

St. Mary Protection of the Theotokos Parish

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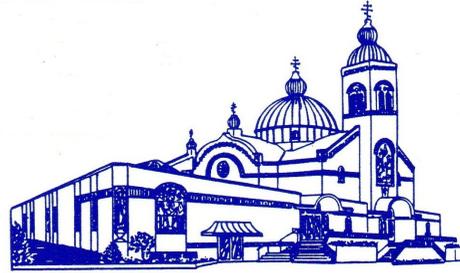
GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!

GLORIFY FOREVER!

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St. Tikhon's Seminary Choir Concert in Bethlehem!!!

The Lehigh Valley Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood will host a benefit concert by the St. Tikhon's Seminary Choir at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Bethlehem, PA on Sunday, February 19 at 6:30 p.m.

The performance, titled "Psalms and Hymns," features Orthodox sacred music in English that highlights the Biblical foundations of Orthodox Christian worship.

"In November, we performed this program at Eastern University in Philadelphia, and it was very well received," Benedict Sheehan, director of music at St. Tikhon's Seminary and Monastery, said. "We look forward to performing it again for people in the Lehigh Valley in a sacred space that complements the music's beauty and spiritual depth."

The Clergy Brotherhood is looking forward to hosting its membership, which includes 13 Orthodox Christian churches throughout the region, as well as the general public.

"This concert is a perfect way to experience the beauty and scriptural depth of Orthodox Christian worship," Fr. Andrew Stephen Damick, president of the clergy brotherhood, said.

The program includes examples of Znamenny Chant as well as more recent arrangements. Also included on the program are arrangements by the late Deacon Sergei Trubachev [1919-1995], an original work by Mr. Sheehan, based on Znamenny chant, and a Byzantine-style psalm popular on Mt. Athos, a peninsula in Greece which is one of the holiest Orthodox monastic sites in the world. All selections will be sung in English.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the seminarians of Saint Tikhon's Seminary. Tickets will be available at the door and are \$10.00.

Direct donations above that level are most welcome, and will go directly to pay the tuition of the seminarians who are singing in the concert.

A reception in the church hall will follow the performance.

Theophany & Pre-Lenten Worship Schedule

Sunday	1/29	9:00AM	Divine Liturgy of Zacchaeus, Coffee Hour
Saturday	2/4	4:00PM	Cathedral Vigil (Chapel)
Sunday	2/5	9:00AM	Divine Liturgy of Publican and Pharisee Coffee Hour, Adult Education
*** FAST FREE WEEK ***			
Saturday	2/11	4:00PM	Cathedral Vigil (Chapel)
Sunday	2/12	9:00AM	Divine Liturgy of Prodigal Son, Coffee Hour
*** REGULAR FASTING WEEK ***			
Tuesday	2/14	4:00PM	Cathedral Vigil of the Meeting of our Lord
Wednesday	2/15	10:00AM	Divine Liturgy of the Meeting of our Lord
Saturday	2/18	4:00PM 4:30PM	Panakhida for Soul Saturday (Chapel) Cathedral Vigil (Chapel)
Sunday	2/19	9:00AM	Divine Liturgy of Last Judgment Son (Meatfare)
*** FASTING FROM MEAT WEEK ***			
Saturday	2/25	4:00PM	Cathedral Vigil (Chapel)
Sunday	2/26	9:00AM	Divine Liturgy of Forgiveness (Cheesefare); Service of Forgiveness

***** GREAT LENT BEGINS *****

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

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Adult Education

Sundays (11AM). We will resume our "Spiritually Speaking" series on 2/5. It will meet the first Sunday of each month. The topic will be the Journey of Great Lent!

Wednesdays (7PM). We have resumed our journey through the Old Testament. Last week, we talked about the plagues on Egypt as Cosmic Warfare (it was cool). This week, we will talk about the institution of the Passover.

Saturdays (3:30PM). We will begin chanting practice on 2/4. It will meet each Saturday. We will work on basic skills and music for upcoming (non-choir) services. Come early (3PM) to help prepare the Vigil books and bulletins!

Thursdays (10AM). On 2/2 we will begin a weekly discussion group. Everyone is invited for coffee, tea, a light breakfast, and a discussion on what we can learn from the upcoming Sunday Epistle and Gospel readings. It will meet at the Perkins house at 819 Fernwood St., Emmaus PA. Over time (and there is no rush!), it is my hope to add more small group meal/discussion groups at homes throughout the Valley!

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!

January 29th; Zacchaeus Sunday

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. 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 Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death. / To the thief Thou didst open Paradise. / For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy, / and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, / to proclaim that Thou art risen, // granting the world great mercy.

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 7 Kondak (Resurrection)

The dominion of death can no longer hold men 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 (Zacchaeus)

When He that bowed the Heavens came to save sinners, / Zacchaeus, great in zeal. but little of stature, / beheld the Tree of Life from in the Sycamore; / lifted up above the earth, / he saw Jesus, who called him: / coming down in lowliness, / he repenting, received Him; / and so salvation came into his house, / and he was shown forth a true son of Abraham.

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...)

Prokimen Tone 7 (Psalm 28:11,1)

The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace.

v: Offer to the Lord, O ye sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!

Epistle: 1 Timothy 4:9-15

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (Psalm 91:1,2)

v: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most High.

v: To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night.

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10. 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 to “put aside all earthly cares!”

The Great Entrance. The priest brings out the bread and wine that will become the Body and Blood 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. We either stand or, as is customary among many Ukrainian Orthodox, kneel during this portion of the service.

Hymn to the Birthgiver of God, Mary. Along with all the saints, we remember the Mother of God after the *Epiclesis* (calling of the Holy Spirit).

Litany of Preparation. Lord’s Prayer. Please join us as we pray together the prayer that Lord Jesus Christ Himself taught us.

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!

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.

After the service, please join us for coffee and conversation in the Fellowship Hall!



Parish News and Events

Today the Jr. UOL are going ROCK CLIMBING!!! They also have the coffee hour. They are able to set up the coffee hour, but will not be able to clean up. If you can help with clean up, they would be much obliged!

Al Mackiewicz has agreed to be the “Parish Champion” for the UOC-USA Strategic Plan, a set of projects that are designed to reinvigorate our parishes and Orthodoxy in America. If you would like to assist him in this important work, please see him!

Parishioner end of the year statements of donations/contributions and dues owed are completed for you to pick up from Judy Miller.

In February, the **St. Mary's Seniors** will meet on 2/6 (Old Country Buffet 11AM), prepare hoagies on 2/22, and have their Pre-Lenten Luncheon on 2/26 (Red Lobster, 11AM).

The Grief Support Group meets at 6:30PM on Tuesdays in the Hall. See Joe Truchan or Vera Muzychka for details.

We have two new groups that minister to the needs of our community. The first finds ways to help parishioners who are ill or shut-in. If you are ill and could use some help or a visit (or know someone else who could), please contact the group leader, Robin Bodnar. The second group is the St. Michael's Men's Auxiliary. It's main goal is to help parishioners with things around their homes. If you have something you could use help with (or know of someone who does), please contact the group leader, Joe Zimmerman.

The next **Parish Board Meeting** will be on 1/23 6:30.

Our **Ukrainian Dance Group** meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00PM.

Be sure to sign up to have your house blessed!

For your calendar: we are hosting the **Sunday of Orthodoxy** on 3/5!

Reading and Greeter Schedule

Date	Epistle Schedule	Greeters
1/29	Alex Mackiewicz	Richard Rosko
2/5	Richard Bodnar	Eleanor Fox
2/12	Robin Bodnar	Judy Miller & Vera Muzychka
2/19	Dennis Ritter	Richard Rosko
2/26	Joseph Truchan	Eleanor Fox

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: 1 Timothy 4:9-15

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance. For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. These things command and teach.

Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership. Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all.

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

Then Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, “Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house.” So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, “He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner.”

Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold.”

And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”