

## St. Mary Protection of the Theotokos Parish

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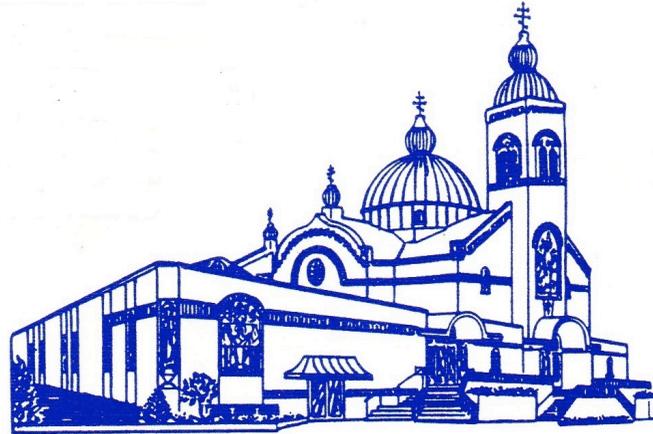
**GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!**

**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

<b>Sunday</b>	7/17	9:00AM	Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour
<b>Saturday</b>	7/23	4:00PM	Cathedral Vigil
<b>Sunday</b>	7/24	9:00AM	Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour
<b>Saturday</b>	7/30	<b>NO SERVICE – UOL CONVENTION***</b>	(note change)
<b>Sunday</b>	7/31	9:00AM	Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour
<b>Saturday</b>	8/6	4:00PM	Cathedral Vigil
<b>Sunday</b>	8/7	9:00AM	Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour
<b>Saturday</b>	8/13	4:00PM	Cathedral Vigil (+ Cross)
<b>Sunday</b>	8/14	9:00AM	Divine Liturgy (+Cross), Coffee Hour
<b>***START OF DORMITION FAST***</b>			
<b>Thursday</b>	8/18	7:00PM	Holy Transfiguration - Vigil
<b>Friday</b>	8/19	9:00AM	Holy Transfiguration - Liturgy
<b>Saturday</b>	8/20	4:00PM	Cathedral Vigil
<b>Sunday</b>	8/21	9:00AM	Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour
<b>Saturday</b>	8/27	5:00PM	Vigil of the Dormition (in Northampton)
<b>Sunday</b>	8/28	9:00AM	Divine Liturgy of the Dormition, Coffee Hour

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

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

**\*\*\* Speaking of the UOL Convention...** This year it is being hosted by Holy Ghost parish in Coatesville, (the parish Fr. Anthony Ugolnik serves). This makes it close enough for a day trip! Your own Fr. Anthony will be joining motivational speaker Bill Marianes and child psychologist Natalie Bilinsky in hopes of transforming the convention into something that is much a spiritual retreat as it is business meeting and social gathering. Retreat topics will include the psychology of habits and spiritual development (sounds boring, but it won't be!).

**St. Mary Protection of the Theotokos Cathedral**

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# July 17<sup>th</sup>; Fourth 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 3 Troparion (Resurrection)**

Let the heavens rejoice! / Let the earth be glad! / For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. / He has trampled down death by death. / He has become the first born of the dead. / He has delivered us from the depths of hell, / and has granted to the world // great mercy.

### **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 3 Kontakion (Resurrection)**

On this day You rose from the tomb, O Merciful One, / leading us from the gates of death. / On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; / with the Prophets and Patriarchs // they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Your power.

### **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 3 (Psalms 14:6,1) (Resurrection)**

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

*v: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!*

### **Epistle: Romans 6:18-23**

### **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (Psalms 30:1, 2)**

*v: In You, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame!*

*v: Be a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me!*

**Gospel: Matthew 8:5-13.** Children are encouraged to come up front; “Let the little children come unto me.” (Matthew 19:14)

**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. The ritual reminds us of 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

**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 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!

**Please let me know** if you would like something put into the bulletin and/or announced in church.

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### Reading and Greeter Schedule

Date	Epistle Schedule	Greeters
7/17/2016	Alex Mackiewicz	Judy Miller & Vera Muzychka
7/24/2016	Richard Bodner	Richard and Carolyn Rosko
7/31/2016	Robin Bodner	Eleanor Fox & Katherine Kramer
8/7/2016	Dennis Ritter	Judy Miller & Vera Muzychka
8/14/2016	Joseph Truchan	Richard and Carolyn Rosko
8/21/2016	Nik Fartuch	Eleanor Fox & Katherine Kramer
8/28/2016	Rdr. Nicholas Perkins	Judy Miller & Vera Muzychka

**Let Fr. Anthony know if you will not be able to greet/read and cannot find a replacement. Also let him know if you would like to be added to the schedule!**

## Today's Scripture Readings

**Epistle:** Romans 6:18-23

Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness. For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Gospel:** Matthew 8:5-13

And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him, and saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented.

And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him.

The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.

When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven. But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.