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**21 JANUARY 2024 - THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Today's Liturgical Propers**

**Tone 8 Troparion**     *(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 8 Kontakion**     *(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 3 Parish Theotokian**

Today the Virgin stands in the church, / and with hosts of Saints invisibly prays  
to God for us. / Angels worship with Hierarchs, / and Apostles rejoice with Prophets, /  
for the Birth-Giver of God prays for us/ to the Pre-eternal God.

**Tone 8 Prokeimenon**     *(Resurrection)*

Pray and make your vows / before the Lord, our God! *(Ps. 75:10a)*

*V. In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel. (Ps. 75:1)*

**Epistle**

(250) Colossians 1:12-18

**Tone 8**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*V. Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior! (Ps. 94:1)*

*V. Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! (Ps. 94:2)*

**Gospel**

(89) Matthew 22:1-14

**Communion Hymn**

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

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***Announcements***

- **PRAY FOR UKRAINE!** - The Brotherhood of Ukrainian Clergy in the Lehigh sponsors weekly Moleben services for the peace and well-being of Ukraine. Last week's Moleben service was postponed because of inclement weather. ***The next Moleben service will be this Tuesday; 23 January at 6:30 PM at Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church Fourth St. West Easton.*** We urge everyone to attend and PRAY FOR UKRAINE!
- **INCLEMENT WEATHER NOTICE** - In case of inclement weather, we direct our parishioners to our parish website and Facebook page. Information on the cancellation or delay of scheduled services will be posted there as soon as possible. In addition, the same information will be announced on television channel 69 WFMZ.

- **WELCOME TO A NEW CHRISTIAN** - We welcome to our parish, a new young parishioner, VERONICA YULIA BILYK, daughter of Vitaliy and Christina (Syobr) Bilyk, who was born on 07 December 2024 and baptized and chrismated in our church yesterday. The godparents are Mykola Nodraha and Viktoriia Bohach. May God grant a long and healthy life to Veronika as she grows in Christ along with us here at St. Mary's. MNOHAYA LITA!

- **READER SCHEDULE:**

DATE.	HOURS	EPISTLE
01-21.	Dennis Ritter.	John Sokalsky
01-28	Rich Bodnar	Hayden Arp
02-04	Robin Bodnar.	Alex Makiewicz
02-11.	Liliya Baklavets.	Bohdan Khromenko
02-18.	Dennis Rittere.	Nik Fartuch
02-25	Rich Bodnar.	Bob Noecker

- **COFFEE SOCIAL:** Coffee hour today is sponsored by: **THE CHOIR**
- **Please pray for the sick and infirm of our Church:** Fr. John Fencik, Fr. Yakiw Norton, Fr. Oleh Hucul, Fr. Vasyl Dovgan, Fr. Ivan Levitsky, Fr. Bohdan Heleta, Fr. Roman Mirchuk, Tania Antoniewicz, Richard Antoniuk, Bohdan Baranczyk, John Chorney, Gloria Dunski, Marie Hinkley, Daniel Milinichuk, Maria Onulack, Michael Onushko, Nancy Onusko, Mary Ellen Mackiewicz, William Radio, Dori Bochnak, Katheryn Solan, Elsie Moroz, Child of God Karina Strashinsky and the Child of God Johnny Walson.

- **BULLETIN MAILING TO CEASE** - Due to rising postage and printing costs, effective 01 March, the weekly bulletin will no longer be sent out through the US Postal Service, except to those who request it and make a donation to defray printing and mailing. (Those in long-term health facilities will continue to receive it regardless.) The bulletin will be available, as always, at the church - and, as of 01 March, will be posted on the parish website: [www.pokrova-allentown.org](http://www.pokrova-allentown.org). Anyone wishing to continue receiving the bulletin by mail, should notify the parish office and make a minimum donation of \$30 to cover printing and mailing expenses.

**Schedule for This Week**

**SUNDAY - 21 January - THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
*Ephesians 4:7-13 Matthew 4:12-17*

**9:30 AM - DIVINE LITURGY**

**Monday; 22 January**  
*Hebrews 8:7-13 Mark 8:11-21*

**Tuesday; 23 January**  
*Hebrews 9:8-10, 15-23 Mark 8:22-26*

6:30 PM - MOLEBEN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD FOR THE PEACE AND STABILITY OF UKRAINE - **Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church Fourth St. West Easton** (Sponsored by the Brotherhood of Ukrainian Clergy of the Lehigh Valley)

**Wednesday; 24 January**  
*Hebrews 10:1-18 Mark 12:28-37*

9 AM - DIVINE LITURGY for the repose of the souls of Marion Jendras (10th anniversary) and Aniella DeProspro (...anniversary) requested by Jendras and DeProspro families.

**Thursday; 25 January**  
*Hebrews 10:35-11:7 Mark 9:10-16*

**Friday; 26 January**  
*Hebrews 11:8, 16 Matthew 9:33-41*

**Saturday; 27 January**  
*Ephesians 5:1-8 Luke 14:1-11*

**SUNDAY - 28 January - THIRTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
*Colossians 3:12-16 Luke 18:18-27*

**9:30 AM - DIVINE LITURGY**





## 2024 Theophany/Jordan Home Blessings

Father Richard will be planning to bless homes for the 2024 New Year for our parishioners; we are including a form here if you would like to have your home blessed. It is a tradition in our Church to have our homes blessed with the water sanctified at the Feast of Theophany. Home blessings are scheduled on a “first-come, first-served” basis. When Father comes to bless your home, please be sure to tell him if

this is the first time your home is blessed or not; also tell him which rooms you specifically want him to bless. Please have some holy water and a lit candle ready for the blessing, shut off all TV’s and other distractions and have the whole family gathered for the blessing.

Clip the form and return to the church, either by mail or place it in the collection basket with your regular Sunday donation.

Father Richard will contact you to confirm availability before coming to visit.

Please return via the collection basket no later than Jan. 19th; you may also email your home blessing request to: [saintmaryuoc@gmail.com](mailto:saintmaryuoc@gmail.com) Thank you and God bless!

Father Richard:

I (we) would like you to come and bless my (our) home this new year during the Theophany (Jordan) season.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

## A New Hope

*By Matthew Kenenitz. Reposted from <http://tinyurl.com/56wva5yp>; Edited for the Bulletin.*

This is one of the most profound pictures I’ve taken since being in Ukraine. As I stand on my balcony, taking a smoke break as I plod through work, I see people coming and kneeling in front of the cross and the icon of our Lady of the Sign at the neighboring Orthodox Church.

I’ve seen Babusias (grandmothers) – brittle with age – kneel in the hard pavement. I’ve seen children and parents. Priests and nuns. But today, I observed this service man kneeling – in the snow – for ten minutes as he prayed. What was he praying about? Only God knows. But I watched him walk away wiping tears from his eyes. Warm tears met with the harsh coldness and wind of a L’viv winter day. After kneeling in the snow to pray.

The humility profoundly touches me. It is something quite regular here in Ukraine, but not readily captured in photos. Were his prayers heard? Will he find comfort? Even in the context of war, men are not too proud to kneel and pray, not in the church temple, but in the snow out in the cold.

This man, for me symbolizes Ukraine. Will her prayers and cries be heard? Will there ever be understanding of the harsh reality that so many have to face? Lost jobs and wages. Lost husbands, fathers, sons, brothers. Lost homes and cities and villages and towns. Lost identity as so many left to find work and life elsewhere in the world. But what is not lost here is the human spirit. The ability to persevere and meet evil in the face each and every day. Ukraine fights a known terror. Ukraine works to never again be suppressed by the oppressor’s dark desires and need for domination and power.

May this man’s prayers be heard and answered. May all of Ukraine receive the answers to their prayers and cries. It’s been almost two years and still some do not realize or recognize. It’s been almost two years, and the sighs and cries of so many go out. We all have the power to help in our own way. But do we? Will we?

