

## 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 (through August)

<b>Sunday</b>	7/24	9:00AM	Divine Liturgy, followed by the 40 Day Memorial Litya for Mary Andreas
<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 (+ Veneration of Cross), Coffee

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

<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 25<sup>th</sup>: Fifth 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 4 Troparion (Resurrection)**

When the women Disciples of the Lord / learned from the Angel the joyous message of the Resurrection, / they cast away the ancestral curse / and elatedly told the Apostles: / “Death is overthrown! / Christ God is risen, // granting 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 4 Kontakion (Resurrection)**

My Savior and Redeemer as God / rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. / He has shattered the gates of hell, / and as Master, // He has risen on the third day!

### **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 4 (Psalm 103:24,1)**

O Lord, how manifold are Your works; in wisdom have You made them all.

*v: Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, You are very great!*

### **Epistle: Romans 10:1-10**

### **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (Psalm 44: 5,8)**

*v: Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth!*

*v: For You love righteousness, and hate iniquity.*

**Gospel: Matthew 8:28-9:1.** 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

It is with sadness transformed by the joy of the resurrection that I share with you the news of the passing of two of our members this past week. Dr. Joseph Sembrot reposed in the Lord last Sunday morning (7/17; his funeral was on Friday, 7/22) and Carolyn Rosko reposed in the Lord this past Monday (7/18; her funeral was on Saturday, 7/23). **May their memory be eternal!**

**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. Last week, we had a total of \$6800 raised; on Monday the

**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).

**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 (through August)

Date	Epistle Schedule	Greeters
7/24/2016	Richard Bodner	Richard 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 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 10:1-10

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth. For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them.

But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:) Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.)

But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; That ***if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.*** For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

**Gospel:** Matthew 8:28-9:1

And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Gergesenes, there met him two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way. And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time? And there was a good way off from them an herd of many swine feeding. So the devils besought him, saying, If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine. And he said unto them, Go. And when they were come out, they went into the herd of swine: and, behold, the whole herd of swine ran violently down a steep place into the sea, and perished in the waters. And they that kept them fled, and went their ways into the city, and told every thing, and what was befallen to the possessed of the devils. And, behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus: and when they saw him, they besought him that he would depart out of their coasts. And he entered into a ship, and passed over, and came into his own city.