

September 9th: The 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Tone 6 Tropar (Resurrection)

The angelic powers were at Your tomb; / the guards became as dead men. / Mary stood by Your grave, / seeking Your most pure body. / You took captive hell, // not being tempted by it. / You came to the Virgin, granting life. // O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You.

Tone 4 Tropar (for the Pokrova/Temple)

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 6 Kondak (Resurrection)

When Christ God the Giver of Life, / raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand, / He bestowed resurrection on the human race. // He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

Tone 2 Kondak (for the Pokrova/Temple)

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 6 (Resurrection; Psalm 27:9,1)

O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance!

v: To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15. It is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ ... For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God. For is the the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God and not of us. We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed – always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So then death is working in us, but life in you. And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak, knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you. For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (Psalm 90:1,2)

v: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God.

v: He will say to the Lord: "My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust."

Gospel: Matthew 22:35-46. Love God; love your neighbor.

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

Upcoming Services (also see our website)

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	10AM	Divine Liturgy (The Cross!)
		6PM	Moleban and Memorial Litya
Saturday	9/29	4PM	Parish Vigil
Sunday	9/30	9AM	Divine Liturgy
Thursday	10/4	6PM	Moleban and Memorial Litya
Saturday	10/6	4PM	Parish Vigil
Sunday	10/7	9AM	Divine Liturgy

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 next **Soup Kitchen** is Thursday, 9/13; see Joe Truchan for details and to volunteer.

Our **St Mary's Seniors:** Next meeting – 10/1. Hoagies - 9/26. Join us!

We will **bless the beginning of the school year** (to include Sunday School) today after Liturgy.

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 are coming so that he can give them a count tomorrow.

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: 9/9 Alex Mackiewicz, 9/16 Richard Bodnar, 9/23 Robin Bodnar.

Greeter Schedule: 9/9 Pani Tina Perkins, 9/16 Eleanor Fox, 9/23 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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