

## March 18<sup>th</sup> : Sunday of the St. John of the Ladder

### Tone 8 Troparion (Resurrection)

You descended from on high, O Merciful One! / You accepted the three day burial to free us from our sufferings! // O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to You!

### Tone 1 Troparion (for St John Climacus)

O dweller of the wilderness and angel in the body, / you were a wonderworker, O our God-bearing Father John. / You received heavenly gifts through fasting, vigil and prayer, / healing the sick and the souls of those drawn to you by faith. / Glory to Him Who gave you strength! / Glory to Him Who granted you a ^crown! // Glory to Him Who grants healing to all!

### Tone 8 Kontakion (Resurrection)

By rising from the tomb, You raised the dead and resurrected Adam. / Eve exults in Your Resurrection, // and the world celebrates Your rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

### Tone 4 Kontakion (for St John Climacus)

The Lord truly set you on the heights of abstinence, / to be a guiding star, showing the way to the universe, // O our father and teacher John.

### Prokeimenon Tone 8 (Resurrection)

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God! (Ps 75/76:11)

v: In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel. (Ps 75/76:1)

### Prokeimenon Tone 7 (St John Climacus)

Let the saints exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their couches! (Ps 149:5)

**Epistle:** Hebrews 6:13-20, Ephesians 5:9-19 (St John Climacus)

### Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (Psalm 94:1,2; 91:13)

v: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

v: Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

v: They that are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.

**Gospel:** St. Mark 9:17-31, St. Matthew 4:25-5:12 (St John Climacus)

### (Instead of "It is truly meet ...," we sing the following):

All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace: / the assembly of Angels and the race of men. / O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, / the glory of virgins, / from whom God was incarnate and became a Child – / our God before the ages.

He made your body into a throne, / and your womb He made more spacious than the heavens. / All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace. // Glory to you!

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

## Upcoming Services

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| <b>Saturday</b>  | 3/17 | 10AM<br>4PM | Divine Liturgy (Soul Saturday)<br>Parish Vigil  |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 3/18 | 9AM<br>4PM  | Divine Liturgy & Memorial Litya (Harold L.)<br>Lenten Vespers (St. Paul AOC, Emmaus)                                    |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 3/21 | 4PM<br>7PM  | Presanctified Liturgy<br>Great Canon w/ the Life of St. Mary  |
| <b>Friday</b>    | 3/23 | 10AM        | Presanctified Liturgy   |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | 3/24 | ALL DAY     | UOL Lenten Retreat (Bethlehem)  |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 3/25 | 9AM<br>4PM  | Divine Liturgy (St. Mary of Egypt) followed by<br>Annual Parish meeting<br>Lenten Vespers (Assumption UOC, Northampton) |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 3/28 | 4PM         | Presanctified Liturgy   |
| <b>Friday</b>    | 3/30 | 10AM        | Presanctified Liturgy   |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | 3/31 | 10AM<br>4PM | Divine Liturgy – Raising of Lazarus<br>Willow/Palm Sunday Vigil   |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 4/1  | 9AM<br>7PM  | Willow/Palm Sunday Divine Liturgy<br>Bridegroom Matins  |
| <b>Monday</b>    | 4/2  | 10AM<br>7PM | Presanctified Liturgy<br>Bridegroom Matins  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 4/3  | 10AM<br>7PM | Presanctified Liturgy<br>Bridegroom Matins (w/Hymn of Kassiani)   |

## Parish News and Events

It is with sorrow transformed by the Resurrection that I share the news of the repose of our brother in Christ, Layton Andreas last Sunday evening. His funeral services were on Friday evening and Saturday morning. **May his memory be eternal!**

**Our Annual Meeting** will be on 3/25 after Divine Liturgy. Please come and help chart our future!

Our **St Mary's Seniors** Hoagies on 3/28; the next meeting is 4/2 at 12:30PM.

The Jr. UOL is hosting a Lenten **LOCK-IN** 30-31 March. See John Onulack for details.

Our next **Parish Board Meeting:** Monday, 3/19 @6:30PM.

Our next **WINE TASTING** will be on 4/21 at 6PM. See John Maly for details.

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

**Reader Schedule:** 3/18 Richard Bodnar; 3/25 Robin Bodnar ; 4/1 Dennis Ritter

**Greeter Schedule:** ; 3/18 Judy Miller & Vera Muzychka; 3/25 PM Tina Perkins; 4/1 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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