

Protection of the Most Holy Mother Of God

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38th Sunday after Pentecost-Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Tone 5 Troparion (Resurrection)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation of the Virgin. In His Good Will, He was lifted up on the Cross in the flesh to suffer death and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.”

Tone 3 Troparion (For the 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 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 2 Kontakion (For the 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.

Tone 5 Prokeimenon

You, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us from this generation forever. (Ps 11/12:7)

v: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly. (Ps 11/12:1))

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6: 12-20

Tone 5 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your truth from generation to generation. (Ps 88/89:1)

v: For You have said: “Mercy will be established forever; My truth will be prepared in the heavens.” (Ps 88/89:2).

Gospel: Luke 15: 11-32

Communion Hymn:

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

Schedule of Services

This week is a FAST FREE week. Meat and dairy permitted.

Sun, Feb 28	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
Tues, March 2	6:00 PM	Akafist to Ss. Joachim and Anna
Sat, March 6	4:00 PM	Vespers*
Sun, March 7	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy

*Sorkousty Service following Vespers. This is the first of the Memorial Saturday’s where we remember our deceased family and loved ones. Use the form in today’s bulleting to list those which you wish to remember.at all the services. Please list first names only and place your family name in the box at the bottom of the page. Enclose your list and offering and send to the Church. The list will become part of St. Mary’s permanent record.

The annual general parish meeting of St. Mary’s will take place on Sunday, March 28, 2021 immediately following the Divine Liturgy. The meeting will be held in the Church in order to allow for social distancing. The meeting will also be video conferenced using Zoom. Church members will receive a mailing in the coming days which will contain information regarding the meeting (including proposed changes to the by-laws) and instructions for participation via Zoom for those who are not able to attend in person. All members of the parish are urged to participate. Watch your mail for details.

Election of Church Council: The Advisor Committee is seeking nominations to serve on the Council. Please consider prayerfully what you can do to advance St. Mary’s and assist in the governance of the parish. There are several positions and it is only through active service with the Church that we can hope to be the Church. **Requirements: members of the Parish Council must be eighteen years of age and have been a member in good standing of the Parish for one year.** Those who are interested in serving should give their names to either Father Richard or Carrie Petrovich.

Readers: 02/28 Rdr. James McKeown; 03/07 Rdr. Daniel; 03/14; 03/21 John Sokalsky

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