February 16th: 35th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday of the Prodigal Son and Afterfeast of the Meeting of the Lord

Tone 2 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal, You destroyed hell with the splendor of Your Godhead. And when from the depths You raised the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out:// "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!"

Tone 8 Troparion *(Meeting of the Lord)*

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace! From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, ^Christ our God, enlightening those who sat in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder, you accepted in your arms the ^Redeemer of our souls, Who grants us the Resurrection!.

Tone 3 Kontakion *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

I have recklessly forgotten Your glory, O Father; and among sinners I have scattered the riches which You gave me. And now I cry to You as the Prodigal: "I have sinned before You, O merciful Father; receive me a penitent, and make me as one of Your hired servants!"

Tone 1 Kontakion *(Meeting of the Lord)*

By Your Nativity You sanctified the Virgin's womb and blessed Simeon's hands, ^O Christ God. Now You have come and saved us through love. Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians, O only Lover of Man!

Tone 2 Prokeimenon

The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation. (Ps 117/118:4)

v: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death. (Ps 117/118:18)

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Tone 2 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you! (Ps 19/20:1)

v: Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call! (Ps 19/20:9)

Tone 8: v: Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word, for my eyes have seen Your salvation! (Lk 2:29)

Gospel: Luke 15:11-32

Communion Hymn:

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (Ps 148:1)

I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. (Ps 115/116:13)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Wednesday, Feb 19th	**6:00 PM**	**Akafist for St. Joachim and St. Anna**
Saturday, Feb 22nd	**9:00 AM.**	**Divine Liturgy (1st Memorial Saturday - Sorokousty)**
	6:00 PM	**Vespers**
Sunday, Feb 23rd	**9:00 AM**	**Divine Liturgy**
Wednesday, Feb 26th	**6:00 PM**	**Akafist for St. Joachim and St. Anna**
Saturday, Feb 29th	**6:00 PM**	**Vespers**
Sunday, Mar 1st	**6:00 PM**	**Divine Liturgy**
	4:30 PM	**FORGIVENESS VESPERS (beginning of Great Lent)**

See our website for additional services and activities

Memorial Saturday/Sorokousty: Please note, this Saturday is the First Memorial Saturday on which we commemorate our family, friends, ancestors and loved ones who have gone to their rest. Please make sure your lists of deceased loved ones are prepared and submitted as soon as possible. These lists, once submitted, will be used for at this Saturday's Divine Services, as well as all the subsequent Memorial Saturdays this year. Lists on which you can write your loved ones' names are available at the back of the church. In addition, Memorial Booklets are also available.

Wine Tasting and Dinner: We will holding another wine tasting event on Saturday, February 22, at 6 PM. The theme will be "Wines of France", and we'll have an array of French wines, white and red, to sample along with gourmet foods prepared by our executive chefs. Price is $35 per person, $20 for food only. 100% of the proceeds go to the church. Please see John Maly to sign up or for more details.

Forgiveness Vespers: Please mark your calendars for Sunday; March 1st. We will mark the beginning of Great Lent with Forgiveness Vespers. Please make every effort to attend this beautiful and moving service. It is a truly worthy manner of beginning the Great Fast in mutual forgiveness.

Lenten Retreat: April 4th at St. Francis Center for Renewal, 395 Bridle Path Road, Bethlehem. Focus of the retreat is Humanity in the twenty first century. Speakers are Father Anthony Perkins and Natalie Bilynsky, Ph.D. Registration deadline is March 20th. Adults $50, Adolescents $25, and Children (under 12) $7. Registration includes Breakfast, lunch, and dinner. For more information contact Oleh or Nataly Bilynsky at nsufler@aol.com or phone 610-892-7315

Mapping our ancestors**:** Vera Muzychka is mapping our parish family roots. Please give Vera your family name and village/region of Ukraine. She will be "planting a flag" on the map to represent your family

Reader Schedule: 02/16 Nick Fartuch; 02/23 John Sokalsky; 03/01 Robert Noecker

Greeter Schedule: 02/16 Mary M; 02/23 Judy Miller & Vera Muzychka; 03/01 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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