

May 20th : Sunday after Ascension / 1st Council at Nicea

Tone 6 Troparion (Resurrection)

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; / the guards became as dead men. / Mary stood by Thy grave, / seeking Thy most pure body. / Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it. / Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. // O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee.

Tone 4 Troparion (Ascension)

Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God, / granting joy to Thy Disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. / Through the blessing they were assured, / that Thou art the Son of God, // the Redeemer of the world!

Tone 8 Troparion (Fathers)

Thou art most glorious, O Christ our God, / Who hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth. / Through them Thou hast guided us to the true Faith. // O greatly compassionate One, 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 (Fathers)

The Apostles' preaching and the Fathers' doctrines have established one Faith for the Church. / Adorned with the robe of truth, woven from heavenly theology, // It defines and glorifies the great mystery of piety.

Tone 6 Kontakion (Ascension)

When Thou hadst fulfilled the dispensation for our sake / and united earth to heaven, / Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, / not being parted from those who love Thee, / but remaining with them and crying: // "I am with you, and there is no one against you!"

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.

Tone 4 Prokeimenon (Song of the Three Children, v. 3 & 4)

Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy name forever!
v: For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us!

Epistle: Acts 20:16-18, 28-36

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (Psalm 49: 1, 5)

*v: The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
v: Gather to Me My venerable ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice!*

Gospel: St. John 17:1-13

(Instead of "It is truly meet ...," we sing:) Magnify, O my soul, Christ the Giver of Life, Who has ascended from earth to heaven! We magnify thee, O Mother of God, who beyond reason and understanding gave birth in time to the Timeless One.

(Instead of "We have seen the True Light," we sing the Troparion of Ascension)

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

Upcoming Services

Sunday	5/20	8:30AM 9AM	First Confessions!!! Divine Liturgy; Memorial Litya for Richard Rosko, Fr. Bazyl Zawierucha, Mary, Peter & Fotini Presentation of First Confession Class!!!
Saturday	5/26	4PM	Parish Vigil of Pentecost
Sunday	5/27	9AM Noon	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
*** Apostles Fast Begins 6/4 (Ends 7/11)***			
Sunday	6/10	9AM	Divine Liturgy (Metropolitan Antony serves)
Sunday	6/17	9AM	Divine Liturgy & 50 th Anniversary Moleban for Pat (Blaschak) & Bob Hussar (married here!)
Saturday	6/23	4PM	Parish Vigil
Sunday	6/24	9AM	Divine Liturgy
Saturday	6/30	4PM	Parish Vigil
Sunday	7/1	9AM	Divine Liturgy
Sunday	7/8	9AM	Divine Liturgy (Metropolitan Antony serves)

Parish News and Events

Congratulations and MANY YEARS to Leah and Shiloh on their first Confession!

Congratulations – MANY YEARS! Roman and Stephanie Milan are pleased to announce that Vasyl Levko Milan arrived Mother's Day at 1:35am (8lbs 4oz and 21"). Both Mama and baby are healthy and doing well. They thank you for all the love through their journey!

Our **St Mary's Seniors:** Meeting 6/4; Hoagies 6/27; Clambake 7/9.

The **Jr. UOL** is going to play paintball on 5/27.

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 are having 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.

Reader Schedule: 5/20 Richard Bodnar, 5/27 Robin Bodnar, 6/3

Greeter Schedule: 5/20 Judy Miller & Vera Muzychka, 5/27 PM Tina Perkins, 6/3 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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