

Protection of the Most Holy Mother Of God

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28th Sunday after Pentecost-St. Ambrose, Bishop of Milan

Tone 3 Troparion (*Resurrection*)

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world// great mercy.

Tone 4 Troparion (*St. Ambrose*)

In truth you were revealed to your flock as a rule of faith, an image of humility and a teacher of abstinence; your humility exalted you; your poverty enriched you. Hierarch Father Ambrose, entreat Christ our God that our souls may be saved!

Tone 3 Kontakion (*Resurrection*)

On this day You rose from the tomb, O Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death. On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; with the Prophets and Patriarchs// they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Your power.

Tone 3 Kontakion (*St. Ambrose*)

You shone forth with divine doctrine, eclipsing the deception of Arius, shepherd and initiate of the mysteries, Ambrose. You worked miracles through the power of the spirit, healing various passions;// righteous Father, entreat Christ our God to grant us His great mercy.

Tone 3 Prokeimenon

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

(Ps 46/47:6)

v: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! (Ps 46/47:1)

Epistle: Colossians 1: 12-18

Tone 3 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: In You, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame! (Ps 30/31:1)

v: Be a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me! (Ps 30/31:2)

Gospel: Luke 17: 12-19

Communion Hymn:

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Schedule of Services

Sunday, Dec 20	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
Monday, Dec 21	5:30 PM	Vespers (Conception of the Mother of God by St. Anna)
Tuesday, Dec 22	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy (Conception of the Mother of God)
Friday, Dec 25	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy (for the repose of the souls of Mary and Anthony Jendras requested by friends and family)
Saturday, Dec 26	4:00 PM	Vespers
Sunday, Dec 27	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy

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Parish Council: will hold its regularly scheduled meeting at 6:30pm, Monday 12/20
Grief Share Ministry: "Grieving the Holidays" will be available as a single session on Monday, December 21, 28 at 10:00am; and on Tuesday December 22, 29, at 6:00pmp

Fundraiser: Ryan wishes to thank everyone who made the sale a success. Pickup is today from 11:00-2:00. **Orders are now being taken for Strudel.** Call Mary Jo Anderson (484.695.4522) to place an order in support of Ryan's Eagle Scout project.

Christmas Shop: Check out the inventory of cards and gifts in our breezeway display cases. For more information contact Vera at church or at (610.967.3757). Proceeds benefit the Church.

Thank you: The family of John Woroniak would like to thank you all for the cards, flowers, edible arrangements and kind expressions of sympathy shown following his passing. Your support at this heart-breaking time was a great comfort to the family. Memory eternal.

Readers: 12/20 Nik Fartuch; 12/27 Dennis Ritter; 01/03 Robert Noecker