

St. Mary Protection of the Theotokos Parish

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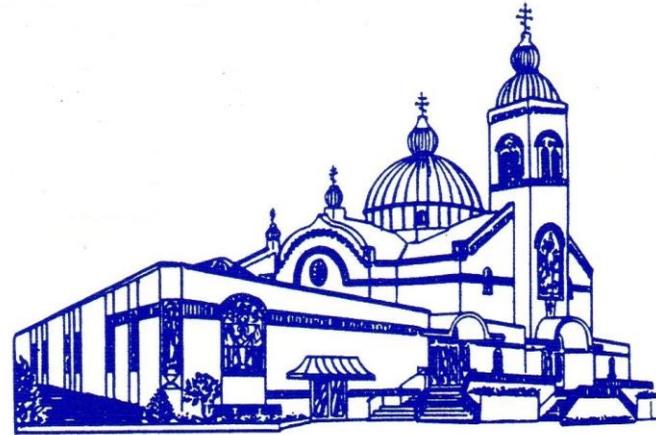
GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!

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)

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 (+ Veneration of Cross), Coffee

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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 of the Dormition, Coffee Hour

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

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

Speaking of our website; it is a great (and safe/non-intimidating) place to point people who might be interested in learning more about us, who we are, and what we do. Another “virtual” space is our Facebook page, “St. Mary Protection of the Holy Theotokos, Allentown PA”. You can also share my contact info (father.anthony@yahoo.com; or on Facebook, “Douglas Anthony Perkins”; or by text/phone 484-232-9423.

And please don’t be embarrassed to invite friends and family to come to church; it would be an offering of something you love to someone you love! Many inquirers into the faith find the Saturday evening service to be a more comfortable introduction (e.g. fewer people and a better opportunity to talk with the priest afterwards).

St. Mary Protection of the Theotokos Cathedral

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July 31st; Sixth 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 5 Troparion (Resurrection)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, / co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, /born for our salvation from the Virgin; / for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, / to endure death, / and to raise the dead // by His glorious Resurrection.

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 5 Kontakion (Resurrection)

You descended into hell, O my Savior, / shattering its gates as Almighty, / resurrecting the dead as Creator, / and destroying the sting of death. / You have delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Man, // and we cry to You: “O Lord, save us!”

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 5 (Psalm 11:7,1)

You, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.

v: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly!

Epistle: Romans 12:6-14

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (Psalm 88: 1,2)

v: I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your truth from generation to generation.

v: For You have said: “Mercy will be established forever; My truth will be prepared in the heavens.”

Gospel: Matthew 9:1-8. 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 Eugene Hutzayluk. Eugene reposed in the Lord last Saturday morning (7/23; too late to make it into the bulletin) and his funeral was on Wednesday (7/27). **May his memory be eternal!**

Grief Support Group. Tuesdays. 6:30PM – 8:00PM in the Library. This is for real people going through the very real challenges that come with losing a loved one. For more information or registration, please call Joe Truchan at 610-262-*are still accepting donations for the new dishwasher – God bless your generosity!*

Meat and Greet! It is such a blessing that we have a parish that loves to stay for food and fellowship (and now... hot dogs!) after liturgy. One thing that we could us help with is cleaning up. If you would like to help with this, you can sign up for a Sunday and/or just roll up your sleeves as things wrap up.

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.

Reading and Greeter Schedule (through August)

Date	Epistle Schedule	Greeters
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 12:6-14

Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

Gospel: Matthew 9:1-8

So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city.

Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you."

And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, "This Man blasphemes!" But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"—then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." And he arose and departed to his house.

Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.