

January 6th: Eve of Nativity

Tone 7 Tropar (Resurrection)

By Your Cross You destroyed death. / To the thief You opened Paradise. / For the Myrrhbearers You changed weeping into joy. / And You commanded Your disciples, O Christ God, / to proclaim that You are risen, // granting the world great mercy.

Tone 2 Tropar (Fathers)

Great are the accomplishments of faith, / for the three Holy Youths rejoice in the fountain of flames as though in the waters of rest; / and the Prophet Daniel appeared as a shepherd to the lions as though they were sheep. // So by their prayers, O Christ God, save our souls!

Tone 4 Tropar (Forefeast)

Mary was of David's seed, / so she went with Joseph to register in Bethlehem. / She bore in her womb the Fruit not sown by man. / The time for the birth was at hand. / Since there was no room at the inn, / the cave became a beautiful palace for the Queen. // Christ is born, raising up the image that fell of old.

Tone 1 Kondak (Fathers)

Rejoice, O Bethlehem! Prepare yourself, O Ephratha! / The Lamb is on her way to give birth to the Chief Shepherd she carries in her womb. / The God-bearing forefathers will rejoice, beholding Him, // and with the shepherds, they will glorify the Virgin nursing Him.

Tone 3 Kondak (Forefeast)

Today the Virgin comes to the cave / to give birth to the Eternal Word. / Hear the glad tidings and rejoice, O universe! / Glorify with the Angels and the shepherds / the Eternal God, Who is willing to appear as a little child!

Prokimen Tone 4 (Song of the Fathers, v. 3 & 4)

Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name forever!
v: *For You are just in all that You have done for us!*

Epistle: Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40. By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was ready to offer up his only son, of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your descendants be named." He considered that God was able to raise men even from the dead; hence, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his burial. By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful; and they were not afraid of the king's edict.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. (Psalm 43:1, 7)

v: *We have heard with our ears, O God, for our fathers have told us.*

v: *For You have saved us from them than oppose us, and have put to shame them that hate us.*

Gospel: St. Matthew 1:1-25

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

Worship Schedule (also see our website)

Sunday	1/6	9AM	Divine Liturgy (Christmas Eve!) Holy Supper (in Hall) 7PM Grand Compline of the Nativity
Monday	1/7	10AM	Festal Divine Liturgy of the Nativity
Sunday	1/13	9AM	Deacon's Typika (Dn. Michael Abrahamson serving)
Saturday	1/19	10AM	Theophany: Divine Liturgy, Blessing of Waters, Blessing of Houses
Sunday	1/20	9AM	Divine Liturgy, Blessing of Houses
Saturday	1/26	4PM	Great Vespers w/ Litya
Sunday	1/27	9AM	Divine Liturgy
Saturday	2/2	4PM	Great Vespers w/ Litya
Sunday	2/3	9AM	Divine Liturgy
Thursday	2/7	6:30PM	Akathist to the Pokrova
Saturday	2/9	4PM	Great Vespers w/ Litya
Sunday	2/10	9AM	Divine Liturgy (Zacchaeus Sunday)
Thursday	2/14	5:30PM	Parish Vigil of the Meeting (40 th Day)
Friday	2/15	10AM	Divine Liturgy – Meeting (40 th Day)
Saturday	2/16	4PM	Great Vespers w/ Litya
Sunday	2/17	9AM	Divine Liturgy (Publican & Pharisee)
Fast-free Week!			
Thursday	2/21	5:30PM	Akathist to the Pokrova
Saturday	2/23	4PM	Great Vespers w/ Litya
Sunday	2/24	9AM	Divine Liturgy (Prodigal)
Thursday	2/28	5:30PM	Akathist to the Pokrova
Saturday	3/2	4PM	Great Vespers w/ Litya
Sunday	3/3	9AM	Divine Liturgy (Farewell, Meat!) ***

Dear Parishioners: **the Jr UOL is having a food drive from now to February 3, 2018** which is also the date of the Super Bowl of Caring. Please contribute to these great events with your donations of non perishable food items and of your favorite soup!!!

Our next **Dinner & Wine Tasting** is scheduled for 2/9 @6PM. Please spread the word!

Our **St Mary's Seniors:** Next meeting – 1/8. Hoagies 1/23. Join us!

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: 1/6 Robert Noecker, 1/13 Alex Mackiewicz, 1/20 Richard Bodnar

Greeter Schedule: 1/6 Judy Miller & Vera Muzychka, 1/13 Perkins family, 1/20 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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