

St. Mary Protection of the Theotokos Parish

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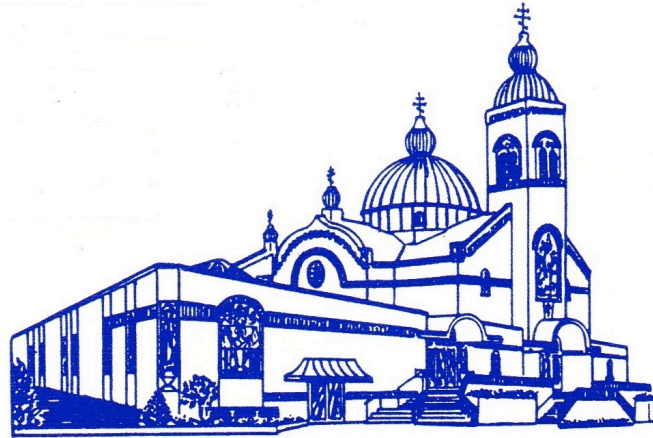
GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!

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.

Summer Worship Schedule

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 4:00PM Cathedral Vigil (note Summer time change)

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 4:00PM Cathedral Vigil

Sunday 7/17 9:00AM Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour

Saturday 7/23 4:00PM Cathedral Vigil

Sunday 7/24 9:00AM Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour

Saturday 7/30 4:00PM Cathedral Vigil

Sunday 7/31 9:00AM Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour

Saturday 8/6 4:00PM Cathedral Vigil

Sunday 8/7 9:00AM Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour

Saturday 8/13 4:00PM Cathedral Vigil (+ Cross)

Sunday 8/14 9:00AM Divine Liturgy (+Cross), Coffee Hour

*****START OF DORMITION FAST*****

Thursday 8/18 7:00PM Holy Transfiguration - Vigil

Friday 8/19 9:00AM Holy Transfiguration - Liturgy

Saturday 8/20 4:00PM Cathedral Vigil

Sunday 8/21 9:00AM Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour

Saturday 8/27 5:00PM Vigil of the Dormition (in Northampton)

Sunday 8/28 9:00AM Divine Liturgy (Dormition), Coffee Hour

*****END OF DORMITION FAST*****

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

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June 26th: Sunday of All Saints

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 8 Troparion (Resurrection)

You descended from on high, O Merciful One! / You accepted the three day burial to free us from our sufferings! // O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to You!

Tone 4 Troparion (All Saints)

As with fine porphyry and royal purple, / Your Church has been adorned with Your martyr's blood shed through-out all the world. / She cries to You, O Christ God: / "Send down Your bounties on Your people, // grant peace to Your habitation and great mercy to our souls!"

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 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.

Tone 8 Kontakion (All Saints)

The universe offers You the God-bearing Martyrs / as the first fruits of creation, O Lord and Creator. / By their prayers keep Your Church, Your habitation, in abiding peace // through the Theotokos, O most Merciful One!

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.

Prokimen (Tone 4: Psalm 67:35)

God is wonderful in His saints, the God of Israel.

Epistle: Hebrews 11:33-12:2

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (Tone 1, Psalm 33:18,20)

v. The righteous cried and the Lord heard them and delivered them out of all their troubles.

v. Many are the afflictions of the righteous; the Lord will deliver them out of them all.

Gospel: St. Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30

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. We praise her among the saints because God became incarnate through her; she is the mother of our salvation!

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.

Ministry to the Hungry: Please see Joe Truchan if you are interested. We are filling for a group THIS WEDNESDAY (glory to God!).

St. Mary’s Seniors: the Senior Clambake will be on July 18th (NOT the 11th) starting at 12 pm. Each person gets 2 dozen clams, chicken, a baked potato, corn on the cob, rolls and ice cream.

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

The Scholarship Committee is looking to restart the Golf Tournament! See Joe Zimmerman if you are interested in helping out or know someone who would!

Reading and Greeter Schedule

Today’s Epistle Reader: John Sokalsky; Next Week: Robert Noecker

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!

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: Hebrews 11:33-12:2

[They are those...] Who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection.

Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented - of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth.

And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us. Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Gospel: St. Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38, 19:27-30

Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.

Then Peter answered and said to Him, “See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?”

So Jesus said to them, “Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name’s sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first.