

August 20th : The Sunday after Transfiguration

Tone 2 Troparion (Resurrection)

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal, / You destroyed hell with the splendor of Your Godhead. / And when from the depths You raised the dead, / all the powers of heaven cried out: // “O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!”

Tone 7 Troparion (Transfiguration)

You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God, / revealing Your glory to Your Disciples as far as they could bear it. / Let Your everlasting Light also shine upon us sinners, through the prayers of the Theotokos! // O Giver of Light, glory to You!

Tone 4 Troparion (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 Kontakion (Resurrection)

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

Tone 7 Kontakion (Transfiguration)

On the mountain You were transfigured, O Christ God, / and Your Disciples beheld Your glory as far as they could see it; / so that when they would behold You crucified, / they would understand that Your suffering was voluntary, / and would proclaim to the world // that You are truly the Radiance of the Father.

Tone 2 Kondakion (for the Pokrova/Temple)

The mystery hidden from eternity / and unknown to the angels, / is manifested to those on earth through you, Theotokos! / God being incarnate of you by union without confusion / and of His Own will freely enduring the Cross for us / and raising the first-formed man, // has saved our souls from death!

Prokeimenon Tone 2 (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.

Prokeimenon Tone 4 (Psalm 103:24)

O Lord, how manifold are Your works; in wisdom have You made them all!

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9:2-12

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (Psalm 19:1,9; 88:11)

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

v: Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call! (Ps 19/20:9)

v: The heavens are Yours; the earth also is Yours. (Ps 88/89:11)

Gospel: Matthew 18:23-35

*** Please join us for coffee hour after the service! ***

Upcoming Services

Sunday	8/20	9AM	Divine Liturgy w/ Memorial Litya for Katherine Kramer
Saturday	8/26	4PM	Parish Vigil
Sunday	8/27	9AM	Divine Liturgy
		5PM	Dormition Vespers at Northampton
Monday	8/28	9AM	Dormition Liturgy at Northampton
Saturday	9/2	****	NO SATURDAY SERVICE ****
Sunday	9/3	9AM	Divine Liturgy
Saturday	9/9	10AM	Hierarchical Divine Liturgy and Ordination St. Demetrius, Carteret NJ
		4PM	Reader's Vespers
Sunday	9/10	1030AM	Divine Liturgy at Emmaus Park (Pav. 6)
Saturday	9/16	10AM	Hierarchical Liturgy in Dover DE
		4PM	Reader's Vespers

Parish News and Events

Thank you for your support for Pani Tina and my anniversary trip to Scotland. It was a real blessing (although it is very good to be back home!).

Fundraising Event! We will be holding our first **WINE TASTING EVENT** on Saturday, September 9th at 6PM here at the parish. Cost will be \$20 per person and the theme will be “**White Wines of the World**”. Additional details will follow. Please see John Maly or Chris Zimmerman for more information.

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

Our next **Perohi Session** is on the 26th of August – please join us!

Our next **soup kitchen date** is Tuesday, 8/29. Please contact Joe Truchan if you can serve.

St. Mary's Seniors is running a trip to see "Home for the Holidays" at the Brownstone Dinner Theater in Patterson, NJ on December 12. ALL ARE WELCOME. \$94 includes transportation, show, family style dinner, gratuities. Very little walking involved--- bus to restaurant and back unless you want to dance. Call Elinor Antoniuk 610-262-0682.

The **St. Mary's Seniors** meet and lunch tomorrow (8/7) at 12:30 in the downstairs hall.

The **Parish & Sunday School Outdoor Liturgy and Picnic** will be on Sunday 9/10 at the Emmaus Park (Pavilion 6, same as last year).

Reader Schedule: 8/13 John Sokalsky; 8/20 Robert Noecker ; 8/27 Alex Mackiewicz

Greeter Schedule: 8/13 Eleanor Fox; 8/20 Judy Miller & Vera Muzychka; 8/27 Pani Tina Perkins

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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