



## Musée Ukraina Museum 2022 Lottery Calendars

Musée Ukraina Museum 2022 Lottery Calendars are available for \$20.00 each for 365 draws. The 2022 calendar features select ceramics from the Museum's current exhibit "Pottery Traditions and Transplanted Motifs: Ceramics from Ukraine and their North American Legacy"

Available from Elizabeth Zahayko (UCWLC), 306-783-6232; Peter Moroz (UCBC), 306-783-6293 or the Parish Office at 306-783-4593 during office hours Tuesday-Thursday from 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon

*Great gift for a birthday, anniversary, special thank-you or for Christmas.*

DATE	TIME	EPISTLE	CANTOR	USHERS	ORGANIST
SAT DEC 4	5:00 pm English	Sonia Starling	Sonia Starling	John Ostrowercha Vicky Ostrowercha	
SUN DEC 5 <i>28th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	9:00 am Ukrainian	Ivan Bachynskyy	Lorne Stechyshyn	Lorne Stechyshyn Elsie Stechyshyn	
	11:00 am English	Doug Falconer	Laurie Fedorowich Ron Wizniak	John Woychesko Kathy Woychesko	Iris Skehar
SAT DEC 11	5:00 pm English	Sr. Terry Ann Slofa	Sr. Terry Ann Slofa	Doreen Rathgeber Sharon Thompson	
SUN DEC 12 <i>Sunday of the Holy Forefathers</i>	9:00 am Ukrainian	Halyna Tsymbali	Lorne Stechyshyn	Steve Popowich Sonia Popowich	
	11:00 am English	Kathy Rusnak	Laurie Fedorowich Ron Wizniak	Bob Rusnak Kathy Rusnak	Iris Skehar

SUNDAY COLLECTION	Received on	Amount
Nov 21, 2021	61 Regular Envelopes (Nov 21)	\$ 2,192.00
Nov 28, 2021	70 Regular Envelopes (Nov 28)	\$ 2,282.00
	Received in Loose Collection	\$ 67.00
	Received in 10 Other Envelopes	\$ 560.00

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## ST. MARY'S UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Our Mother of Perpetual Help

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PARISH BULLETIN

DECEMBER 5 & 12, 2021

Christ is Among Us !

He is and will be !

Христос Посеред нас !

Є і буде !



The parish community of St. Mary's extends a warm

*Welcome - Bimacmo*

to everyone who is with us today, especially all visitors.

We are pleased that you have come to pray with us this Sunday. May the Lord bless You.

### PASTORAL CARE OF THE UKRAINIAN REDEMPTORISTS

Fr. Leonid Malkov, CSsR - Pastor

Fr. Yevhen Zadorozhnyi, CSsR - Assistant Pastor

Most Rev. Peter Stasiuk, CSsR

**\*\*OFFICE HOURS\*\***

Tuesday - Thursday

\*\*9:00 am - 12:00 pm\*\*

Office 306-783-4594

Info Line 306-782-0654

Sick Calls - 306-229-1755

**BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES\*** by Appointment

*\*Please contact the pastor at least six months before the wedding date.*

### DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

#### SUNDAY

Saturday	5:00 pm	English
Sunday	9:00 am	Ukrainian
	11:00 am	English

#### HOLY DAYS

9:00 am

#### WEEKDAYS

8:00 am	Monday - Friday
9:00 am	Saturday



**“SHARE THE SPIRIT”  
50/50 LOTTERY DRAW  
(Lottery License - #LR21-0081)**

**THANK YOU** very much to all who have already purchased tickets in the “Share the Spirit” 50/50 Lottery Draw. The response to date has been great and at the time of this posting, the 50/50 **WINNER’S SHARE** was already at **\$28,250** and growing daily. **The winner of the 2020 “Share the Spirit” Lottery Draw received \$32,900; 2019 - \$29,220.00; 2018 - \$29,440.00.**

There are only **A FEW DAYS LEFT** before the close of “Share the Spirit” 50/50 Lottery Draw. Do not hesitate, get your tickets now to ensure that you are included in the draw on **December 3, 2021**. You still have a great opportunity for a chance to win some extra cash for Christmas – AND, also financially help your Parish/Mission or designated Eparchial Organization.

**TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE DRAW, PURCHASED TICKETS MUST BE AT OUR OFFICE BY NOVEMBER 30, 2021, 4:00 PM.**

**It is important to remember that under the Lottery License rules ALL tickets, SOLD OR UNSOLD, must be returned to the UCFSASK Office by November 30, 2021, 4:00pm. You can also return your tickets to your Parish Office or place them in the Sunday Collection Basket.**

**“Share the Spirit” 50/50 Lottery Draw Information**

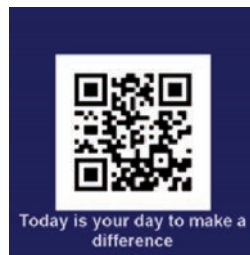
- Draw date: Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, at 2:00 pm at 214 Avenue M South, Saskatoon SK
- Ticket Price: \$20.00 per ticket
- Total number of tickets available for sale: 13,750
- Total maximum prize value: \$137,500.00
- Make cheques payable to: UCFSask
- **The Draw will be livestreamed on our Eparchial Facebook page:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/Eparchy-of-Saskatoon-704575642946205>

For more detailed information on the “Share the Spirit” 50/50 Lottery, please visit the UCFSASK Website [www.ucfsask.org](http://www.ucfsask.org) at call the UCFSASK Office at 306-653-0138, ext 223.



Catholic men are invited to join the Knights of Columbus, with a free 12-month membership available for those who join online at <https://kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html> Service and charity are at the heart of the Knights of Columbus. Founded to meet

the needs of immigrants, refugees and families suffering from the death of a breadwinner, the Knights began as a small service organization and has grown into a worldwide financial and charitable organization. The Knights of Columbus is a “Catholic, Family, Fraternal Service Organization” that includes charitable service and financial aid to communities, parishes, families and members. Contact the Knights of Columbus council in your local parish for more information or see: <https://kofcsask.com>



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

December 20	Cultural Centre Board Meeting	7:00 pm
December 23	Divine Liturgy at Theodore Health Centre	2:00 pm
December 25	<i>Nativity of Our Lord</i>	
December 26	<i>Sobor of the Mother of God</i>	
December 27	<i>Feast of St. Stephen</i>	
January 1	<i>Circumcision of Our Lord - St. Basil's - New Year's</i>	
January 5	Divine Liturgy at Yorkton Crossing Retirement Community	10:30 am
January 6	Divine Liturgy at Yorkton & District Nursing Home	10:00 am
January 13	Divine Liturgy at Gladstone Seniors' Residence	11:00 am
January 14	Divine Liturgy at Bentley Retirement Community	10:30 am

**PARISH DIRECTORIES** are available for pick up at the Parish Office during regular office hours 9:00 am - 12:00 Noon, Tuesday to Thursday. If you are unable to pick up your directory call Rose Maleschuk at 306-621-4987 for delivery.

**Musée Ukraina Museum Inc. 2021 Lottery Winners for November**

**\$20.00 Winners:** Don & Maryann Lysitza-Wakaw, John Okraincee-Glentworth, Loretta Romanko-Vancouver(BC), Ashley Lamb-Wishart, Gary Cross-Regina, Bill Bilyk-Regina, Ben & Mary Nagy-Wakaw, Ella Fiegal-Yorkton, Sally Dawson-Calgary(AB), Gerald & Debora Pozniak-Canora, Karen Steffenson-Yorkton, Shirley Diduck-Wroxton, Anne Pochipinski-Wakaw, Coleen Metcalfe-Regina, Sts. Peter & Paul UCWLC-Saskatoon, Thomas Hrycak-Regina, Albert Syrota-Regina, St. Basil's UCBC-Regina, Louise Dennehy-Saskatoon, Jeff Wawryk-Yorkton, Marge Kirsch-Yorkton, Carol Bowditch-Tisdale, Betty Pollock-Regina. **\$50.00 Winners:** Jean Larson-Dysart, Mary Kozak-Yorkton, Sts. Peter & Paul UCWLC-Saskatoon, Yorkton Asian Store-Yorkton. **\$100.00 Winners:** Pat Romanow-Regina, Michelle Dazy-Regina. **\$200.00 Winner:** Fr. Andre Lalach-Saskatoon.

*Congratulations to all the winners!*

***The 2022 Lottery Calendars are now available!***

Lottery License #RR20-0127



**EMAIL BULLETIN** - If you would like to have the Bulletin emailed to you please send your request to: [st.mary.yorkton@sasktel.net](mailto:st.mary.yorkton@sasktel.net)



**The Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon Eparchial Safeguarding Policy: Covenant of Care, Electronic Communication and Technology & Abuse and Misconduct Policy** is a code of conduct which is designed to create safe and respectful church communities and healthy ministerial relationships, and to protect people from abuse and the harm that results.

To speak to someone about a concern please contact your Pastor, Parish Coordinator of Care (PCC) **Deborah Larmour**, Eparchial Coordinator of Care at (306)-653-0138 ext. 228; Cell: 306-222-1475 or email: [covenantofcare@skeparchy.org](mailto:covenantofcare@skeparchy.org) More information is available on the Eparchial Website, [www.skeparchy.org](http://www.skeparchy.org).



In order to assist communities, businesses and organizations with managing the pandemic, the Saskatchewan Health Authority has designed a "Community Champions Toolkit". The toolkit contains self-service tools for addressing common communications needs related to COVID-19 vaccines and immunization. These resources will help provide valuable information and guidance necessary for managing COVID-19 at the local level. It is our hope that by providing a centralized set of resources we can help mitigate misinformation and assist communities to implement consistent practices and communication. The Community Champions Toolkit has been updated with additional resources related to Proof of Vaccination. Resources include: Sample Vaccination Policy Templates • FAQ on access to Proof of Vaccination • One pager on how to create a my eHealth Record View the toolkit and find additional resources at: <https://www.saskhealthauthority.ca/covid-19-community-champions-toolkit> Thanks for your ongoing support.

**Questions or concerns  
on the Church Housekeeping or Groundskeeping?**

Our contractors have reviewed the enhanced duties (due to COVID-19 regulations) for housekeeping and are following them closely. Parish Council appreciates their diligence during this pandemic to ensure our church is sanitized between Divine Liturgies. Thank you for removing the snow so quickly and trying to keep the ramp and entrances safe and clean.

If Parishioners have concerns or questions regarding the housekeeping or groundskeeping, please contact **Doreen Rathgeber** at **306-621-1522** or email her at **doreenrathgeber19@sasktel.net** We ask that you do not call our contractors directly, but follow the proper protocol regarding communications. Thank you.



**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT OUR CHURCH IS A SACRED SPACE...**

Please refrain from speaking loudly in church.  
People are praying and need silence.  
Also, kindly silence your mobile devices  
during Divine Liturgy.



Thank you.



**ST. MARY'S PARISH PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING PLAN (PAG)**



The Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) Program enables you to make donations to the parish on a monthly or semi-monthly basis right from your bank account. It eliminates the need of having the correct amount of cash on Sunday and/or from having to write a cheque.

*For more information or to enroll, please see the pamphlets at the church entrances or at the Parish Office.*

**28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FOREFATHERS**

**DECEMBER 5, 2021  
DECEMBER 11, 2021**

*The theme of Sunday is always Resurrection.  
We invite you to refrain from kneeling during the Divine Liturgy.*

*Today's special liturgical parts & readings are found on the Tropars, Kondaks, Epistle & Gospel Readings handout available at the entrances.*

**THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT ST. MARY'S**

<b>SUN</b>	<b>DEC 5</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:00 am ..... Divine Liturgy ( <i>Ukrainian</i> ) 11:00 am..... Divine Liturgy ( <i>English</i> )
<b>MON</b>	<b>DEC 6</b>	<b>Feast of St. Nicholas</b> 8:00 am ..... Divine Liturgy
<b>THU</b>	<b>DEC 9</b>	<b>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</b> 9:00 am ..... Divine Liturgy 11:00 am..... Divine Liturgy at Gladstone Seniors
<b>FRI</b>	<b>DEC 10</b>	10:30 am..... Divine Liturgy at Bentley Retirement
<b>SAT</b>	<b>DEC 11</b>	9:00 am ..... Divine Liturgy 1:00 pm..... UCBC Regular & Annual Meetings 5:00 pm..... Divine Liturgy
<b>SUN</b>	<b>DEC 12</b>	<b>Sunday of the Holy Forefathers</b> 9:00 am..... Divine Liturgy ( <i>Ukrainian</i> ) 11:00 am..... Divine Liturgy ( <i>English</i> )
<b>TUE</b>	<b>DEC 14</b>	7:00 pm..... Parish Council Meeting
<b>SAT</b>	<b>DEC 18</b>	9:00 am ..... Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm..... Divine Liturgy

**WEDDING PLANS ??-** If you are planning to be married at St. Mary's or any of the Yorkton District parishes, **please contact Fr. Leonid (306-783-4594) at least six months before the wedding date.**

**DEADLINE** for submissions to the bulletin **Wednesdays at 12:00 Noon.** The next bulletin will be printed for Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. Please call the Parish Office in the mornings on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday or email your information to [st.mary.yorkton@sasktel.net](mailto:st.mary.yorkton@sasktel.net).

**DEEPEST SYMPATHY**

We express our sympathy & prayers to the family & friends of  
**+Anne Bodnar** who passed away recently.  
Вічна Память    God Grant Her Eternal Rest    Вічна Память

## DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

<b>28<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>		<b>Colossians 1:12-18 ~ Luke 14:16-24</b>
<b>MON DEC 6</b>	<b>St. Nicholas, Wonderworker</b>	<b>Hebrews 13:17-21 ~ Luke 6:17-23</b>
8:00 am	+Tony Smysnuik .....	Smysnuik Family
8:00 am	+Bella Gulka.....	Joyce & Ralph Bjerke
<b>TUE DEC 7</b>	<b>St. Ambrose</b>	<b>Hebrews 4:1-13 ~ Luke 21:12-19</b>
8:00 am	+Katie Blahut.....	Ruby Hebert
8:00 am	+Deceased Family Members.....	Angeline & Joseph Sass
<b>WED DEC 8</b>	<b>Venerable Patapius</b>	<b>Hebrews 5:11-6:8 ~ Luke 21:5-8,10-11,20-24</b>
8:00 am	Health & Salvation for the Yawney Families.....	Family
8:00 am	Health of Mind and Body of Family & Friends.....	Dave
<b>THU Dec 9</b>		<b>Galatians 4:22-31 ~ Luke 8:16-21</b>
	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</b>
<b>FRI DEC 10</b>	<b>Martyr Mennas</b>	<b>Hebrews 7:18-25 ~ Luke 21:37-22:8</b>
8:00 am	+Peter and +Rose Brigidear.....	Diana & family
8:00 am	+Wayne Rees.....	St. Nicholas Parish, Insinger
<b>SAT DEC 11</b>	<b>Venerable Daniel</b>	<b>Ephesians 2:11-13 ~ Luke 13:19-29</b>
9:00 am	+John Kapitski.....	Jean Kitsch & family
5:00 pm	God's Blessings for Terry & Vicki Chaikowsky (50th Ann).....Athen & Emily	

## DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

<b>Sunday of the Holy Forefathers</b>		<b>Colossians 3:4-11 ~ Luke 14:16-24</b>
<b>MON DEC 13</b>	<b>Martyr Eustratius</b>	<b>Ephesians 6:10-17 ~ Luke 21:12-28</b>
8:00 am	Health for Donna Wright.....	Sylvia & Orest
8:00 am	Health & God's Blessings for Fr. Leonid & Fr. Yevhen...Fatima Apostolate of Prayer	
<b>TUE DEC 14</b>	<b>Martyr Thyrcas &amp; others</b>	<b>Hebrews 9:8-10,15-23 ~ Mark 8:22-26</b>
8:00 am	+Mildred Spelay.....	Walter & Pauline Prystai
8:00 am	+Geraldine Koban.....	a Friend
<b>WED DEC 15</b>	<b>Priest Martyr Eleutherius</b>	<b>Hebrews 10:1-18 ~ Mark 8:30-34</b>
8:00 am	Birthday Blessings for Anna Gulka.....	N.N.
8:00 am	Thanksgiving, Health & God's Blessings for family...Emil & Delores Strutynski	
<b>THU DEC 16</b>	<b>Prophet Aggeus</b>	<b>Hebrews 10:35-11:7 ~ Mark 9:10-16</b>
8:00 am	+Tom, +Lena, +Mike, +Mabel, +Doug and +Sharon.....	Brian & Sandi
8:00 am	+Mary Byblow.....	Henrietta & Doug Hount Hague
<b>FRI DEC 17</b>	<b>Prophet Daniel</b>	<b>Hebrews 11:8-16 ~ Mark 9:33-41</b>
8:00 am	+Fran Uhryn.....	Theresa & Walter Denischuk
8:00 am	+Nettie and +Nick Zawada.....	Sophia Pisiak
<b>SAT DEC 18</b>	<b>Saturday before the Nativity</b>	<b>Galatians 3:8-12 ~ Luke 13:19-29</b>
9:00 am	+Bill, +Lena and +Ed Evancio.....	Robert & Adeline Wuschenny
5:00 pm	Members and Families.....Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood	

## Saint Mary's Building Fund Donations



Balance of the Fund to date: **\$355,793.40** Thank you very much

Donations may be given anytime.

All funds collected will be used for the future renovations of our church.  
Building Fund Envelopes are available at the entrances of the Church

**CHURCH DONATIONS-** To ensure that your donation is properly recorded and acknowledged, please mark your envelope and the memo line on your cheque "*In memory of...*" or "*On the occasion of...*"

## UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC BROTHERHOOD - ST. VOLODYMYR BRANCH



**Regular Meeting followed by Annual Meeting**

Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm

Golden Agers Centre (Church Basement)

**All Brotherhood Members are welcome**

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HARVEST MEAT FUNDRAISER

...Just a friendly reminder for all who ordered meat packages from the Knights of Columbus.

The pick up date is set for:

Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 - 8:00 pm at the Cultural Centre



If you have any issues, please contact Jason at 306-621-1923 or Steve at 306-521-1500

*Thank you for your support !*



**Scam Alert** – Please be aware that fraudulent messages continue to circulate via e-mail, as well as via text and message apps, allegedly coming from our priests, bishop, or others in the Catholic community, asking for money, gift cards, or other gifts. Please DISREGARD all such messages! Do NOT reply or engage with the individuals sending these messages. The e-mail addresses typically look like they could be real (using names, titles, etc.). These messages may ask if you are busy, ask for a favour, and/or then directly ask for iTunes gift cards or funds. **Do NOT send gift cards, money, or cash transfers if requested to do so over e-mail or via text message.** If you receive messages asking for help

**DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS** - If you are making an offering for this service by cheque, please make your cheque payable to: Ukrainian Catholic Mission

\*\*In accordance with the **Eparchial Stipend Schedule** (effective November 1, 2017), the suggested **stipend (offering)** for a Divine Liturgy Intention is **\$20.00**.

**\*\*NEW\*\* You can find Liturgy Request Forms with envelopes at the Church Entrances.**

Once you have completed the form, place it in the envelope with your stipend, seal the envelope and drop into the collection plate or through the mail slot in the Rectory.

**TROPARS, KONDAKS, EPISTLE & GOSPEL FOR  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5  
28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**



**Tropar, tone 3:** Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice,\* for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm.\* He trampled death by death; He became the first born of the dead;\* He saved us from the abyss of Hades\* and granted great mercy to the world.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and for ever and ever. Amen!**

**Kondak, tone 3:** You rose from the tomb, O compassionate Lord,\* and led us out from the gates of death.\* Today Adam exults and Eve rejoices,\* and the prophets together with the patriarchs unceasingly acclaim\* the divine might of Your power.

**Prokimen, tone 3 :** Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing.

*Verse: Clap your hands, all you nations; shout unto God with the voice of joy.*

**Epistle:** A reading from the Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Colossians (1: 12 - 18)

Brothers and Sisters! Give thanks to the Father for having made you worthy to share the lot of the saints in light. He rescued us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of his beloved Son. Through him we have redemption, the forgiveness of our sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creatures. In him everything in heaven and on earth was created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominations, principalities or powers; all were created through him, and for him. He is before all else that is. In him everything continues in being. It is he who is head of the body, the church; he who is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that primacy may be his in everything.

**Alleluia Verses:**

*In You, O Lord, have I hoped that I may not be put to shame for ever.*

*Be a protector unto me, O God, and a house of refuge to save me.*

**Gospel:** Luke 14: 16 - 24

At that time the Lord said this parable: "A man was giving a large dinner and he invited many. At dinner time he sent his servant to say to those invited, 'Come along, everything is ready now.' But they began to excuse themselves, one and all. The first one said to the servant, 'I have bought some land and must go out and inspect it. Please excuse me.' Another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen and I am going out to test them. Please excuse me.' A third said, 'I am newly married and so I cannot come.' The servant returning reported all this to his master. The master of the house grew angry at the account. He said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor and the crippled, the blind and the lame.' The servant reported, after some time, 'Your orders have been carried out, my lord, and there is still room.' The master then said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and along the hedgerows and force them to come in. I want my house to be full, but I tell you that not one of those invited shall taste a morsel of my dinner. For many are called, but few are chosen.' "

**Communion Hymn:** Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**TROPARS, KONDAKS, EPISTLE & GOSPEL FOR  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12  
SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FOREFATHERS**



**Tropar of the Forefathers, tone 2:** O Christ, You have justified the forefathers by faith,\* thus forming through them the Church of the gentiles.\* These saints are glorified because the Virgin who bore You descends from them.\* O Christ God, through their prayers have mercy on us.

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*

**Kondak of the Forefathers, tone 6:** Armed with invisible power,\*you did not adore the idols made by human hands, O thrice-holy youths;\* strengthened by a power beyond words,\* you stood in the midst of a devouring fire and called upon God, saying,\* "Hasten, O merciful One, and speed to our help,\* for You are good and have power to do whatever you desire."  
*now and for ever and ever. Amen!*

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**Prokimen, tone 4:** Blessed are you, and praiseworthy, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and glorious forever is your name.

*Verse: For you are just in all you have done.*

**Epistle:** A reading from the Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Colossians. (3: 4 - 11)

Brothers and Sisters! When Christ our life appears, then you shall appear with him in glory. Put to death whatever in your nature is rooted in earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desires, and that lust which is idolatry. These are the sins which provoke God's wrath. Your own conduct was once of this sort, when these sins were your very life. You must put that aside now: all the anger and quick temper, the malice, the insults, the foul language. Stop lying to one another. What you have done is put aside your old self with its past deeds and put on a new man,

one who grows in knowledge as he is formed anew in the image of his Creator. There is no Greek or Jew here, circumcised or uncircumcised, foreigner Scythian, slave, or freeman. Rather, Christ is everything in all of you.

**Alleluia Verses:**

*Moses and Aaron were among his priests, and Samuel, among those who called upon his name. They called upon the Lord, and he answered them.*

**Gospel:** Luke 14: 16-24

At that time the Lord said this parable: "A man was giving a large dinner and he invited many. At dinner time he sent his servant to say to those invited, 'Come along, everything is ready now.' But they began to excuse themselves, one and all. The first one said to the servant, 'I have bought some land and must go out and inspect it. Please excuse me.' Another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen and I am going out to test them. Please excuse me.' A third said, 'I am newly married and so I cannot come.' The servant returning reported all this to his master. The master of the house grew angry at the account. He said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor and the crippled, the blind and the lame.' The servant reported, after some time, 'Your orders have been carried out, my lord, and there is still room.' The master then said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and along the hedgerows and force them to come in. I want my house to be full, but I tell you that not one of those invited shall taste a morsel of my dinner. For many are called, but few are chosen.' "

**Instead of 'It is truly right . . .':** O my soul, extol the glorious conception\* of the Mother of God.\* You are an inexhaustible source of life,\* O Mother of God.\* You are a radiant lamp of grace, a temple of the Holy Spirit,\* an all-pure tent more spacious\* than the heavens and the earth.\* Therefore, we the faithful,\* praise you.

**Communion Hymn:** Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest.  
Exult, you just, in the Lord; praise from the upright is fitting.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!