magnify you, the Mother of God, who beyond reason and understanding gave birth in time to the Timeless One.

Litany of Preparation. Lord's Prayer. Together, we prayer 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

Summer provides temptations that try to pull us away from Sunday worship. To help us fight back, we have transitioned into “Summer mode”, with cool AC, shorter homilies (from the amvon), and simple musical settings designed so that everyone can sing along! Longer homilies (from the raised pulpit) and more exciting music will return in the Fall.

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: 6/22 - Making hoagies (all seniors are invited)!

St. Mary’s Ukrainian Dance Group Performance: 2:00 PM Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church Picnic, West Easton PA (Dancers arrive @ 1:30 PM)

If someone you know could use a visit (they don’t need to be parishioners), please let Fr. Anthony know.

Reading and Greeter Schedule

Today’s Epistle Reader: Joseph Truchan; Next Week: Nik Fartuch.

Today’s Greeters: Judy Miller & Vera Muzychka;

Next Week: Richard and Carolyn Rosko

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 20:16-18, 28-36

In those days, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he would not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hurrying to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the Day of Pentecost. From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church. And when they had come to him, he said to them:

“You know, from the first day that I came to Asia, in what manner I always lived among you, Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears. So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I have coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. Yes, you yourselves know that these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me. I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

Gospel: St. John 17:1-13

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said:

“Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.”