



2ND ANNUAL TREASURE MARKET MAY 10, 11 & 12

Spring is here and the 2nd Annual Treasure Market is fast approaching. This year's event will be held on May 10th to 12th, at the Cultural Centre. Please consider donating your "treasures" to this fundraiser. All proceeds will be going to help rebuild the exterior wall at the west side of the church and for all the internal renovations that will go along with it. We will be looking for donated items, raffle items, volunteers and home-made pies. If you can help out with this fundraiser, please contact one of the Parish Council or the Treasure Market Committee members : Dolores Harris 306-621-7225 or Gwen Bilyk 306-621-8725.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC FOUNDATION OF SASKATCHEWAN CORPORATION

When: Wednesday, April 19, 2023

(NOTE: This will be a virtual meeting via the Zoom meeting facility)

Time: Registration (Sign into Zoom) – 7:00pm to 7:30pm
Annual General Meeting – 7:30pm

Where: This will be a virtual meeting via the ZOOM Meeting facility.

Members wishing to participate in the Annual General Meeting must pre-register with the UCFSask Office via Email admin@ucfsask.org or telephone (306-653-0138, ext 223) by no later than Friday, April 14, 2023 - 4:30 pm. A ZOOM meeting invite will be sent to all who have pre-registered for the annual general meeting.

Who: All members of a Ukrainian Catholic parish or mission within the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon who are 18 years of age or older are entitled to participate and vote at the meeting.

Information regarding the detailed agenda and all the relevant annual meeting documents, including the audited financial statements for the period January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022, are posted on the Ukrainian Catholic Foundation of Saskatchewan's website at www.ucfsask.org, under the 2022 Annual General Meeting tab.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SUNDAY BRUNCH

Sunday, April 30th

St. Mary's Cultural Centre

Following the 9:00 am & 11:00 am Divine Liturgies

*Adults \$10.00 * Children (12 & under) \$6.00 *

*Family \$30.00 * Children (5 & under) Free *

The Knights Would Appreciate your Support! Everyone Welcome !



UPCOMING EVENTS

April 30	Knights of Columbus Brunch	10:15 am & 12:15 pm
May 7	First Solemn Holy Communion Class - First Reconciliation	
May 1	Knights of Columbus Meeting	7:00 pm
May 1	UCWLC Meeting	7:00 pm
May 3	Divine Liturgy at Yorkton Crossing	10:30 am
May 3	UCBC Bingo	7:00 pm
May 4	Divine Liturgy at Yorkton & District Nursing Home	10:00 am
May 10	Knights of Columbus Bingo	7:00 pm
May 14	First Solemn Holy Communion	11:00 am
May 15	Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood Meeting	7:00 pm
May 16	Parish Council Meeting	6:30 pm
May 18	Divine Liturgy at Queen Elizabeth Court	2:00 pm
May 18	<i>Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord</i>	
May 19	Divine Liturgy at the Bentley	10:30 am
May 20	UCBC Bingo	7:00 pm
May 21	Knights of Columbus Bingo	7:00 pm
May 26	UCBC Bingo	7:00 pm

YORKTON DISTRICT PARISHES

Schedule of Services in the Yorkton Pastoral District

****Please note: this schedule is subject to change, please check regularly****

BEAVERDALE	Sunday, April 16	11:00 am	Divine Liturgy
INSINGER (St. Nicholas)	Saturday, April 15	7:00 pm	Easter Divine Liturgy (<i>Julian</i>)

DIRECTIONS TO THE NEW PARISH OFFICE

We hear that Parishioners are having a hard time locating our new Parish Office...

We are located in the former Golden Agers Centre. Please go past the end of the ramp on the north side of the church. Continue until you see the north wall of the church, if you walk toward the north wall, you will see an entrance to your right (the door faces west), please proceed down the stairs, turn left and you will find us. **Office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon.**



Safeguarding Policy

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 or email: **safeguarding@skeparchy.org** More information is available on the Eparchial Website, **www.skeparchy.org**.

Musée Ukraina Museum Inc. 2023 Lottery Winners for January

\$20.00 Winners: Allan Wonsiak-Canora, Tracie & Scott Bugera-Regina, David Mantyka & Alicia Oucharek-Saskatoon, Steve & Sonia Popowich-Yorkton, Bishop Filevich School-Saskatoon, Sage Pharmacy-Yorkton, Tracy Pillipow-Regina, Tracey Hryniuk-Prud'homme, Ed Motelago-Saskatoon, Sasha Bayda-Saskatoon, Sts. Peter & Paul UCWLC-Saskatoon, Marianne Hildebrandt-Wakaw, Stacia Horbay Ugalde-Saskatoon, Sonya Leeb-Warman, Martha Obrigewitsch-Regina, Terence Poirier-Glentworth, Nadya Stasyna-Newmarket(ON), Kathy Styranko-Saskatoon, Luke Kapeluck-Edmonton(AB), Carla Marciniuk-Saskatoon, Don & Mary Ann Lysitza-Wakaw, Kim Kyrlyuk-Regina, Amy & Ava Olson-Saskatoon, Cory Paul-Preeceville. **\$50.00 Winners:** Savelia Curniski-Saskatoon, Lillian Harris-Regina, Evelyn Lemko-Springside, Natalie Maruschak-Alvena. **\$100.00 Winners:** Wes & Cindy Hrapchuk-Warman. **\$200.00 Winners:** Ange Gretchen-Saskatoon, Andrew & Christopher Lucyshyn-Saskatoon.

Congratulations to all the winners! Lottery License #RR22-0403

Musée Ukraina Museum Inc. 2023 Lottery Winners for February

\$20.00 Winners: Klarissa Komarnicki-Saskatoon, David Lalach-Saskatoon, Bernie Bodnar-Saskatoon, Rhea Musey-Danbury, Nettie Okrainetz-Canora, Sharon Hader-Shields, Chris Krechowicki-Regina, Linda Berezowski-Saskatoon, Billy Cannon-Prince Albert, Janice Lamoureux-Wilkie, Diane Lynchuk-Saskatoon, Julian & Rosalind Olenick-Regina, Ken & Jackie Babey-Wynyard, Jason Katchmer-Calgary(AB), Victoria Shulhan-Tway, Cheryl Fedusiak-Saskatoon, Mary Jane Holinaty-Prince Albert, Chris Pidwerbeski-Saskatoon, Wendy & Steve Olde-Prince Albert, Mike & Deanna Kaminski-Regina, Anna Markewich-Regina. **\$50.00 Winners:** Elizabeth Herman-Wakaw, Lesya Sabada-Saskatoon, Bob Friesen-Saskatoon, William & Iryna Oleynik-Yorkton. **\$100.00 Winners:** Tiffany Thomas-Mankota, Amanda Zbitniff-Canora. **\$200.00 Winner:** Emma Kindrachuk-Saskatoon.

Congratulations to all the winners! Lottery License #RR22-0403

Musée Ukraina Museum Inc. 2023 Lottery Winners for March

\$20.00 Winners: Sally Lalach-Wynyard, Peter Ostafichuk-Canora, Michelle Fedorowich-Missassauga(ON), Danny Rakochoy-Canora, Marge Sakundiak-Fort Smith(NWT), Eric Levesque-Prince Albert, Olga Kondra-Saskatoon, Paul Symych-Wakaw, Andy Hyshka-Prince Albert, Norquay Agencies-Norquay, Theresa Domotor-Wakaw, James Beblow-Saskatoon, Karen Chopty-Yorkton, Violet Hrapchak-Saskatoon, Sonia Chrusch-Saskatoon, Janet Danyliuk-Saskatoon, Tyler Turta-Watrous, Arianna Derow-Saskatoon, Cyndi Zenkewich-Saskatoon, St. Athanasius UCBC-Regina, Michelle Arnold-Lacombe(AB), Bernard Hrytzak-Chatham(ON), Greg Wawryk-Saskatoon, Cameron Wiest-Regina, R & D Antoshkiw-Wakaw. **\$50.00 Winners:** Isaac Ugalde Montiel-Saskatoon, Maria Carbonel-Saskatoon, John Starosta-Warman, Ruth & Sally Serack-Asquith. **\$100.00 Winners:** Melissa Klarer-Saskatoon, David Franko-Calgary(AB).

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There are still 275 chances to win cash prizes in the 2023 Calendar Lottery!

MUSÉE UKRAINA MUSEUM NOTICE OF AGM

Monday, April 24, 2023 @ 6:00 pm - Musée Ukraina Museum (222 Avenue M South - Sr. Theodosia Lane, Saskatoon)

This is also a great time to renew or purchase a membership for 2023. (Membership fees are \$20/individual, \$15/student-senior, \$40/family). Website: www.mumsaskatoon.com

ST. THOMAS SUNDAY SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARERS

**APRIL 16, 2023
APRIL 23, 2023**

*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

SUN	APR 16	St. Thomas Sunday 9:00 am Divine Liturgy <i>Ukrainian</i> 9:00 am First Solemn Holy Communion Class 11:00 am..... Divine Liturgy <i>English</i>
MON	APR 17	7:00 pm..... Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood Meeting
TUE	APR 18	7:00 pm..... Parish Council Meeting
THU	APR 20	2:00 pm Divine Liturgy at Queen Elizabeth Court
FRI	APR 21	10:30 am Divine Liturgy at the Bentley 6:00 pm..... Jerusalem Matins
SAT	APR 22	9:00 am Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm..... Divine Liturgy 7:00 pm..... UCBC Bingo
SUN	APR 23	Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearers 9:00 am First Solemn Holy Communion Class 9:00 am Divine Liturgy <i>Ukrainian</i> 11:00 am..... Divine Liturgy <i>English</i> 7:00 pm..... Knights of Columbus Bingo
MON	APR 24	8:00 am..... Knights of Columbus Pilgrim Icon Program
TUE	APR 25	8:00 am..... Knights of Columbus Pilgrim Icon Program
WED	APR 26	8:00 am..... Knights of Columbus Pilgrim Icon Program
SAT	APR 29	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.**




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



DEADLINE for submissions to the bulletin **Wednesdays at 12:00 Noon.** The next bulletin will be printed for Sunday, April 30th. Please call the Parish Office in the mornings on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday or email your information to st.mary.yorkton@sasktel.net.

CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE- There will be a priest available in the confessional 30 minutes prior to every Divine Liturgy.

DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, APRIL 16

St. Thomas Sunday		Acts 5:12-20 ~ John 20:19-31
MON APR 17	Venerable Simeon	Acts 3:19-26 ~ John 2:1-11
8:00 am	+Wayne and +Darla.....	Karen
TUE APR 18	Venerable John	Acts 4:1-10 ~ John 3:16-21
8:00 am	+Mary Yagelniski.....	Sister & Brother-in-law
WED APR 19	Venerable John the Hermit	Acts 4:13-22 ~ John 5:17-24
8:00 am	Health & God's Blessings for Sr. Genevieve Mizun.....	SSMI
THU APR 20	Venerable Theodore	Acts 4:23-31 ~ John 5:24-30
8:00 am	+Deceased Yawney Family Members.....	Family
FRI APR 21	Priest Martyr Januarius	Acts 5:1-11 ~ John 5:30-6:2
8:00 am	 Health for Peter Kobyłka.....	Grace Chorney & family
SAT APR 22	Venerable Theodore	Acts 5:21-33 ~ John 6:14-27
9:00 am	+Agnes Gawryluik.....	Family
5:00 pm	Birthday Blessings for Sisters Terry Ann, Ann & Genevieve...Morning Friends	

DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, APRIL 23

Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearers		Acts 6:1-7 ~ Mark 15:43-16:8
MON APR 24	Martyr Sabbas	Acts 6:8-7:5,47-60 ~ John 4:47-54
8:00 am	Health for Nestor Mykytyshyn.....	Karen Chopty
TUE APR 25	Apostle & Evangelist Mark	1 Peter 5:6-14 ~ Mark 6:7-13
8:00 am	 Health for Evelyn Kardynal.....	Bill & Mary Oleynik
WED APR 26	Priest Martyr Basil	Acts 8:18-25 ~ John 6:35-39
8:00 am	Health for Armand Kurulak.....	Theo & Genie
THU APR 27	Priest Martyr Simeon	Acts 8:26-39 ~ John 6:40-44
8:00 am	+Clarence Protz (1 Year).....	Sharon, Trevor & family
FRI APR 28	Apostle Jason	Acts 8:40-9:19 ~ John 6:48-54
8:00 am	 +Ellen Lukey, +Sandra Boyda and +Jennifer Larky.....	Brian & Sandi
SAT APR 29	9 Martyrs of Cyzice	Acts 9:19-31 ~ John 15:17-16:2
9:00 am	Health & God's Blessings for Family.....John & Pauline Balaniuk & family	
5:00 pm	Health & God's Blessings for Members & Families...Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood	

Saint Mary's Building Fund Donations



In Memory of Angeline Tretiak-Sass

William Tretiak \$ 1,000.00

ST. MARY'S RENOVATION PROJECT Balance in Building Fund \$501,212.41

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..."**



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.

****Please support your parish by joining PAG****

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



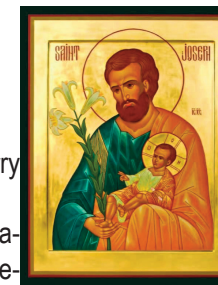
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PILGRIM ICON PROGRAM

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

APRIL 24, 25 & 26 - 8:00 AM

Spread devotion to St. Joseph and pray for the courage to stand up and carry out our mission of protecting, defending, and raising future generations.

Every few years, the Knights of Columbus selects an icon of a saint whose patronage is particularly inspiring to Knights and their communities. Each jurisdiction receives one or several of these icons which travel from council to council and serve as the centerpieces for prayer services in parishes throughout the Order. Since the first traveling pilgrim icon of Our Lady of Guadalupe in 1979, more than 174,800 council and parish prayer services with some 22 million participants have been held.



For more information contact Dave Splay 306-621-3360 or Steve Popowich 306-521-1500

DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS - If you are making an offering for this service by cheque, please make your cheque payable to: Ukrainian Catholic Mission. The suggested **stipend (offering)** for a Divine Liturgy Intention is **\$20.00**. **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.



«Mary arose and went with haste» (Lk 1:39)

EPARCHIAL YOUTH ATTENDING WORLD YOUTH DAY

It is an excitement and anticipation that six young people from our Eparchy are planning to attend the 2023 World Youth Day in Portugal this summer. We are asking three things:

- Pray that the participants will deepen their faith and for safe travels. If a rosary or prayer be said for the participants at Church, it would be greatly appreciated.
- The cost for each participant will be over \$7000 each. We would greatly appreciate any donations. To donate, please contact Eparchial youth minister Viktoriia Marko at uwitness2youth@skeparchy.org. The cheques should be written out to the Eparchy of Saskatoon with the indication "WYD".
- Consider some of the following fundraising activities that will start after April 15th. The first is a bottle drive, if you have bottles to donate, we would gladly accept them. Soon we will also be selling chotky. Stay tuned for other fundraising activities we are planning to have soon!

To donate bottles, help to make or buy chotky, please contact:

Prince Albert:

Deacon Harrold (306-930-9709)

Regina:

Dima (639-999-5003 after 6.00 pm)

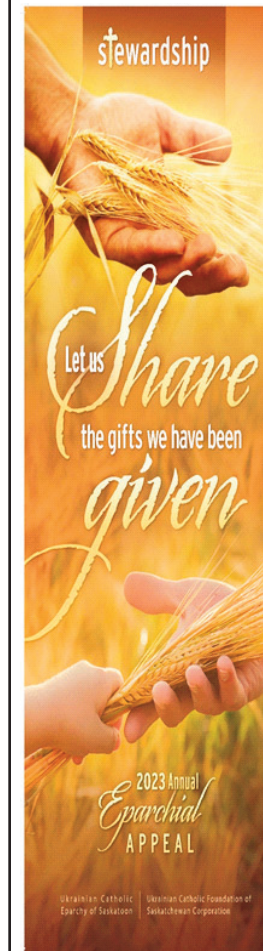
Maggie (306-539-4057)

Saskatoon:

Bohdanna (306-280-6175)

Viktoriia (306-914-0355)

Thank you in advance for your prayers and generosity.



2023 ANNUAL EPARCHIAL APPEAL “Let Us Share the Gifts that We have been Given.”

This weekend marks the kick-off to our 2023 and 8th Annual Eparchial Appeal. The Appeal will run April 15, 2023, to May 28, 2023

The theme of the 2023 Annual Eparchial Appeal is “*Let us Share the Gifts we have been Given*”. The theme calls us to be more like Jesus for others. As stewards, we joyfully worship God by giving back some of the gifts earned from Him. We have been entrusted with substantial resources and have been taught by God to put these resources to work for others. The Annual Eparchial Appeal gives us the opportunity to follow His example by sharing some of our gifts given to us so that the Eparchy can continue to provide services that will be of benefit to all the Faithful of the Eparchy.

Thanks to your generosity, prayers and your kind support over the past seven years, the Eparchial Appeal has been successful in raising just over \$884,125 for the Eparchy, St. Mathew Clergy Society, and the Bishop Roborecki Foundation. In addition, the Parishes/Missions also received another \$151,565 through the Parish Rebate Program. Your support of the Appeal continues to nurture, grow, preserve, and strengthen our Ukrainian Catholic Faith and to make our parishes vibrant. A heartfelt and sincere **THANK YOU** for your support.

The Catholic Church, and by extension, our Eparchy, has the most important mission of any organization in world: to preach the soul-saving Gospel of Jesus Christ. Carrying on this mission, of course, takes earthly resources. Therefore, the future sustainability of our Ukrainian Catholic Faith in Saskatchewan is dependent on a fundraising effort through the Annual Eparchial Appeal. Most of the programs and services offered through the Eparchy cannot be offered by individual Parishes because of limited resources, both financial and human. That is why it is so critical that the Faithful of our Eparchy continue to collectively ensure that the Eparchy can provide these programs to the Faithful and the Parishes by supporting the Annual Eparchial Appeal.

The 2023 Annual Eparchial Goal is set at **\$250,000**. This may seem like a big number, however, when broken down to an amount per each Parish Family in the Eparchy, it amounts to approximately \$110 per each Parish Family. However, in last year's Appeal, only about 20% of the Faithful in the Eparchy supported the Appeal. Therefore, we humbly and graciously ask those Parish Families who can do so to please make a gift of a \$110 on behalf of your family, plus another one or two gifts of \$110 on behalf of another family who may not be in a financial position to donate to the Appeal. Of course, the Foundation would be most grateful for a gift of any amount.

Over the next few weeks, you will have the opportunity to learn more about the initiatives funded by the 2023 Annual Eparchial Appeal and how they contribute to create Vibrant Parishes as a place to encounter the Living Christ.

In the next week or so, you will be receiving your Annual Eparchial Appeal Letter Package in the mail, which will contain detailed information on the various Eparchial initiatives and programs supported by the 2023 Appeal. As it has in the past seven years, your gift to the 2023 Appeal will make a significant difference and will serve as a powerful witness of God's love and mercy.

With gratitude and appreciation, we ask you to please find it in your heart to support the 2023 Annual Eparchial Appeal.

Please call the Foundation Office at 306-653-0183, ext. 223 if you have any questions, or refer to our website at www.ucfsask.org for more information

**TROPARS, KODIAKS, EPISTLE & GOSPEL FOR
SUNDAY, APRIL 16 ~ ST. THOMAS SUNDAY**



Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life.

Tropar, tone 7: Though the tomb had been sealed,* from the tomb You arose, O Life and Christ our God.* Though the door had been locked,* You appeared among the disciples, O Resurrection of all;* and thus You restored an upright spirit for us* according to your great mercy.

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

Kondak, tone 8: Thomas placed his restless hand* into your life-giving side, O Christ our God;* and since You entered, although the doors were locked,* he cried out to You with the other apostles:* "You are my Lord and my God!"

Prokimen, tone 3: Great is our Lord and mighty in power; to his wisdom there is no limit.
Verse: *Praise the Lord, for he is good; sing praise to our God, for he is gracious.*

Epistle: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 5: 12 - 20

In those days through the hands of the apostles, many signs and wonders occurred among the people. By mutual agreement they used to meet in Solomon's Portico. No one else dared to join them, despite the fact that the people held them in great esteem. Nevertheless more and more believers, men and women in great numbers, were continually added to the Lord. The people carried the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mattresses, so that when Peter passed by at least his shadow might fall on one or another of them. Crowds from the towns around Jerusalem would gather, too, bringing their sick and those who were troubled by unclean spirits, all of whom were cured. The high priest and all his supporters (that is, the party of the Sadducees), filled with jealousy, arrested the apostles and threw them into the public jail. During the night, however, an angel of the Lord opened the gates of the jail, led them forth and said, "Go out now and take your place in the temple precincts and preach to the people all about this new life."

Alleluia Verses: *Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, our Savior.
For God is the great Lord and the great king over all the earth.*

Gospel: John 20: 19 - 31

On the evening of the first day of the week, even though the disciples had locked the doors of the place where they were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood before them. "Peace be with you," he said. "When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. At the sight of the Lord the disciples rejoiced. "Peace be with you," he said again. "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Then he breathed on them and said: "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive men's sins, they are forgiven them; if you hold them bound, they are held bound." It happened that one of the Twelve, Thomas (the name means "Twin"), was absent when Jesus came. The other disciples kept telling him; "We have seen the Lord!" His answer was, "I will never believe it without probing the nail prints in his hands, without putting my finger in the nail marks and my hand into his side." A week later, the disciples were once more in the room, and this time Thomas was with them. Despite the locked doors, Jesus came and stood before them. "Peace be with you," he said; then to Thomas: "Take your finger and examine my hands. Put your hand into my side. Do not persist in your unbelief, but believe!" Thomas said in response, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus then said to him: "You became a believer because you saw me. Blest are they who have not seen and have believed." Jesus performed many other signs as well -- signs not recorded here -- in the presence of his disciples. But these have been recorded to help you believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, so that through this faith you may have life in his name.

Instead of 'It is truly right': The angel cried out to the One full of grace:* "O chaste Virgin, rejoice!* And again I say, rejoice!* Your Son has risen from the tomb on the third day* and raised the dead.*" Let all people rejoice!* Shine, shine, O New Jerusalem,* for the glory of the Lord has risen upon you!* Exalt now and be glad, O Sion!* And you, O chaste Mother of God, take delight* in the resurrection of your Son.

Communion Hymn: Glorify the Lord O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

"Christ is risen..." replaces: "Blessed is he who comes...", 'We have seen the true light,' 'May our mouths be filled,' 'Blessed be the name of the Lord,' and 'Glory be to the Father....' at the dismissal.

TROPARS, KONDAKS, EPISTLE & GOSPEL FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 23
SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARERS



Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life

Tropar, tone 2: *When You went down to death, O Life Immortal,* You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity.* When You raised the dead from the nether world,* all the powers of heaven cried out:* “O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory be to You!”*

Tropar, tone 2: *The noble Joseph took down your most pure body from the Cross.* He wrapped it in a clean shroud,* and with fragrant spices laid it in burial in a new tomb.* But You arose in three days, O Lord,* bestowing great mercy upon 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 2: *By your Resurrection, O Christ our God,* You told the women bringing ointment to rejoice;* and You stilled the weeping of Eve, the first mother.* You instructed the women to announce to your apostles:* “The Savior has risen from the tomb.”*

Prokimen, tone 6: *Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.*
Verse: *To you, O Lord, I call; O my Rock, be not deaf to me.*

Epistle: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7

In those days, as the number of disciples grew, the ones who spoke Greek complained that their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food, as compared with the widows of those who spoke Hebrew. The Twelve assembled the community of the disciples and said, “It is not right for us to neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. Look around among your own number, brothers, for seven men acknowledged to be deeply spiritual and prudent, and we shall appoint them to this task. This will permit us to concentrate on prayer and the ministry of the word.” The proposal was unanimously accepted by the community. Following this they selected Stephen, a man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit; Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, who had been a convert to Judaism. They presented these men to the apostles, who first prayed over them and then imposed hands on them. The word of God continued to spread, while at the same time the number of the disciples in Jerusalem enormously increased. There were many priests among those who embraced the faith.

Alleluia Verses:

*You have favored, O Lord, your land; you have restored the well-being of Jacob.
Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss.*

Gospel: Mark 15: 43 - 16: 8

At that time Joseph from Arimathea arrived--a distinguished member of the Sanhedrin. He was another who looked forward to the reign of God. He was bold enough to seek an audience with Pilate and urgently requested the body of Jesus. Pilate was surprised that Jesus should have died so soon. He summoned the centurion and inquired whether Jesus was already dead. Pilate released the corpse to Joseph. Then, having bought a linen shroud, Joseph took him down, wrapped him in the linen, and laid him in a tomb which had been cut out of rock. Finally he rolled a stone across the entrance of the tomb. Meanwhile, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James observed where he had been laid. When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought perfumed oils with which they intended to go and anoint Jesus. Very early, just after sunrise, on the first day of the week they came to the tomb. They were saying to one another, “Who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” When they looked, they found that the stone had been rolled back (It was a huge one.) On entering the tomb they saw a young man sitting at the right, dressed in a white robe. This frightened them thoroughly, but he reassured them: “You need not be amazed! You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, the one who was crucified. He has been raised up; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. Go now and tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you to Galilee, where you will see him just as he told you.’” They made their way out and fled from the tomb bewildered and trembling: and because of their great fear, they said nothing to anyone.

Instead of 'It is truly right': The angel cried out to the One full of grace:* “O chaste Virgin, rejoice!* And again I say, rejoice!* Your Son has risen from the tomb on the third day* and raised the dead.”* Let all people rejoice!* Shine, shine, O New Jerusalem,* for the glory of the Lord has risen upon you!* Exalt now and be glad, O Sion!* And you, O chaste Mother of God, take delight* in the resurrection of your Son.

Communion Hymn: Receive the Body of Christ; partake of the source of immortality.
Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

“**Christ is risen...**” replaces: “Blessed is he who comes...,” ‘We have seen the true light,’ “May our mouths be filled,’ ‘Blessed be the name of the Lord,’ and ‘Glory be to the Father....’ at the dismissal.