

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

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	NO SERVICE – UOL CONVENTION (note change)	
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 10th; Third Sunday after Pentecost

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. It is followed by a Small Litany (“Again and again...”).

Psalm 145 & “Only Begotten Son”. This psalm and song remind us why we are here. It is followed by a Small Litany (“Again and again...”)

The Beatitudes. The wisdom of the Logos offered in song – beautiful consolation. We take on the virtues of and in Christ to become “blessed.”

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 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 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 (Resurrection)

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior, / seeing the miracle of Your Resurrection from the tomb! / The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with You, // and the world, my Savior, praises You forever.

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...)!

Prokeimenon (Tone 2, Psalm 117: 4, 18)

The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation.

v: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.

Epistle: Romans 5:1-10

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (Tone 2, Psalm 19: 1, 9)

v: May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you!

v: Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call! (Ps 19/20:9)

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.

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.** The children are welcome and encouraged to line the aisle.

Commemoration of the Last Supper and Consecration of the Gifts. This is when the Holy Spirit comes down and changes the gifts. Ukrainian Orthodox often kneel during this part of the liturgy, but standing is also welcome.

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. Please join us as pray together using the words Jesus the Messiah taught us during His earthly ministry.

“Holy Things for the Holy”. We 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! See Fr. Anthony if you would like to learn more.

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

May the Lord grant **blessed repose to his handmaid, Mary Andreas** (Lagosky) and strength and hope to those she has left behind. She reposed, surrounded by her family, on Tuesday, June 14, 2016. Her funeral was on Friday, June 17.

Memory Eternal!

In the future, I will endeavor to put all of our notes of condolence for the departed in the bulletin. Thank you for your patience and suggestions.

Another Thank You! For your hospitality for Fr. John last week and for graciously supporting Pani Matka Tina, me, and our family as we traveled to Georgia for a family reunion. We also appreciate your prayers for me through my illness. I still do not know what it was, but it seems to be gone – Glory to God!

Upcoming Perohi Session! We will be gathering on the morning of 7/16 to pinch perohi (and swap stories!). No experience is necessary; it's a great group of people doing good things to support St. Mary's. Come – and bring a friend!

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: Robert Noecker ; Next Week: Alex Mackiewicz

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!

Today's Scripture Readings

Epistle: Romans 5:1-10

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

Gospel: St. Matthew 6:22-33

The Lord said; "The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."

"Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."