

March 25th ; Sunday of the St. Mary of Egypt

Tone 1 Troparion (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 8 Troparion (St Mary of Egypt)

The image of God was truly preserved in you, O Mother, / for you took up the Cross and followed Christ. / By so doing, you taught us to disregard the flesh for it passes away; / but to care instead for the soul, for it is immortal. // Therefore your spirit, O holy Mother Mary, rejoices with the angels.

Tone 3 Kontakion (St Mary of Egypt)

Having been a sinful woman, / you became through repentance a bride of Christ. / Having attained angelic life, / you defeated demons with the weapon of the Cross.// Therefore O most glorious Mary, you are a bride of the Kingdom.

Prokeimenon 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)

Prokeimenon Tone 4

God is wonderful in His saints, the God of Israel. (Ps 67/68:35)

Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14, Galatians 3:23-29 (St Mary of Egypt)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia (Psalm 17:47, 50; 39:1)

v: God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me.

v: He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever.

v: I waited patiently for the Lord, and He attended to me and heard my supplication.

Gospel: St. Mark 10:32-45, Luke 7:36-50 (St Mary of Egypt)

(Instead of “It is truly meet . . .,” we sing the following)

Hymn to the Theotokos: 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

Sunday	3/25	9AM	Divine Liturgy (St. Mary of Egypt) followed by Annual Parish meeting
		4PM	Lenten Vespers (Assumption UOC, Northampton)
Wednesday	3/28	4PM	Presanctified Liturgy
Friday	3/30	10AM	Presanctified Liturgy
		7PM	Holy Unction w/ Mp. Antony (Northampton)
Saturday	3/31	10AM	Divine Liturgy – Raising of Lazarus
		4PM	Willow/Palm Sunday Vigil
Sunday	4/1	9AM	Willow/Palm Sunday Divine Liturgy
		7PM	Bridegroom Matins
Monday	4/2	10AM	Presanctified Liturgy
		7PM	Bridegroom Matins
Tuesday	4/3	10AM	Presanctified Liturgy
		7PM	Bridegroom Matins (w/Hymn of Kassiani)
Wednesday	4/4	10AM	Presanctified Liturgy
		4PM	Holy Unction
Thursday	4/5	10AM	Mystical Supper
		7PM	Twelve Gospels
Friday	4/6	10AM	Royal Hours
		7PM	Great Vespers of the Passion

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, George Fedok. His services were yesterday. May his memory be eternal!

The cost to maintain the parish is \$225,000 a year. Individual financial obligations (\$250/person) cover 17% of those operating expenses. God bless all you do to support the spiritual and financial health of this, our parish home!

Our Annual Meeting is today 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, 4/16 @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: 3/25 Robin Bodnar ; 4/1 Dennis Ritter; 4/8 Joseph Truchan

Greeter Schedule: 3/25 PM Tina Perkins; 4/1 Eleanor Fox; 4/8 Judy Miller & Vera Muzychka

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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