

December 10th ; The 27th Sunday after Pentecost

(The Second Sunday of the Nativity Fast)

Tone 2 Tropar (Resurrection)

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal, / You destroyed hell with the splendor of Your Godhead. / And when from the depths You raised the dead, / all the powers of heaven cried out: // “O Giver of life, Christ our God, 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 2 Kondak (Resurrection)

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior, / seeing the miracle of Your Resurrection from the tomb! / The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with You, // and the world, my Savior, praises You forever.

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 2 (Resurrection, 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: Ephesians 6:10-17. Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (Resurrection, Psalm 19:1,9)

v: May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you!

v: Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call!

Gospel: St. Luke 13:10-17. Morale: Don't use God as an excuse for apathy.

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

Upcoming Services

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| Sunday | 12/10 | 9AM | Divine Liturgy |
| Wednesday | 12/13 | 10AM | Divine Liturgy – St. Andrew the First-Called |
| Saturday | 12/16 | 10AM | Altar Consecration – Dover DE [NO VIGIL] |
| Sunday | 12/17 | 9AM | Divine Liturgy & St. Nicholas Program |
| Monday | 12/18 | 4PM | Parish Vigil – St. Nicholas |
| Tuesday | 12/19 | 10AM | Divine Liturgy – St. Nicholas |
| Thursday | 12/21 | 4PM | Parish Vigil – Conception of St. Anna |
| Friday | 12/22 | 10AM | Divine Liturgy – Conception of St. Anna |
| Saturday | 12/23 | 4PM | Parish Vigil |
| Sunday | 12/24 | 9AM | Divine Liturgy |
| Saturday | 12/30 | | [NO VIGIL] |
| Sunday | 12/31 | 9AM | Divine Liturgy, greening of the sanctuary |
| Friday | 1/5 | 9AM | Royal Hours (note change) |
| Saturday | 1/6 | 10:00AM | Divine Liturgy of Christmas Eve (note change) |
| | | 5PM | Holy Supper!!! |
| | | 7PM | Grand Compline of the Nativity |
| Sunday | 1/7 | 9AM | Divine Liturgy of the Nativity |
| Saturday | 1/13 | 4PM | Parish Vigil of St. Basil (Malanka!) |
| Sunday | 1/14 | 9AM | Divine Liturgy of St. Basil |

Parish News and Events

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

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.

Our **St Mary's Seniors** next meeting is 1/2 at 12:30PM; join us and invite your friends!

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.

This Tuesday is the last **Bible Study** of the year! We will be studying the false prophet Balaam; it's a fascinating story (it includes a prophesying donkey!) - please join us! 7:00PM.

Reader Schedule: 12/10 Nik Fartuch; 12/17 Rdr. James; 12/24 John Sokalsky

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

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

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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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)!