

September 24th ; The 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Tone 7 Tropar (for the Resurrection)

By Your Cross You destroyed death. / To the thief You opened Paradise. / For the Myrrhbearers You changed weeping into joy. / And You commanded Your disciples, O Christ God, / to proclaim that You are risen, // granting the world great mercy.

Tone 4 Tropar (for the Nativity of the Birthgiver of God)

Your nativity, O Virgin, / has proclaimed joy to the whole universe! / The Sun of righteousness, Christ our God, / has shone from you, O Theotokos. / By annulling the curse, / He bestowed a blessing. // By destroying death, He has granted us eternal life.

Tone 4 Tropar (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 7 Kondak (for the Resurrection)

The dominion of death can no longer hold mankind 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 (for the Nativity of the Birthgiver of God)

By your nativity, most pure Virgin, / Joachim and Anna are freed from barrenness, / Adam and Eve -- from the corruption of death. / And we, your people, freed from the guilt of sin, celebrate and sing to you: // "The barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos, the nourisher of our Life."

Tone 2 Kondak (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!

Prokimen Tone 6 (Sunday before the Elevation of the Cross)

O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance! (Ps 27/28:9)

v: To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! (Ps 27/28:1)

Epistle: Hebrews 11:33-12:2. Message - Fight hard and win the prize; others have.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (Psalm 88:20,22; for the Elevation of the Cross)

v. I have exalted one chosen out of My people.

v: For My hand shall defend him, and My arm shall strengthen him.

Gospel: St. Matthew 25:14-30. Message: Don't be complacent – work towards the prize.

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

Upcoming Services

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
Saturday	10/7	4PM	Parish Vigil
Sunday	10/8	9AM	Divine Liturgy
Wednesday	10/11	10AM	Divine Liturgy
Friday	10/13	4PM	Patronal Festal Vigil (Pokrova)
Saturday	10/14	9AM	Hierarchical Liturgy (Pokrova)

Parish News and Events

We are accepting donations to offset the cost of our new **Automated External Defibrillator machine**. Please help if you can.

Our next **Parish Board Meeting** will be on Monday, 10/23 at 6:30PM.

10/1: October's Spiritually Speaking: Walter Katolik (from Philadelphia) will share his experience of the miracle of the Paschal Holy Fire at the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem.

A Change to Our Schedule: Due to a personal scheduling conflict, our weekly journey through the Old Testament will take place on **Tuesday evenings** (7-8PM) starting on 10/2. I really hope this works for everyone; it 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):

- 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 & 3:30PM Jim Thorpe Octoberfest (Memorial Hall, Jim Thorpe, PA)
- 11/19 Sun 1PM Ukrainian Homestead in Leighton for Thanksgiving Fund Raiser

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: 9/24 Joseph Truchan; 10/1 Nik Fartuch; 10/8 Rdr. Nicholas Perkins

Greeter Schedule: 9/24 Eleanor Fox; 10/1 Judy Miller & Vera Muzychka; 10/8 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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