

November 12th ; The 23rd 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 4 Tropar (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 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 Kondak (for the Pokrova/Temple)

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!

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: Ephesians 2:4-10. But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

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: St. Luke 8:26-39. Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. [Then Jesus healed the man.] Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. And He got into the boat and returned. [And Jesus told the man to stay with his community and spread the Gospel to them.]

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

Upcoming Services

Sunday	11/12	9AM	Divine Liturgy; Memorial Litya for Alex Mackiewicz
Wednesday	11/15	10AM	Divine Liturgy
Saturday	11/18	4PM	Parish Vigil
Sunday	11/19	9AM	Divine Liturgy
Monday	11/20	4PM	Parish Vigil (Holy Archangel Michael)
Tuesday	11/21	10AM	Divine Liturgy (Holy Archangel Michael)
Saturday	11/25	4PM	Parish Vigil
Sunday	11/26	9AM	Divine Liturgy

*** The Advent/Nativity Fast (Пилипівка) Starts 11/28 ***

Parish News and Events

Ukrainian Holiday Sale: St. Mary's will once again be having our pirohi, Christmas cookie, and nut and poppyseed roll sale on December 2 from 9 to 2. Please help by baking a few batches of cookies at home and supporting our sale.

Upcoming Kitchens: 11/17-20, kiffels, cutouts & nut tossies. God bless all our workers!

Thanks & blessings to **Al and Mary Ellen Mackiewicz**, the patrons of our new blue altar vestments. They are so beautiful (glory to God)!

Our next **Parish Board Meeting** will be on Monday, 11/20 at 6:30PM.

Adult Education. The movie the shack is available at Red Box, Weis and other rental places. It is also on local cable: 11/13 8:30AM HBO2 (SE-202; RCN-655); 11/16 12PM HBO2 (SE-202; RCN-655); 11/21 4:30AM HBO (SE-201; RCN-650); 11/23 5:45PM HBO (SE-201; RCN-650). This week's Bible Study is on the reconnaissance of Canaan.

On 11/16 (6:30PM) St. Sophia Seminary Library will have author Nikolas Kotar talking about his book, *The Song of the Sirin*. There will be free food.

St. Mary Dancers: rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 6:30-8PM.

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. 11/21, 12/19, 12/26, 1/2.

Our parish is part of an ongoing **study of Orthodoxy in America**. Please consider taking this anonymous survey to help! <http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OurFaith1>

Reader Schedule: 11/12 Richard Bodnar; 11/19 Robin Bodnar; 11/26 Dennis Ritter

Greeter Schedule: 11/12 Judy Miller & Vera Muzychka; 11/19 PM Tina Perkins; 11/26 Eleanor Fox

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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