

## December 3<sup>rd</sup> ; The 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

### (The First Sunday of the Nativity Fast)

#### **Tone 1 Tropar (Resurrection)**

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, / while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure ^body, / You rose on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. / The powers of heaven therefore cried to You, O Giver of Life: / “Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ! / Glory to Your Kingdom! // Glory to Your dispensation, O Lover of mankind!”

#### **Tone 4 Tropar (Forefeast of the Entrance into the Temple)**

Today Anna bequeaths joy to all instead of sorrow, / by bringing forth her fruit, the only ever-Virgin. / In fulfillment of her vow, / today with joy she brings to the temple of the Lord // the true temple and pure Mother of God the Word.

#### **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 1 Kondak (Resurrection)**

As God, You rose from the tomb in glory, / raising the world with Yourself. / Human nature praises You as God, for death has vanished. / Adam exults, O Master! / Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to You: // “You are the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

#### **Tone 4 Kondak (Forefeast of the Entrance into the Temple)**

Today the universe is filled with joy / at the glorious feast of the Mother of God, // and cries out: “She is the heavenly tabernacle.”

#### **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!

#### **Prokimen Tone 1**

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on You! (Ps 32/33:22)

v: Rejoice in the Lord, O your righteous! Praise befits the just! (Ps 32/33:1)

**Epistle:** Ephesians 5:8-19

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

v: God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me. (Ps 17/18:47)

v: He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever. (Ps 17/18:50)

**Gospel:** St. Luke 12:16-21

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

## Upcoming Services

<b>Sunday</b>	12/3	9AM	Divine Liturgy
<b>Monday</b>	12/4	10AM	Divine Liturgy – Entrance of of the Theotokos
<b>Saturday</b>	12/9	4PM	Parish Vigil
<b>Sunday</b>	12/10	9AM	Divine Liturgy
<b>Wednesday</b>	12/13	10AM	Divine Liturgy – St. Andrew the First-Called
<b>Saturday</b>	12/16	10AM	Altar Consecration – Dover DE [NO VIGIL]
<b>Sunday</b>	12/17	9AM	Divine Liturgy & St. Nicholas Program
<b>Monday</b>	12/18	4PM	Parish Vigil – St. Nicholas
<b>Tuesday</b>	12/19	10AM	Divine Liturgy – St. Nicholas
<b>Thursday</b>	12/21	4PM	Parish Vigil – Conception of St. Anna
<b>Friday</b>	12/22	10AM	Divine Liturgy – Conception of St. Anna
<b>Saturday</b>	12/23	4PM	Parish Vigil
<b>Sunday</b>	12/24	9AM	Divine Liturgy
<b>Saturday</b>	12/30		[NO VIGIL]
<b>Sunday</b>	12/31	9AM	Divine Liturgy, greening of the sanctuary

## Parish News and Events

**Thank you** to everyone who worked on and supported the Cookie sale yesterday!!!

**Thank you** to Rich Bodnar for the wonderful new choir stands he made and stained!!!

**Did you know?** Homily and Bible Study notes and recordings are available free at [orthoanalytika.org](http://orthoanalytika.org) and [orthoanalytika.libsyn.com](http://orthoanalytika.libsyn.com).

**Check out the tables in the breezeway!** There are lots of great Christmas gifts and Christmas cards and wrapping paper!

If you have **pictures of or articles about St. Mary's** that you would like to have posted to the website so more people can enjoy it; please give them (or copies of them) to Fr. Anthony. For example, we recently posted a picture and text from a newspaper article about the original iconography of the church ([pokrova-allentown.org](http://pokrova-allentown.org)).

**Perohi Kitchen:** 12/16; come and bring your family and friends!

**Our next Wine Tasting** will be on 1/27. It will feature red wines (paired with culinary delights designed to match them) and the expert descriptions of our own John Maly!

Our next **Parish Board Meeting** will be on Monday, 12/18 at 6:30PM.

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

**The Grief Support Group:** 6:30PM on Tuesdays downstairs. Dealing with the Holidays sessions are 12/19, 12/26, 1/2. See Joe Truchan for details.

**Reader Schedule:** 12/3 Joseph Truchan; 12/10 Nik Fartuch; 12/17 Rdr. James

**Greeter Schedule:** 12/3 Judy Miller & Vera Muzychka; 12/10 PM Tina Perkins; 12/17 Eleanor Fox

\*\*\* Let Fr. Anthony know if you would like to be added to the Reader &/or Greeter schedule! \*\*\*

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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