

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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July 3rd: All Saints of Rus' and North America

The Order of Worship

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.

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

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*"

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

Tone 1 Troparion (Resurrection)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, / while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure body, / You rose on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. / The powers of heaven therefore cried to You, O Giver of Life: / "Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ! / Glory to Your Kingdom! // Glory to Your dispensation, O Lover of mankind!"

Tone 8 Troparion (Rus'-Ukraine)

As a beautiful fruit of salvation you have sown, O Lord / the land of Rus'-Ukraine offers You the Saint who have shone in her land. / By their intercession and through the Birth-Giver of God, / preserve the Church and our land // in profound peace, Greatly Merciful One.

Tone 8 Troparion (North America)

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, they Son and our God, // to save our souls.

Tone 1 Kontakion (Resurrection)

As God, You rose from the tomb in glory, / raising the world with Yourself. / Human nature praises You as God, for death has vanished. / Adam exults, O Master! / Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to You: // "You are the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!"

Tone 3 Kontakion (Rus-Ukraine)

Today the choir of God pleasing saints from the land of Rus'-Ukraine / stands with us in church praying to God on our behalf; / with them the angels render glory / and all the Saints of Christ's Church celebrate: // for together they pray to the Eternal God for us.

Tone 3 Kontakion (North America)

Today the choir of Saints who were pleasing to God in the lands of North America / now stands before us in the Church and invisibly prays to God for us. / With them the Angels glorify Him, / and all the Saints of the Church of Christ keep festival with them; / and together they all pray for us to the Pre-eternal 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...)!

Prokimen (Tone 1; Psalm 32:22,1)

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on You!

v: Rejoice in the Lord, O You righteous; praise befits the just.

Prokimen (Tone 7: Psalm 115:15)

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

Epistle: Romans 2:10-16

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (Tone 1, Psalm 17:47,50; Psalm 31:11)

v: God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me.

v: He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever.

v: Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, O you righteous!

Gospel: St. Matthew 4:18-23

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.*

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

Celebrate Freedom! Святкуйте волю! It is such a blessing to live in a country that regards the protection of the free exercise of religion, the right to assemble, and of expression (even when that religion, assembly, and expression is unpopular) as one of its primary obligations. **May God protect our United States of America so that we can worship Him and share His love in peace!**

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!

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

If we plan on continuing to use the kitchen and hall for fundraisers and events, we really need a new one. 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 will be serving meals once every other month (and filling in when available/needed).

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.

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: Romans 2:10-16

But glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For there is no partiality with God. For as many as have sinned without law will also perish without law, and as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law (for not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified; for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them) in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.

Gospel: St. Matthew 4:18-23

And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen.

Then He said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

They immediately left their nets and followed Him.

Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.

And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.