

September 2nd ; The 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Tone 5 Troparion (Resurrection)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, / co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, / born for our salvation from the Virgin; / for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, / to endure death, / and to raise the dead // by His glorious Resurrection.

Tone 1 Troparion (Dormition)

In giving birth you preserved your virginity. / In falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos. / You were translated to life O Mother of Life, // and by your prayers you deliver our souls from death.

Tone 5 Kontakion (Resurrection)

You descended into hell, O my Savior, / shattering its gates as Almighty, / resurrecting the dead as Creator, / and destroying the sting of death. / You have delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Man, // and we cry to You: "O Lord, save us!"

Tone 2 Kontakion (Dormition)

Neither the tomb, nor death, could hold the Theotokos, / who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions. / For being the Mother of Life, // she was translated to life by the One Who dwelt in her virginal womb.

Prokeimenon Tone 5 (Psalm 11:7,1; Luke 1:46-47)

You, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.

v: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly.

Prokeimenon Tone 3 (Song of the Theotokos)

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (Psalm 88:1, 2; 131:8)

v: I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your truth from generation to generation.

v: For You have said: "Mercy will be established forever; My truth will be prepared in the heavens."

v: Arise, O Lord, into Your resting place: You and the Ark of Your sanctification!

Gospel: St. Matthew 22:1-14

(Instead of "It is truly meet ...," we sing, in Tone 1:)

The Angels, as they looked upon the Dormition of the Virgin, / were struck with wonder, // seeing how the Virgin went up from earth to heaven.

The limits of nature are overcome in you, O Pure Virgin: / for birthgiving remains virginal, and life is united to death; / a virgin after childbearing and alive after death, // you ever save your inheritance, O Theotokos.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 148:1; 115:13)

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest!

I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*** Please join us in the hall for coffee and fellowship after the service. ***

Upcoming Services (also see our website)

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| Saturday | 9/1 | 4PM | Centennial Celebration at All Saints Camp!!! |
| Sunday | 9/2 | 9AM | Divine Liturgy; Spiritually Speaking |
| Saturday | 9/8 | 4PM | Parish Vigil |
| Sunday | 9/9 | 9AM | Divine Liturgy; Blessing of School Year |
| Saturday | 9/15 | 10AM | Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at St. Sophia Seminary marking the start of the school year |
| | | 4PM | Parish Vigil |
| Sunday | 9/16 | 9AM | Divine Liturgy |
| Thursday | 9/20 | 6PM | Moleban and Memorial Litya |
| Friday | 9/21 | 10AM | Divine Liturgy (Nativity of the Theotokos) |
| Saturday | 9/22 | 4PM | Parish Vigil |
| Sunday | 9/23 | 9AM | Divine Liturgy |
| Thursday | 9/27 | 6PM | Moleban and Memorial Litya |
| Saturday | 9/29 | 4PM | Parish Vigil |
| Sunday | 9/30 | 9AM | Divine Liturgy |

We raised well over \$1000 at our **Mimosa Fundraiser** for the furnace last week. God bless everyone who worked for and supported this even!

Please join St. Mary's Seniors on December 7 for **lunch and the Christmas Show at American Music Theater** in Lancaster. The cost is \$104. See Elinor Antoniuk for more information.

Our **St Mary's Seniors:** Next meeting - 9/4 (Gourmet Buffet). Hoagies - 9/26. Join us!

We will **bless the beginning of the school year** (to include Sunday School) on 9/9. Fr. Anthony will teach the class on 9/9, speaking on virtue, commitment, and the love of God.

The **Fall Bible Study** will meet on Thursdays at 7PM in the chapel starting on 9/20.

The **SR UOL Chapter of Northampton** has invited the faithful of St. Mary's to a CHURCH PICNIC and PIG ROAST, Sunday, 9/30 at the Canal Street Park in Northampton from noon to dusk. We are just asking individuals to bring their favorite picnic dish and/or dessert. The SR UOL will provide paper supplies and non-alcoholic beverages. Please let Fr. Anthony know if you plan on coming so that he can give them a count NLT 9/10.

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: 9/2 Robert Noecker, 9/9 Alex Mackiewicz, 9/16 Richard Bodnar.

Greeter Schedule: 9/2 Judy Miller & Vera Muzychka, 9/9 Pani Tina Perkins, 9/16 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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