

Day 6th : Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

Tone 4 Troparion (Resurrection)

When the women Disciples of the Lord / learned from the Angel the joyous message of the Resurrection, / they cast away the ancestral curse / and elatedly told the Apostles: / “Death is overthrown! / Christ God is risen, // granting the world great mercy!”

Tone 8 Troparion (Midfeast)

In the middle of the feast, O Savior, / fill my thirsting soul with the waters of piety, / as Thou didst cry to all: “If anyone thirst, let him come to Me and drink!”// O Christ God, Fountain of our life, glory to Thee!

Tone 4 Troparion (Parish Patron/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 8 Kontakion (Pentecostarion)

The Samaritan Woman came to the well in faith; / she saw Thee, the Water of wisdom and drank abundantly. // She inherited the Kingdom on high, and is ever glorified!

Tone 4 Kontakion (Midfeast)

Christ God, the Creator and Master of all, / cried to all in the midst of the feast of the Law: / “Come and draw the water of immortality!”/ We fall before Thee and faithfully cry: // Grant us Thy mercies, for Thou art the Fountain of our life!

Tone 2 Kontakion (Parish Patron/Pokrova)

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.

Prokeimenon Tone 3 (Psalm 46:6,1)

*Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
v: Clap thy hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!*

Epistle: Acts 11:19-26, 29-30

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (Psalm 44:5,8)

v: Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth!

v: For Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest iniquity.

Gospel: St. John 4:5-42

(Instead of “It is truly meet,” we sing:) The Angel cried to the Lady, full of grace: / “Rejoice, O pure Virgin! Again, I say: Rejoice, / thy Son is risen from His three days in the tomb! / With Himself He has raised all the dead.” / Rejoice, O ye people!

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem! / The glory of the Lord has shone on thee. / Exult now, and be glad, O Zion! / Be radiant, O pure Theotokos, / in the Resurrection of thy Son!

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

Upcoming Services

Sunday	5/6	9AM	Divine Liturgy, Spiritually Speaking (w/Cyril J)
Saturday	5/12	4PM	Parish Vigil
Sunday	5/13	9AM	Divine Liturgy (Mother's Day!)
Wednesday	5/16	4PM	Parish Vigil of the Ascension
Thursday	5/17	10AM	Divine Liturgy of the Ascension
Saturday	5/19	4PM	Parish Vigil
Sunday	5/20	8:30AM	First Confessions!!!
		9AM	Divine Liturgy&Presentation (First Confession)
Saturday	5/26	4PM	Parish Vigil of Pentecost
Sunday	5/27	9AM	Divine Liturgy of Pentecost w/Kneeling Prayers
			Blessing of Graves and Cemetery
Saturday	6/2	4PM	Great Vespers, Service of Repentance
Sunday	6/3	9AM	Divine Liturgy; BBQ (Fundraiser for a Furnace)

*** **Apostles Fast Begins 6/4 (Ends 7/11)*****

Parish News and Events

Our **St Mary's Seniors:** Next meeting is 11:30AM (note change) on 5/7 at the Flaming Grill & Supreme Buffet.

For today's **Spiritually Speaking**, Professor Cyril Jenkins (Eastern University), a member of St. Paul's in Emmaus, will speak on Orthodoxy in Higher Education.

Our next **Parish Board Meeting:** Monday, 5/21 @ 6:30PM.

Our Old Testament **Bible Study** series meets Tuesdays at 7PM in the Church.

Interesting Event: Remembering Patriarch Mstyslav Program: 6/2 11-3PM in South Bound Brook. See Fr. Anthony (or uoc-usa.org) for more information.

This Summer, we would like to have a **Summer Church Camp** 28-30 June full of field trips, music, dancing, and praise of God. See Fr. Anthony to learn more or offer to help!

We have two Grief Share groups: Mondays at 10AM and Tuesday at 6:30PM. Both meet in the Library. See Joe Truchan for details.

On the first Saturday of each month, we have started with the “**Service of Forgiveness**” at the end of Vespers. This is designed to make confession more regular and natural.

Reader Schedule: 5/6 Robert Noecker; 5/13 Alex Mackiewicz. 5/20 Richard Bodnar
Greeter Schedule: 5/6 PM Tina Perkins; 5/13 Eleanor Fox; 4/29 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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