

September 17th ; The 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Tone 6 Troparion (Resurrection)

The angelic powers were at Your tomb; / the guards became as dead men. / Mary stood by Your grave, / seeking Your most pure body. / You took captive hell, // not being tempted by it. / You came to the Virgin, granting life. // O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You.

Tone 2 Troparion (The Prophet Moses)

You ascended to the heights of the virtues, Prophet Moses; / therefore, you were deemed worthy to see the glory of God. / Having received the grace-filled tablets of the Law, / and bearing the grace of the writing within yourself, / You were the honorable praise of prophets, / and a great mystery of piety.

Tone 4 Troparion (for the Pokrova/Temple)

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 6 Kontakion (Resurrection)

When Christ God the Giver of Life, / raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand, / He bestowed resurrection on the human race. // He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

Tone 2 Kondakion (The Prophet Moses)

The choir of prophets rejoices with Moses and Aaron today, / for the fulfillment of their prophecy is in our midst. / The Cross, by which You have saved us, shines forth today. // By their prayers, O Christ God, have mercy on us!

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 6 (Resurrection; Psalm 27:9,1)

O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance!

v: To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15. (Excerpt) It is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ ... For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (Psalm 90:1,2)

v: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God.

v: He will say to the Lord: "My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust."

Gospel: Matthew 22:35-46. Love God; love your neighbor.

*** Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service! ***

Upcoming Services

Sunday	9/17	9AM	Divine Liturgy, Blessing of School Year
Wednesday	9/20	4PM	Festal Vigil: Nativity of the Theotokos
Thursday	9/21	10AM	Festal Liturgy: Nativity of the Theotokos
Saturday	9/23	4PM	Parish Vigil
Sunday	9/24	9AM	Divine Liturgy
Wednesday	9/27	10AM	Divine Liturgy (Exaltation of the Cross)
Saturday	9/30	4PM	Parish Vigil
Sunday	10/1	9AM	Divine Liturgy
Wednesday	10/4	10AM	Divine Liturgy

Parish News and Events

We are accepting donations for an **AED machine** for St. Mary's. Please help if you can.

This Thursday at 6:30PM at St. Sophia's – **Stevie's mom Lynette is giving a talk on iconography!** This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about beauty and icons.

Sunday School starts today; we will bless the students and teachers after the service!

10/1: October's Spiritually Speaking: Walter Katolik (from Philadelphia) will share a presentation with us on the annual miracle of the Paschal Holy Fire at the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem.

We will resume our weekly trip through the Old Testament on 10/4. This is a great series; just ask our regulars!

Save the Date! Metropolitan Antony is coming to lead us in our celebration of the 100th anniversary of our beloved cathedral on our feast day (Pokrova), Saturday October 14th. The Divine Liturgy will be followed by a catered banquet downstairs. Please RSVP for the banquet.

Upcoming St. Mary Dancers' Events (rehearsals start 9/6, 6:30-8PM):

- 9/23 Sat 4PM Ukrainian Potato Bake (Ukrainian Homestead Leighton)
- 10/14 Sat 1PM St. Mary's 100th Church Anniversary (Parish Hall)
- 10/15 Sun Noon Open Gate Farm Tour (Willow Haven Farm, New Tripoli, PA)
- 10/15 Sun 2:30 & 3:30 Jim Thorpe Octoberfest (Memorial Hall, Jim Thorpe, PA)

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

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.

Reader Schedule: 9/17 Dennis Ritter, 9/24 Joseph Truchan, 10/1 Nik Fartuch

Greeter Schedule: 9/17 Pani Tina Perkins; 9/24 Eleanor Fox; 10/1 Judy Miller & Vera Muzychka;

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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