

St. Mary Protection of the Theotokos Cathedral

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**GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!
GLORY FOREVER TO GOD!**

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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.

Upcoming Worship Schedule

Sunday	4/9	8:45AM	Blessing of Willows and Palms
		9:00AM	Divine Liturgy (Palm/Willow Sunday)
		7:00PM	Bridegroom Matins
Monday	4/10	4:00PM	Presanctified Liturgy
		7:00PM	Bridegroom Matins
Tuesday	4/11	4:00PM	Presanctified Liturgy
		7:00PM	Bridegroom Matins
Wednesday	4/12	10:00AM	Holy Unction (Healing Service)
		4:00PM	Presanctified Liturgy
		7:00PM	Bridegroom Matins
Thursday	4/13	10:00AM	Mystical Supper (Vespers Liturgy)
		7:00PM	Twelve Gospels (Matins)
Friday	4/14	10:00AM	Royal Hours and Typika
		7:00PM	Great Vespers of the Passion (w/procession)
Saturday	4/15	10:00AM	Matins w/ Lamentation (Harrowing of Hades)
		3:00PM	Vespers Liturgy of the Resurrection
		5:30PM	Blessing of Paschal Baskets
PASCHA (Sunday)	4/16	7:30AM	Nocturns Service of the Resurrection; Procession
		8:00AM	Matins of the Resurrection; Homily of St. John Ch.
		9:00AM	Divine Liturgy of the Resurrection
		10:30AM	Blessing of Paschal Baskets
		1:00PM	Agape Vespers
		1:45PM	Blessing of Paschal Baskets
Monday	4/17	10:00AM	Divine Liturgy
Saturday	4/22	NO SERVICES (Please join us at St. Sophia Seminary)	
Sunday	4/23	9:00AM	Divine Liturgy
Saturday	4/29	NO SERVICES (Consecration on Long Island)	
Sunday	4/30	9:00AM	Divine Liturgy

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

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Adult Education

Sundays (11AM). Our “Spiritually Speaking” series meets the first Sunday of each month after coffee hour.

Wednesdays (7PM). This Old Testament Bible Study will resume on May 3rd.

Saturdays (5:00PM). These will resume on May 6th.

Thursdays (10AM). These will resume on May 4th.

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April 9th ; PALM/WILLOW SUNDAY

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!”

Antiphon 1 (Ps 114)

I love the Lord because He has heard the voice of my supplication.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

Because He inclined His ear to me; therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.

(Refrain is sung after each of the following verses)

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of hell laid hold on me.

I suffered distress and anguish, so I called on the Name of the Lord.

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. **[Followed by a Little Litany]**

Antiphon 2 (Ps 115)

I kept my faith, even when I said, “I am greatly afflicted.”

Refrain: O Son of God, seated on the colt of an ass, save us who sing to You:
“Alleluia!”

What shall I render to the Lord for all the things He has given me?

(Refrain is sung after each of the following verses)

I will receive the cup of salvation, and call on the Name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. **[Followed by “Only Begotten Son” and a Little Litany]**

Antiphon 3 (Ps 117)

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever!

Tropar (Tone 1) By raising Lazarus from the dead before Your Passion, / You confirmed the universal resurrection, O Christ God. / Like the children with the palms of victory, / we cry out to You, O Vanquisher of Death: / “Hosanna in the highest! // Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!”

Let the house of Israel say that He is good, for His mercy endures forever!

Repeat Tropar.

Let the house of Aaron say that He is good, for His mercy endures forever!

Repeat Tropar

Let those who fear the Lord say that He is good, for His mercy endures forever!

Priest (at Little Entrance): *Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. We have blessed you out of the house of the Lord. God is the Lord, and hath appeared unto us.*

Repeat Tropar

Tropar (Tone 4) When we were buried with You in baptism, O Christ God, / we were made worthy of eternal life by your Resurrection. / Now we praise You and sing: / “Hosanna in the highest! // Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!”

Kondak (Tone 6) Sitting on Your throne in Heaven, / carried on a foal on earth, O Christ God, / accept the praise of angels and the songs of children, who sing: // “Blessed is He Who comes to recall Adam!”

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

Prokimen (Tone 4). Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord! God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us!

v: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever!

Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (Tone 1)

v: *O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things!*

v: *All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.*

Gospel: St. John 12:1-18

Litanies for the Faithful and for the Catachumens. Catachumens are Christians preparing to enter into the Mysteries of the Orthodox Church (e.g. Communion).

Cherubic Hymn. This songs 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. *Symbolizes Palm Sunday... and the Passion of Christ.*

Litany of the Sacrifice. The work of the people is to enter into Communion with God.

Deacon’s exhortation: “Let us love one another....” We answer by proclaiming our faith in the Trinity and Holy Orthodoxy through reciting the Profession of Faith.

Commemoration of the Last Supper and Consecration of the Gifts.

Hymn to the Birthgiver of God, Mary. Litany of Preparation.

Lord’s Prayer. We join together praying the “Our Father”, the prayer Jesus taught us.

“Holy Things for the Holy”. We now 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!

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

A Reminder: our main Pascha service will start at 7:30AM on Sunday. We will be able to park at St. George's. Please spread the word!

St. Sophia Seminary is hosting a 3PM Picnic on St. Thomas Saturday; attend if you can! Lord willing, Fr. Anthony will bless Archbishop Vsevelod's grave at 4PM. Vespers are at the seminary chapel at 6PM.

There are a ton of beautiful services this week; no one need try to attend all of them, but everyone is encouraged to come to at least one that they have never been to.

Basket Blessings will be after the 3PM Saturday "First Resurrection Service" (i.e. at 5:30PM), after the Sunday morning Paschal Liturgy (i.e. at 10:30AM), and after the 1PM Agape Vespers service (i.e. at 1:45PM).

The Grief Support Group will be starting its next sessions soon (6:30PM on Tuesdays in the Hall). See Joe Truchan for details.

If you are ill and could use some help or a visit (or know someone else who could), please contact the parish care group leader, Robin Bodnar. If you know of anyone that could use a visit from Fr. Anthony, please tell him.

Charity Opportunities:

- Lord willing, another soup kitchen will be starting up within a few months. Let's see if we can't help. The commitment would be to serve food one Saturday afternoon a month. If you are interested, please see Joe Truchan.
- Zoe for Life, an Orthodox ministry that helps mothers in need, is in need of new blankets. If you would like to help, please leave new blankets in the parish office or mark your monetary donation for this purpose and put it in the collection.

The next **Parish Board Meeting** will be on 4/24 at 6:30.

Fr. Bazyl's surgery went well and he is recovering. Please continue to pray.

Reading and Greeter Schedule

Date	Epistle Schedule	Greeters
4/9/2017	Alex Mackiewicz	Eleanor Fox
4/16/2017	Richard Bodnar	Judy Miller & Vera Muzychka
4/23/2017	Robin Bodnar	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: Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel: John 12:1-18

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Laz'arus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Laz'arus was one of those at table with him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was to betray him), said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not that he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of my burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me."

When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Laz'arus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Laz'arus also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.

The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!"

And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as it is written,

"Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass's colt!"

His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Laz'arus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign.