

# St. Mary Protection of the Theotokos Parish

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**GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!**

**GLORY FOREVER!**

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**СЛАВА ІСУСУ ХРИСТУ!**

**СЛАВА НАВІКІ!**



## Evening Prayers

Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us; for at a loss for any defense, we sinners offer this prayer unto Thee as Master: have mercy on us.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.*

O Lord, have mercy on us, for in Thee have we put our trust. Do not be angry with us greatly, neither remember our iniquities; but look upon us now as Thou art compassionate, and deliver us from our enemies, for Thou art our God, and we, Thy people; we are all the works of Thy hands, and we call upon Thy name.

Both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

The door of compassion open unto us, O blessed Theotokos, that hoping in thee, we might not perish; but through thee may be delivered from adversities, for thou art the salvation of the Christian race.

*Lord, have mercy. (Twelve times.)*

O Eternal God and King of all creation, Who hast granted me to reach this hour: forgive the sins I have committed this day in deed, word, and thought; and cleanse, O Lord, my humble soul of all impurity of flesh and spirit, and grant me, O Lord, to pass the sleep of this night in peace; that, rising from my lowly bed, I may please Thy most holy name all the days of my life, and thwart the enemies, fleshly and bodiless, that war against me. And deliver me, O Lord, from vain thoughts and evil desires which defile me. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

## November Worship Schedule

<b>Wednesday</b>	11/2	10:00AM	Divine Liturgy (Chapel)
<b>Saturday</b>	11/5	4:00PM	Cathedral Vigil (Chapel)
<b>Sunday</b>	11/6	9:00AM	Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour, Education
<b>Wednesday</b>	11/9	10:00AM	Divine Liturgy (Chapel)
<b>Saturday</b>	11/12	4:00PM	Cathedral Vigil (Chapel)
<b>Sunday</b>	11/13	9:00AM	Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour, Education
<b>Saturday</b>	11/19	4:00PM	Reader's Vespers (Chapel)
<b>Sunday</b>	11/20	9:00AM	Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour, Education
<b>Saturday</b>	11/26	4:00PM	Cathedral Vigil (Chapel)
<b>Sunday</b>	11/27	9:00AM	Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour, Education

**\*\*\* START OF NATIVITY LENT (11/28) \*\*\***

**Wednesday 11/30 10:00AM** Divine Liturgy (Chapel)

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

### Adult Education

**Each Sunday (11AM).** Our weekly “Spiritually Speaking” series addresses the “tough questions” people ask. I spend the first 20 minutes of each 30 minute session answering a (preselected) “tough question”; the final 10 minutes is spent 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)! **Today's Topic** will be “Whom should I vote for?” **Just kidding!!!** It will be on “Why do we kiss the icons and cross? Do we have to?”

**Each Wednesday (7PM).** Bible Study. We 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 few minutes will be spent in Q & A.

This past week's Bible Study covered the the Flood and the Tower of Babel. Now we're on to the Abraham, Isaac and Jacob!

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 (and a wonderful home, it is)!

**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, your family, and your friends!**

# November 6<sup>th</sup> ; Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

## The Order of Worship

*(A more complete version is found in the black prayer book in the pews)*

**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. Small Litany.** The Psalms are the greatest hymns of the Church.

**Psalm 145, “Only Begotten Son”, Little Litany.** These hymns remind us why we are here.

**The Beatitudes.** The wisdom of the Christ offered in song – how we 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 Bude!*”

**Hymns for Today.** As with all the music, everyone is encouraged to sing along!

**Tone 3 Tropar** *(Resurrection)*

Let the heavens rejoice! / Let the earth be glad! / For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. / He has trampled down death by death. / He has become the first born of the dead. / He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world // great mercy.

**Tone 1 Tropar** *(Martyr Arethas)*

Through the sufferings which Your holy martyrs Arethas and his companions endured for Your sake, O Lord, / we beseech You, O Lover of mankind: // “Heal all of our infirmities!”

**Tone 4 Tropar** *(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 3 Kondak** *(Resurrection)*

On this day You rose from the tomb, O Merciful One, / leading us from the gates of death. / On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; / with the Prophets and Patriarchs// they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Your power.

**Tone 4 Kondak** *(Martyr Arethas)*

Today the radiant feast of the passion-bearers Arethas and his companions / comes to us as a herald of joy; / as we celebrate it we glorify the Lord on high.

**Tone 2 Kondak** *(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...)!

**Tone 3 Prokimen** *(Resurrection; Psalm 46:6,1)*

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!  
*v: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!*

**Epistle:** Galatians 1:11-19

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!** *(Psalm 30:1,2)*

*v: In You, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame!*

*v: Be a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me!*

**Gospel:** Luke 16:19-31. Children are encouraged to come up front; “Let the little children come unto me.” (Matthew 19:14)

**Litanies for the Faithful and for the Catechumens.** Catechumens 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.** 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

**WE NEED YOU!!!** St. Mary's will once again have a pirohi and Christmas cookie & nut/poppysed roll sale on DECEMBER 3. It will be advertised to the public. Your help and cooperation is truly needed in this endeavor. Could you please bake a few batches of cookies at home? ---help when we have our work sessions,---or order ahead of time? Look for our work session days in the bulletin or on posters on the doors of the church. Call Elinor Antoniuk--- home 610-262-0682 or cell---484-523-4123 or e-mail her at [ellieantoniuk@rcn.com](mailto:ellieantoniuk@rcn.com).

**Thank you for making Fr. Vasyl Shak feel at home!** He will serve again on 11/20.

**God bless all our Perohi makers!** Our kitchen is an important ministry (and not just as a fundraiser)!

**The Scholarship Committee needs ten volunteers by December 1<sup>st</sup>** in order to make the 2017 St. Mary's Golf Tournament a reality. This committee does wonderful things for the youth of our parish; please consider joining this cause (and encourage others to do the same).

Chris Zimmerman is offering to give parishioners the flu shot here at church. If you are interested in this wonderful service, please see Judy for details.

Our **Ukrainian Dance Group** continues to meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00PM. It's a great (and growing) group of dancers and a fantastic set of teachers.

The **Grief Support Group** is offering everyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one special one-session classes on "Surviving the Holidays"! Thanksgiving and Christmas bring a special kind of stress to the lives of the heartbroken. This excellent program is designed to help real people (i.e. US!) find peace and a renewed confidence in Christ. This is a non-denominational Christian program and everyone – to include the non-Orthodox – is invited. Dates are: 11/15, 11/22, 12/6, 12/13, 12/20.

Our next **Parish Board Meeting** is at 6:30PM on 11/28.

**Please let me know** if you would like something put into the bulletin/announced in church.

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### Reading and Greeter Schedule (November)

Date	Epistle Schedule	Greeters
11/6/2016	John Sokalsky	Richard Rosko
11/13/2016	Robert Noecker	Eleanor Fox
11/20/2016	Alex Mackiewicz	Judy Miller & Vera Muzychka
11/27/2016	Richard Bodner	Richard Rosko

**Please 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: Galatians 1:11-19**

But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ.

For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers.

But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.

Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter,[a] and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

### **Gospel: Luke 16:19-31**

"There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

"Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.'

"Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'"