

October 15th ; The 19th 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: 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9. The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me; but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands. It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one was caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities. For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me. And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

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: Luke 6:31-36. Message: Don't just do good; become good.

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

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

Upcoming Services

Saturday	10/14	9AM	Hierarchical Liturgy (Pokrova)
Sunday	10/15	9AM	Divine Liturgy
Saturday	10/21	4PM	Parish Vigil
Sunday	10/22	9AM	Teaching Divine Liturgy (Children/Youth Involved)
Saturday	10/28	4PM	Parish Vigil
Sunday	10/29	9AM	Divine Liturgy

Parish News and Events

Today you can see our new **Blue and Gold Altar Vestments!** Blue is the liturgical color of the Birthgiver of God; because this parish is under her protection, you can think of these as our “home colors”. Donations are being accepted to offset the cost of these beautiful vestments.

This week Fr. Anthony will be at the UOC-USA clergy conference. As a result, there will be no Bible Study or weekday liturgy. Our Tuesday Evening Bible Study will resume next Tuesday (10/24; 7-8PM in the church).

This Thursday (6:30PM) the St. Sophia Seminary Library Book Club is going to be discussing **The Shack**; Fr. Anthony is the guest speaker.

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.

Upcoming St. Mary Dancers' Events (rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 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 Lehighton for Thanksgiving Fund Raiser

The Grief Support Group: 6:30PM on Tuesdays downstairs. See Joe Truchan for details. We will also have several Dealing with the Holidays sessions that last one evening each. The holidays are difficult for all of us who have lost loved ones. This is a tremendously helpful program; please encourage loved ones to take advantage of it.

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: 10/15 John Sokalsky; 10/22 Warren Perkins; 10/28 Robert Noecker

Greeter Schedule: 10/15 Eleanor Fox; 10/22 Judy Miller & Vera Muzychka; 10/29 PM Tina Perkins

***** Please join us for coffee and fellowship 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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