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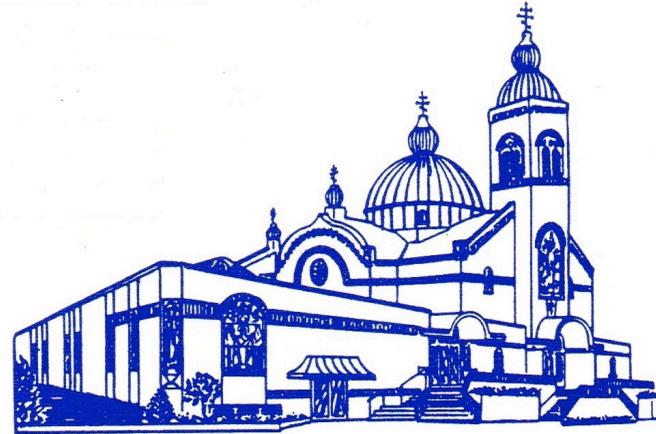
GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!

GLORY FOREVER!

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СЛАВА ІСУСУ ХРИСТУ!

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Today we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ (as we do every Sunday); because it is August 14th (August 1st on our liturgical calendar), we also celebrate the Procession of the Cross. This mini-feast celebrates how the Cross was taken in procession around Constantinople almost a thousand years ago in order to bring healing during a time of illness. We took the prostrations to the Cross last night at Vigil, but I will anoint everyone at the end of today's Liturgy with oil we blessed at that service). Today we also celebrate the lives of the holy Maccabean martyrs (you can read their wonderful story in the books of the Bible that bear their name).

Today also marks the beginning of the Dormition Fast, a Fast that will end with the Celebration of the Blessed Lady's repose on August 28th. Fast as well as your health and circumstances allow; regardless, spend it as Christians did in the first century as they prepared for the repose of their dearly beloved leader, intercessor, servant, and saint (i.e. with love and devotion to her and to the God, the Son, and the Church she served).

Worship Schedule

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

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| Sunday | 8/14 | 9:00AM | Divine Liturgy, 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*****

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| Sunday | 8/28 | 10:30AM | DORMITION FEAST & PICNIC!!! |
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- This day (8/28), we are reviving an old tradition: the Sunday School is sponsoring our Divine Liturgy and Picnic at the Community Park in Emmaus!

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

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). Feel free to give folks my contact info.

"Eighty-two percent of the unchurched are at least somewhat likely to attend church if invited." –Dr. Thom Rainer, *The Unchurched Next Door*

"A study including more than 15,000 adults revealed that about two-thirds are willing to receive information about a local church from a family member and 56 percent from a friend or neighbor. The message is clear that the unchurched are open to conversations about church." – Philip Nation, LifeWay Research

"Clearly we can encourage Christians to pray that the unchurched would sense God calling them back, but God works through His people." "The survey showed that many would respond to an invitation from a friend or acquaintance (41 percent), their children (25 percent) or an adult family member (25 percent)."

– Scott McConnell, LifeWay Research

Welcome to the God-loving and God-protected Orthodox Christian parish of *Pokrova* (“St. Mary 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!

August 14th: Eighth 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 7 Tropar (Resurrection)

By Your Cross You destroyed death. / To the thief You opened Paradise. / For the Myrrhbearers You changed weeping into joy. / And You commanded Your disciples, O Christ God, / to proclaim that You are risen, // granting the world great mercy.

Tone 1 Tropar (for the Cross)

O Lord, save Your people, / and bless Your inheritance! / Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians / over their adversaries; / and by virtue of Your Cross, // preserve Your habitation!

Tone 4 Tropar (for the Pokrova/Temple)

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 7 Kondak (Resurrection)

The dominion of death can no longer hold mankind captive, / for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. / Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: / "The Savior has come to those in faith; // enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!"

Tone 4 Kondak (for the Cross)

As You were voluntarily raised upon the Cross for our sake, / grant mercy to those who are called by Your Name, O Christ God; / make all Orthodox Christians glad by Your power, / granting them victories over their adversaries, // by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, Your weapon of peace!

Tone 2

Kondak (for the Pokrova/Temple)

The mystery hidden from eternity / and unknown to the angels, / is manifested to those on earth through you, Theotokos! / God being incarnate of you by union without confusion / and of His Own will freely enduring the Cross for us / and raising the first-formed man, // has saved our souls from death!

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: 1 Corinthians 1:10-24

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (Psalm 73:2,12; 33:18)

v. Remember Your congregation, which You have purchased of old!

v: God is our King before the ages; He has worked salvation in the midst of the earth!

v: The righteous cried and the Lord heard them and delivered them out of all their troubles

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 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

We will celebrate Divine Liturgy on 8/28 – the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos – at Emmaus Community Park (Pavilion #6) at 10:30AM. It will be followed by a picnic, sponsored by the Church School.

One of the (many) neat things about celebrating the liturgy in this venue is that the altar is in the midst of the people. Communicants whose health would make fasting this late in the day problematic *should eat as little as required as early as possible* (this is the traditional practice and is supported by our hierarchs; please see me if you have questions).

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.

The Scholarship Committee is looking to restart the Golf Tournament (beginning in 2017)! 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 September)

Date	Epistle Schedule	Greeters
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
9/4/2016	John Sokalsky	Richard Rosko
9/11/2016	Robert Noecker	Eleanor Fox & Katherine Kramer
9/18/2016	Alex Mackiewicz	Judy Miller & Vera Muzychka
9/25/2016	Richard Bodner	Richard Rosko

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: 1 Corinthians 1:10-24

Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's household, that there are contentions among you. Now I say this, that each of you says, "I am of Paul," or "I am of Apollos," or "I am of Cephas," or "I am of Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, lest anyone should say that I had baptized in my own name. Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas. Besides, I do not know whether I baptized any other. For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect.

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written:

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, And bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent."

Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Gospel: Matthew 14:14-22

And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food."

But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

And they said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish."

He said, "Bring them here to Me." [And Christ blessed the food and fed everyone!].