

January 7th ; The Nativity of Jesus Christ, our God

The First Antiphon (Psalm 110).

In the company of the upright, in the congregation, great are the works of the Lord.

Refrain: *Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!*

They are sought out according to His will. **Refrain.**

Full of honor and majesty is His work, and His righteousness endures forever. **Refrain.**

Glory ... now and ever.... Amen. **Refrain.**

The Second Antiphon (Psalm 111).

Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commandments.

Refrain: *O Son of God, born of the Virgin, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!*

His descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Refrain.

Glory and wealth are in His house, and His righteousness endures forever. **Refrain.**

Light rises in the darkness for the upright; the Lord is merciful, compassionate and righteous.

Refrain. Glory...now and ever... Amen. Only Begotten Son...

The Third Antiphon (Psalm 109).

The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand..."

Refrain: Tropar (Tone 4). Your Nativity, O Christ our God, / has shone to the world the light of wisdom! / For by it, those who worshipped the stars, / were taught by a star to adore You, / the Sun of righteousness, / and to know You, the Orient from on high. // O Lord, glory to You!

"...until I make Your enemies Your footstool!" **Refrain.**

The Lord shall send You the scepter of power from Zion: "Rule in the midst of Your enemies!" **Refrain.**

Authority shall be with You on the day of Your power, in the splendor of Your saints.

Refrain.

Entrance Verse. "Out of the womb before the morning star have I begotten You."

The Lord has sworn and will not change His mind: "You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek." **Refrain.** Glory... now and ever... Amen.

Kondak (Tone 3). Today the Virgin gives birth to the Transcendent One, and the earth offers a cave to the Unapproachable One. Angels with shepherds glorify Him; the Wise Men journey with the star, // since for our sake the eternal God was born as a little Child!

Instead of the Trisagion: As many as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. Alleluia!

Prokimen (Tone 8; Ps. 65 4; 1-2). Let all the earth worship You and praise You! Let it praise Your Name, O Most High! *v. Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing of His Name! Give glory to His praise!*

Epistle. Galatians 4:4-7.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (*Psalm 18:1,2*)

v: The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims His handiwork.

v: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declare knowledge.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12.

Hymn to the Theotokos. Magnify, O my soul, the most-pure Virgin Theotokos, more honorable and more glorious than the heavenly hosts.

I behold a strange, most glorious mystery: heaven—the cave; the cherubic throne—the Virgin; the manger—the place where Christ lay— the uncontainable God, Whom we magnify in song.

Communion Hymn. (*Psalm 110:9*)

The Lord has sent redemption to His people. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*** **Please join us for coffee (AND MEAT!) and fellowship after the service!** ***

Upcoming Services

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; Spiritually Speaking
Thursday	1/18	9AM	Royal Hours for Theophany
		10AM	Vesperal Liturgy for Theophany
		7PM	Great Compline of Theophany & Blessing H2O
Friday	1/19	10AM	Theophany Liturgy & Blessing of Water
Saturday	1/20	4PM	NO VIGIL (Fr. A is traveling for seminary)

Parish News and Events

Our next turn to work at the Soup Kitchen is Thursday, January 11th. Please contact Joe Truchan if you can help.

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!

Please support our Jr. UOL Food drive!

Our next **Parish Board Meeting:** Monday, 1/15 @6:30PM.

Our **St Mary's Seniors** next meeting is 2/5 at 12:30PM.

The **St. Michael Men's Group** will meet Monday 1/15 at 6PM.

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

The Grief Support Group: 6:30PM on Tuesdays downstairs. See Joe Truchan for details.

Reader Schedule: 1/7 Alex Mackiewicz; 1/14 Richard Bodnar; 1/21 Robin Bodnar.

Greeter Schedule: 1/7 Eleanor Fox; 1/14 Judy Miller & Vera Muzychka; 1/21 PM Tina Perkins

*** 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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