

November 18th ; 25th Sunday of Pentecost

Opening Censing, “Blessed is the Kingdom”, Great Litany, First Antiphon, Little Litany, Second Antiphon, Little Litany, Beatitudes and Little Entrance.

Tone 8 Tropar (Resurrection)

You descended from on high, O Merciful One! / You accepted the three day burial to free us from our sufferings! // O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, 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 8 Kondak (Resurrection)

By rising from the tomb, You raised the dead and resurrected Adam. / Eve exults in Your Resurrection, // and the world celebrates Your rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

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.

Prokimen Tone 8 (Resurrection; Psalm 75:11,1)

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God!

v: In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.

Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-6.

Beloved in Christ: I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia (Resurrection, Psalm 94:1,2)

v: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

v: Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

Gospel: St. Luke 8:41-56.

And there came a man named Ja'irus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying.

As he went, the people pressed round him. And a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years and could not be healed by any one, came up behind him, and touched the fringe of his garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, “Who was it that touched me?” When all denied it, Peter said, “Master, the multitudes surround you and press upon you!” But Jesus said, “Some one touched me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from me.” And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. And he said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.”

While he was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, “Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more.” But Jesus on hearing this answered him, “Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well.” And when he came to the house, he permitted no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but he said, “Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand he called, saying, “Child, arise.” And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and he directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.

Litany of Fervent Supplication. Litany for the Catachumens.

First and Second Litanies of the Faithful.

Cherubic Hymn and the Great Entrance.

Litany of the Offering. Kiss of Peace. The Creed (“I believe”).

The Anaphora (Prayers of Changing the Bread and Wine).

Litany of the Lord's Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (“Our Father”).

Holy Communion. Final Litany. Prayer at the Amvon. Dismissal.

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

Thanksgiving Message from our Bishops

Beloved clergy, brothers and sisters in Christ,

Every November, the United States of America celebrates Thanksgiving, marking a day when the earliest inhabitants of our nation expressed gratitude to God for the bounty that would ensure their survival through winter. Across our country, in towns and villages, cities and municipalities, families and friends gather together for meaningful religious and secular rituals of celebration and praise acknowledging the One from Whom all good things come.

In the spirit of this Thanksgiving Day, we, the spiritual fathers of our Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA wish to express our deepest gratitude to God for each of you and for your abundant sacrifices and faithfulness to the ministry of service of the Church and the truth of the Gospel. Because of you — through you — God is working a great miracle of His Love for and in the Church.

Gratitude to God must surely be the cornerstone of our faith, particularly in our Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church. This year alone we have experienced much to give thanks for — to say the least! Let us remember and be grateful for the pastoral vision of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, who reminded us that unity of faith allows for vibrant diversity in the expression of that Faith. Let us give thanks for the efforts of our brothers and sisters in Ukraine, as they strive for unity in One United Ukrainian Orthodox Church.

As your hierarchs we travel across our great nation to visit the parishes of the UOC of the USA, and without hesitation we can say that faith is strong among the people of our Holy Church. We are humbled to know and serve each of you. On this day of Thanksgiving, we can think of no better prayer than to offer gratitude for each of you and your service to the Lord.

We pray that you and your loved ones will be blessed with a joyful Thanksgiving Day and that during the upcoming holy season of St. Philip's Fast and Nativity of our Savior, we may continue to bring the Gospel to a world that needs Christ to be born in the hearts of all.

With prayers and love in Christ, your spiritual fathers,

+Antony, Metropolitan

+Daniel, Archbishop

(Our Patriarch on the Holodomor - continued)

have tormented them for centuries. Therefore, we intervene by obligation — always on the basis of authentically ecclesiastical, truly universal and purely supra — national criteria — for the truth and tradition of the Church, the defense of canonical order and the identity of Orthodoxy, all for the purpose of building up the body of Christ, not for ourselves and not for demonstrating worldly strength and power. By remaining indifferent, we would be left with no excuse before God and history.

This great responsibility of the Mother Church, the Holy and Great Church of Christ, certainly has no limits. That is why, just as we have granted autocephaly to all local Churches, the Holy and Sacred Synod has similarly decided to grant autocephaly to the Orthodox Church in Ukraine, which is tormented in many ways, so that she, too, may join the plenitude of Orthodoxy in unity and internal peace. Only the First Throne of Orthodoxy, the Church of Constantinople, holds this high responsibility according to the Holy and Sacred Canons.

May God grant rest to the souls of all the victims of the Holodomor, and may He grant all of you, dear children, patience in trials, as well as love and forgiveness for one another. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

At the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the 24th of November, 2018

The fervent supplicant before God,

+BARTHOLOMEW

Archbishop of Constantinople-New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch

Holodomor Memorial Services

St. Andrew's Memorial Church, South Bound Brook; 9AM on 11/24

St. Mary's (Pokrova), Allentown, PA; 5PM on 11/24 (after Vespers)

A Message from our Patriarch on the 85th Anniversary of the Holodomor

Beloved children in the Lord: May God's grace and peace be with you.

As every year, we are communicating with all of you with a heavy heart from the historic and martyric Mother Church of Constantinople while prayerfully commemorating the Holodomor of the Ukrainian People, the tragic and inhumane events of the years 1932-1933, when countless human beings lost their lives through deliberate and brutal famine. This tragedy inscribes itself among other atrocities against humanity and God's creation committed over the twentieth century, the most violent in history thus far.

As we pray for the repose of the victims' souls and for the healing of this painful wound in the conscience of your blessed Nation, we remind all people of goodwill that the Church does not tolerate injustice or any type of force that undermines social cohesion. Rather, it underscores the social teaching of the Christian Gospel and promotes diakonia and philanthropy. Orthodoxy's responsibility is to serve as a positive challenge for contemporary humankind, a God-inspired perspective of life and an expression of authentic freedom.

When remembering the past and learning from its tragedies, we ought to move ahead into the future with compassion and forgiveness. For, it is in the Church, the mystical Body of Christ, that we are spared from sorrow and suffering, while at the same time we find strength to forgive and love all people. Our Ecumenical Patriarchate is strong because it has a sacrificial love and acts through humility and the Cross. His story is filled with martyrdom and sacrifice for the world, for all peoples and for all nations. The Church of Constantinople, as the Mother Church, is the incarnation of the free love of Christ, who does not crucify but is crucified, who sacrifices His soul for His friends – for all men.

For this reason, it is inconceivable that the Ecumenical Throne – which according to the Holy Canons is responsible for the unity and stability of Orthodoxy – would remain indifferent when an Orthodox people, such as the Ukrainian people, suffer and seek a solution to the ecclesiastical problems that

(continued below)

Upcoming Services (also see our website)

Sunday	11/18 9AM	Divine Liturgy
Wednesday	11/21 10AM	Divine Liturgy-St.Michael the Archangel
Saturday	11/24 4PM	Great Vespers w/Litya
Sunday	11/25 9AM	Baptismal Liturgy!!! (Vasyl Milan)
*** Nativity Lent (Advent) Starts on 11/26 ***		
Thursday	11/29 6:30PM	Akathist of the Nativity
Saturday	12/1 4PM	Great Vespers; Service of Repentance
Sunday	12/2 9AM	Divine Liturgy (extra Ukrainian)
Tuesday	12/4 10AM	Divine Liturgy – Entrance of the Theotokos
Thursday	12/6 6:30PM	Akathist of the Nativity
Saturday	12/8 4PM	Great Vespers w/Litya
Sunday	12/9 9AM	Divine Liturgy
Thursday	12/13 10AM	Divine Liturgy – St. Andrew
	6:30PM	Akathist of the Nativity
Saturday	12/15 4PM	Great Vespers w/Litya
Sunday	12/16 9AM	Divine Liturgy
Wednesday	12/19 10AM	Divine Liturgy – St. Nicholas!

Announcements

Today we are having a **basket fundraiser** during Coffee Hour– please stay!

On 12/1, 9AM – 2PM, we will have our Holiday Sale. Please spread the word! We need help baking/preparing for this, as well as donations of your favorite cookies to be used in the assorted cookie packs. Upcoming sessions: Cut Out Cookies - 11/19.

Our **St Mary's Seniors:** Next meeting – 12/3. (No Hoagies). Join us!

The last meetings of the **Fall Bible Study** will be on 11/29, 12/6, & 12/13 (7PM in the chapel). We are working our way through the Old Testament. Come and join us!

Special one-time “Surviving the Holiday” sessions to help people who are dealing with the loss of loved ones deal with the special grief that comes during the holidays: 11/19 at 10AM, 11/20 at 6:30PM, 12/17 at 10AM, 12/18 at 6:30PM, & 12/31 at 10AM.

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

Reader Schedule: 11/18 Richard Bodnar, 11/25 Robin Bodnar, 12/2 Dennis Ritter.

Greeter Schedule: 11/18 Eleanor Fox, 11/25 Judy Miller & Vera Muzychka, 12/2 Perkins family.

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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