

June 25th : Third Sunday after Pentecost

Tone 2 Tropar (Resurrection)

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, / Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. / And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, / all the powers of heaven cried out: // “O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!”

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 2 Kondak (Resurrection)

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior, / seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! / The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee, // and the world, my Savior, praises Thee forever.

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.

Tone 2 Prokimen (Psalm 117:4,18)

The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation.

v: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.

Epistle: Romans 5: 1-10

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (Psalm 19:1,9)

v: May the Lord hear thee in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect thee!

v: Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call!

Gospel: Matthew 6:22-33

Communion Hymns (Ps 148:1; 11:6b-7a)

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest!

The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings.

Upcoming Services

Saturday	7/1	NO SATURDAY SERVICE
Sunday	7/2	9AM Divine Liturgy (Fr. Vasyl Shak serving)
Saturday	7/8	4PM Parish Vigil
Sunday	7/9	9AM Divine Liturgy
Tuesday	7/11	4PM Parish Vigil (Sts. Peter and Paul)
Wednesday	7/12	10AM Divine Liturgy (Sts. Peter and Paul); End of Fast

Parish News and Events

Please consider making a donation to help send our youth and their chaperones to the UOL Convention (a check with “2017 UOL Convention” in the memo section will work nicely).

We are in need of more collectors to help gather and count Sunday donations. Please see Vera Muzychka if you would like more information.

The Grief Support Group: 6:30PM on Tuesdays downstairs. See Joe Truchan for details.

St. Mary's Seniors: 6/28 Hoagies, 7/10 Clambake. New members are welcome!

The next **Parish Board Meeting** will be Monday, 6/26, at 6:30PM.

The St. Michael's Men's Auxiliary will meet tomorrow, Monday, 6/26 at 6PM.

What are those those boxes on the side altars? Those are for people who like to light the beeswax stick candles as they pray. The box on the left (i.e. north) is marked by a crucifixion (i.e. Christ on the Cross, flanked by His Mother and St. John the Theologian); this designates it as a “panakhida box” where prayers can be offered for the departed. The other side is not. There is nothing dogmatic about where we pray for whom: God hears our prayers no matter what kind of candles we light or where we light them (or, indeed, whether we light any at all). These boxes have been added in hopes of making visitors (some of who are used to such things) and others who like stick candles feel at home and has been done without sacrificing any of our cherished traditions. Thanks to Joe Zimmerman for building the boxes (glory to God!)

Father's Summer Travel Schedule: Fr. Anthony will be out of town 6/28-7/5 (vacation; family reunion); 25-29 July (UOL Convention); 7/31-8/4 (serving as Spiritual Director for MMDM at All Saints Camp); 8/9-8/17 (vacation; Scotland). Supply priests will fill-in on 7/2 and 8/13. Local clergy will provide spiritual assistance, as needed. You will still be able to reach him by phone and e-mail.

If you would like anything added to the bulletin, calendar, or website, please let Fr. Anthony now.

Recordings of the lectures given at last week's Sacred Music Retreat are available free on the internet at: orthoanalytika.libsyn.com and via iTunes or your favorite podcast application through the “OrthoAnalytika” podcast. You can also get there using the “OrthoAnalytika podcast” link on the parish website (pokrova-allentown.org/links.html). Lord willing, we will begin post the weekly homilies from St. Mary's there, as well.

Reader Schedule: 6/25 Richard Bodnar; 7/2 Robin Bodnar; 7/9 Dennis Ritter

Greeter Schedule: 6/25 Pani Tina; 7/2 Eleanor Fox; 7/9 Judy Miller & Vera Muzychka

Please join us for coffee hour after the service!

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!

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