

# St. Mary Protection of the Theotokos Cathedral

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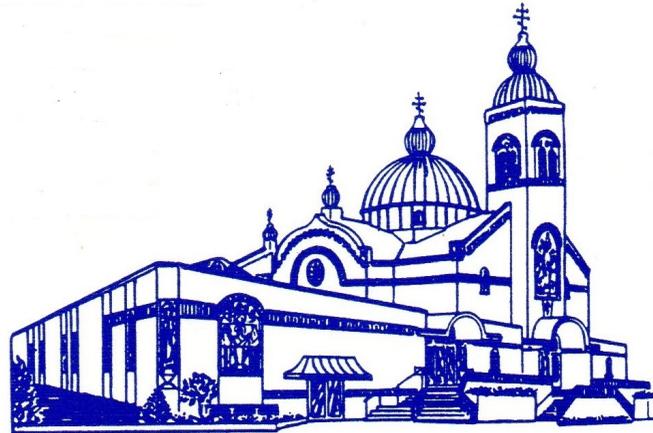
**GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!**

**GLORY FOREVER!**

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**СЛАВА ІСУСУ ХРИСТУ!**

**СЛАВА НАВІКИ!**



### The Evangelical Bucket

All opportunities, issues and problems that we all face fit into one of three “buckets:”

- Bucket 1: The things we control;
- Bucket 2: The things we influence; and
- Bucket 3: The things we really can't do anything about.

So no excuses for 1st bucket issues. As the old Nike ad said: “Just Do It.” Welcome to my “no whining” zone. If it's a 1st bucket issue, the only thing preventing you from dealing with it is you. Give thanks every day. Give back every day. Pay it forward everyday. Do the right thing every day. Fix what you can fix every day. Enjoy your life, and live your own unique stewardship calling every day.

As to bucket 3, give it a rest. For one moment, please imagine how our parishes would change if we all stopped complaining about 3rd bucket issues we can't do anything about and learned to be more positive, productive and encouraging to those around us.

We should spend more time on the 2nd bucket things we can influence. Because of the unique gifts God has given you, you are inalienably able to influence an amazing number of people and things in your Parish/Metropolis/Archdiocese and you must focus on those things you can influence. We need to create a culture of stewardship over our gifts in our communities and uplift everyone with whom we interact.

- Excerpted from Bill Marianes, StewardshipCalling.org.

## Worship Schedule

**Sunday 8/28 10:30AM DORMITION FEAST & PICNIC!!!**

Today (8/28), we are reviving an old tradition: the Sunday School is sponsoring our Divine Liturgy and Picnic at the Community Park in Emmaus!

**Saturday 9/3 4:00PM Cathedral Vigil (Chapel)**

**Sunday 9/4 9:00AM Divine Liturgy, Panakhida for Carolyn R., Coffee Hour**

**Saturday 9/10 4:00PM Cathedral Vigil (Chapel)**

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**Sunday 9/11 9:00AM Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour**

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**Wednesday 9/14 Hierarchical Liturgy (at Seminary in S. Bound Brook)**

**Saturday 9/17 4:00PM Cathedral Vigil (Chapel)**

**Sunday 9/18 9:00AM Teaching Divine Liturgy, Blessing of Church School Year (and start of Fall Schedule) Coffee Hour**

**Wednesday 9/21 10:00AM Divine Liturgy: Nativity of Our Lady (Chapel)**  
**7:00PM Bible Study & Intercessory Prayer**

**Saturday 9/24 4:00PM Cathedral Vigil (Chapel)**

**Sunday 9/25 9:00AM Divine Liturgy, Education, Coffee Hour**

**Monday 9/26 4:00PM Cathedral Vigil of the Cross (Chapel)**

**Tuesday 9/27 10:00AM Divine Liturgy: Exaltation of the Cross (Chapel)**

**Wednesday 9/28 7:00PM Bible Study & Intercessory Prayer**

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

### Adult Education

**Each Sunday (11AM).** For our Fall “Spiritually Speaking” series I will be offering a weekly series on the “tough questions” people ask. I will spend the first 20 minutes of each 30 minute session answering a (preselected) “tough question”; then we will spend the final 10 minutes in Q&A. If you have a question, get it to me and I will put it into the queue; this is your chance to stump the priest (and find out why we do what we do)!

**Each Wednesday (7PM).** Bible Study. We will spend the first 45 minutes of these hour-long sessions working through the selected scripture, trying to understand the text as its authors did and how it has been illumined by the Light of Christ and the Holy Spirit. The final 15 minutes will be spent offering up our praise and prayer concerns to the Lord.

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 28<sup>th</sup>: The Falling Asleep of the Blessed Mother of Go

## The Order of Worship

**NOTE FOR TODAY:** *the rituals of the Divine Liturgy are affected by the architecture of the place in which it is celebrated (e.g. the Entrances will be shorter today). The potency of our worship and of the Holy Eucharist is as strong when we celebrate on the hood of a jeep just of the front lines as they are in a store front mission parish as they are in a cathedral (our normal home) as they are in the Holy Sepulcher, as they are in a park pavilion. We do, however, make sure that we sanctify our environment through our solemnity and reverence when we celebrate in normally “secular” spaces despite the many distractions that tempt us to apathy.*

**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.** This sung Psalm is followed by a Small Litany (“Again and again...”).

**Psalm 145 & “Only Begotten Son”.** These are also followed by a Small Litany.

**The Beatitudes.** God’s wisdom offered in song – beautiful consolation.

**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 1 Troparion (Resurrection)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, / while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure body, / You rose on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. / The powers of heaven therefore cried to You, O Giver of Life: / “Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ! / Glory to Your Kingdom! // Glory to Your dispensation, O Lover of mankind!”

### Tone 1 Troparion (Dormition)

In giving birth you preserved your virginity. / In falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos. / You were translated to life O Mother of Life, // and by your prayers you deliver our souls from death.

### Tone 1 Kontakion (Resurrection)

As God, You rose from the tomb in glory, / raising the world with Yourself. / Human nature praises You as God, for death has vanished. / Adam exults, O Master! / Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to You: // “You are the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

### Tone 2 Kontakion (Dormition)

Neither the tomb, nor death, could hold the Theotokos, / who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions. / For being the Mother of Life, // she was translated to life by the One Who dwelt in her virginal womb.

**Trisagion:** We join the angels in proclaiming God’s glory (Holy God, Holy Immortal...)!

**Prokimen** (Tone 1; Psalm 32:22,1)

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on You!

*v: Rejoice in the Lord, O your righteous! Praise befits the just!*

**Prokimen** (Tone 3; Song of the Theotokos, Luke 1:46-47)

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior

**Epistle:** Philippians 2:5-11 (Dormition)

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia** (Tone 1; Psalm 17:47,50; 131:8)

*v: God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me.*

*v: He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever.*

*v: Arise, O Lord, into Your resting place: You and the Ark of Your sanctification!*

**Gospel:** Matthew 17:14-23 (Sunday); Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28 (Dormition). 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.** We “put aside all earthly cares” and join the angels in worship.

**The Great Entrance.** This 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. Please kneel or stand (either is fine).

**Hymn to the Birthgiver of God, Mary.** The Angels, as they looked upon the Dormition of the Virgin, were struck with wonder, seeing how the Virgin went up from earth to heaven. The limits of nature are overcome in you, O Pure Virgin: for birthgiving remains virginal, and life is united to death; a virgin after childbearing and alive after death, you ever save your inheritance, O Theotokos.

**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. See Fr. Anthony if you would like to learn more about joining this parish!

**Post-Communion Prayers, Dismissal & Distribution of the Antidoron.** Everyone can come forward, kiss the cross, and receive some homemade blessed bread.

## Parish News and Events

**It is with sadness transformed by the Resurrection that I share** the news of the passing of two parishioners. **Katherine (Rapovie) Kramer**, 81, of Allentown, reposed in the Lord on August 22, 2016. There will be a viewing at Kohut from 6-8PM on Monday with a Litya at 7:30PM. The funeral will be at 10AM here, preceded by a viewing at 9AM. **Anna V. (Vastyshak) Schaffer**, 92, of Allentown, reposed on August 25, 2016. A calling time will be held on Wednesday 9:30-10:30AM with a Funeral Service at 10:30AM in Kohut Funeral Home (served by Fr. Robert J. Rebeck; she was a member of both parishes).

**The St. Mary's Seniors** will be making hoagies this Wednesday and are meeting (and feasting) at the Old Country Buffet on 9/6.

**We will have a perohi session** on September 10<sup>th</sup> – please come!

**Soup Kitchen** – God bless our soup kitchen workers and all the many hands that made the perohi that are being taken to feed the hungry this week!

**Grief Support Group.** Tuesdays. 6:30PM – 8:00PM in the Library. For more information or registration, please call Joe Truchan at 610-262-3251.

**Fall Weekday Liturgies:** will be every Wednesday except 9/28, 10/19, 10/26, 11/16 & 12/7. These are offered in place of the Saturday liturgies.

**The Scholarship Committee** is looking to restart the Golf Tournament (beginning in 2017)! See Joe Zimmerman if you are interested in helping!

**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 September)

Date	Epistle Schedule	Greeters
8/28/2016	Rdr. Nicholas Perkins	Judy Miller & Vera Muzychka
9/4/2016	John Sokalsky	Richard Rosko
9/11/2016	Robert Noecker	Eleanor Fox
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: Philippians 2:5-11 (Reading for the Dormition of the Mother of God)**

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### **Gospel: Matthew 17:14-23 (for the Sunday)**

And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic[a] and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him."

Then Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me." And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour.

Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?"

So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting."

Now while they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised up." And they were exceedingly sorrowful.

### **Gospel: Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28**

Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."

[Then Jesus says that we also receive the blessing His mother did through faith. -ed.]