

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.

August Worship Schedule (through August)

Sunday 8/7 9:00AM Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour

Saturday 8/13 4:00PM Cathedral Vigil (+ Cross)

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

Sunday 8/14 9:00AM Divine Liturgy (+ Veneration of Cross), Coffee

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)

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

Sunday 8/28 10:30AM DORMITION FEAST & PICNIC!!! This day, we are reviving an old tradition: the Sunday School is sponsoring our Divine Liturgy and Picnic at the Park in Emmaus! More details to follow (note the change in time).

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

Катедра Покрови Пресвятої Богородиці

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August 7th; 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 6 Troparion (Resurrection)

The angelic powers were at Your tomb; / the guards became as dead men. / Mary stood by Your grave, / seeking Your most pure body. / You took captive hell, /not being tempted by it. / You came to the Virgin, granting life. // O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You.

Tone 4 Troparion (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 6 Kontakion (Resurrection)

When Christ God the Giver of Life, / raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand, / He bestowed resurrection on the human race. // He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

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 6; Psalm 27:9,1)

O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance!

v: To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!

Epistle: Romans 15:1-7

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (Psalm 90: 1,2)

v: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God.

v: He will say to the Lord: “My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust.”

Gospel: Matthew 9:27-35. 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 Josephine A. (Karash) Sokalsky (age 95). The funeral service, Served by Fr. Robert Rebeck, was served Tuesday at the Kohut funeral home. **May her 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 610-262-3251.

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
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 15:1-7

We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification. For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, "The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me." For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus: That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God.

Gospel: Matthew 9:27-35

And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, "Thou son of David, have mercy on us."

And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord. Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you. And their eyes were opened; and Jesus straitly charged them, saying, See that no man know it.

But they, when they were departed, spread abroad his fame in all that country.

As they went out, behold, they brought to him a dumb man possessed with a devil. And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake: and the multitudes marvelled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel. But the Pharisees said, He casteth out devils through the prince of the devils.

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