



May is dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God

Moleben will be celebrated on:
Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in Ukrainian
Fridays at 7:00 pm in English



Please remember to pray the Rosary

DATE	TIME	EPISTLE	CANTOR	USHERS	ORGANIST
SAT APR 29	5:00 pm English	Tom Abrametz	Tom Abrametz	Bill Krywulak Sylvia Krywulak	
SUN APR 30 <i>Sunday of the Paralytic</i>	9:00 am Ukrainian	Sr. Terry Ann Słota	Lorne Stechyshyn	Vickie Puchala Mary Malin	
	11:00 am English	Gwen Bilyk	Laurie Fedorowich Ron Wizniak	Ray Gorchinski Elaine Gorchinski	Iris Skehar
SAT MAY 6	5:00 pm English	Sr. Suzanne Kokuruds	Sr. Suzanne Kokuruds	John Ostrowercha Vicky Ostrowercha	
SUN MAY 7 <i>Sunday of the Samaritan Woman</i>	9:00 am Ukrainian	Halyna Tsymbaliy	Lorne Stechyshyn	Vickie Puchala Mary Malin	
	11:00 am English	Gloria Rhinas	Laurie Fedorowich Ron Wizniak	Gerald Gromnisky Gloria Rhinas	Iris Skehar

SUNDAY COLLECTION	Received on Apr 16 in 91 Regular Envelopes	\$ 2,507.00
	Received on Apr 23 in 72 Regular Envelopes	\$ 1,507.00
	Received in Loose Collection	\$ 340.00
	Received in 16 Other Envelopes	\$ 390.00
	Received in 27 Mission Envelopes	\$ 1,045.00
	Received in 15 Outreach Envelopes	\$ 240.00
APR 16, 2023		
APR 23 2023		

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ST. MARY'S UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Церква Матері Божої Неустанної Помочі

Our Mother of Perpetual Help

155 Catherine Street, Yorkton, SK S3N 0B9

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PARISH BULLETIN

APRIL 30 & MAY 7, 2023

Christ is Risen!
 Indeed He is Risen!

Христос Воскрес!
 Воїстину Воскрес!



The parish community of St. Mary's extends a warm
Welcome - Вітаємо
 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 is in the Church Basement-
 use Golden Agers Entrance on North side*

Office 306-783-4594

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

CONFESSIONS are available 30 minutes
 prior to each Divine Liturgy



ST. MARY'S UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
UPCOMING EVENT
2ND ANNUAL TREASURE MARKET
May 11 & 12, 2023 St. Mary's Cultural Centre

It's that time of year again. Are you needing a good cause to donate your excess, unneeded items to? Do you feel the urge to purge but don't know where to take your boxes full of someone else's next treasure? We have a great opportunity for you!

We kindly ask that you consider donating your "slightly used" or "new but not needed" TREASURES to St. Mary's Church for a Treasure Market to be held on May 11 & 12, 2023.

Please drop off your items at the Cultural Center on Wednesday, May 10th anytime from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm. Come and shop for your new treasure on Thursday (May 11) from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm or Friday (May 12) 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

We are also looking for: volunteers to assist with the event; prizes for the raffle table; and homemade pies. If you are able to assist with any or all of the above, please contact one of the Treasure Market Committee Members.

Dolores Harris 306-621-7225 Amy Prybylski 306-641-4593
 Gwen Bilyk 306-621-8725 Kathy Rusnak 306-621-6802

Note: *for the health and safety of our volunteers, please do not bring any items that are heavily scented (e.g. moldy, moth balls, etc.) or flammable items.*

Check for information on our website <https://www.saintmarysyorkton.com>



Eparchial Youth attending World Youth Day

It is with 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:

- a) 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.
- b) 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".
- c) 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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	1:00 pm
May 26	UCBC Bingo	7:00 pm
May 27	<i>All Souls Saturday</i>	
May 28	<i>Pentecost</i>	
May 28	Grave Blessing at Yorkton City Cemetery	1:00 pm
May 28	Knights of Columbus Bingo	7:00 pm
June 1	Divine Liturgy at Yorkton & District Nursing Home	10:00 am
June 4	Grave Blessing at Yorkton Memorial Gardens	1:00 pm
June 5	Knights of Columbus Meeting	7:00 pm
June 5	UCWLC Meeting	7:00 pm
June 7	Divine Liturgy at Yorkton Crossing	10:30 am

YORKTON DISTRICT PARISHES

Schedule of Services in the Yorkton Pastoral District

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

BEAVERDALE Sunday, May 7 10:00 am Divine Liturgy



**Saskatchewan Knights of Columbus
Family of the Year**



Robert and Kathy Rusnak are the Saskatchewan Knights of Columbus Family of the Year. The award was presented last weekend in Prince Albert at the Knights State Convention.



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.

2023 ANNUAL EPARCHIAL APPEAL

“Let Us Share the Gifts that We have been Given.”



We continue our 2023 Annual Eparchial Appeal journey. Today we feature the Eparchial Communications Office, one of the programs supported by the 2023 Annual Eparchial Appeal.

To have a vibrant Parish and a vibrant Eparchy, the communication and interactive relationship line between the Eparchy and the parishes must be enriched. The objective of the Communications Office is to establish a more effective, yet efficient communication line between the Chancery Office and the members of our parishes. As expressed by the Eparchial Communication Co-Ordinator, "We are all called upon to preach the Gospel in our daily lives, but not all of us are equipped to do so. The Eparchial Communications Office can assist individuals with the resources, information and inspiration they need to meet life's challenges through the lens of their Ukrainian Catholic Faith, as well as maintain effective communication channels between the Eparchy and our Parishes through our website and social media." A perfect example of the on-line presence was the establishment of the Cantor's Corner initiative, which serves as a reference to cantors on how to sing the various Tropars, Kondaks and Prokimen.

Did you know that there is more than one way to give to the Annual Eparchial Appeal? You can:

- ◆ Make a one-time gift.
- ◆ Make a pledge and spread out your pledge over 12 (or less) monthly payments.
- ◆ Have your donation matched by your company with a Corporate Matching Gift.
- ◆ Online donations using the QR code which links directly to the UCFSask website.



In addition, if you want more information concerning the Annual Eparchial Appeal, or if you would like to listen to some of the testimonials from individuals who have participated in the various Eparchial Ministry programs, please go to the Ukrainian Catholic Foundation of Saskatchewan's website at www.ucfsask.org.

Now more than ever, it is so important to feed the spiritual needs of all the people in the Eparchy. The Annual Eparchial Appeal is an opportunity to come together as an Eparchy to serve each other, and your participation is crucial. Let us follow Christ's example to serve each other and our community.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the Eparchial Appeal or the Foundation itself, please contact the Foundation Office at 306-653-0138, ext 223.

**SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC
SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN**

**APRIL 30, 2023
MAY 7, 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 30	Sunday of the Paralytic 9:00 am Divine Liturgy <i>Ukrainian</i> 9:00 am First Solemn Holy Communion Class 10:15 am & 12:15 pm.....Knights of Columbus Brunch 11:00 am..... Divine Liturgy <i>English</i>
MON	MAY 1	7:00 pm.....Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:00 pm..... UCWLC Meeting
WED	MAY 3	10:30 am..... Divine Liturgy at Yorkton Crossing 7:00 pm..... Moleben to the Mother of God <i>Ukrainian</i> 7:00 pm..... UCBC Bingo
THU	MAY 4	10:00 am..... Divine Liturgy at Yktn & Dist Nursing Home
FRI	MAY 5	7:00 pm..... Moleben to the Mother of God <i>English</i>
SAT	APR 6	9:00 am Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm..... Divine Liturgy
SUN	MAY 7	Sunday of the Samaritan Woman 9:00 am1 st Holy Communion Class- Reconciliation 9:00 am Divine Liturgy <i>Ukrainian</i> 11:00 am..... Divine Liturgy <i>English</i>
WED	MAY 10	7:00 pm..... Moleben to the Mother of God <i>Ukrainian</i> 7:00 pm..... Knights of Columbus Bingo
THU	MAY 11	10:00 am - 7:00 pm.....St. Mary's Treasure Market
FRI	MAY 12	10:00 am - 2:00 pm.....St. Mary's Treasure Market 7:00 pm..... Moleben to the Mother of God <i>English</i>
SAT	MAY 13	9:00 am Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy

DEADLINE for submissions to the bulletin **Wednesdays at 12:00 Noon**. The next bulletin will be printed for Sunday, May 14th. Please call the Parish Office in the mornings on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday or email your information to st.mary.yorkton@sasktel.net.

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy & prayers to the family & friends of
+Mary Fedun who passed away recently.

Вічная Память God Grant Her Eternal Rest Вічная Память

DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, APRIL 30

<i>Sunday of the Paralytic</i>		<i>Acts 9:32-42 ~ John 5:1-15</i>
MON MAY 1	Prophet Jeremias	Acts 10:1-16 ~ John 6:56-69
8:00 am	+Bill Gulka.....	Valerie Edwards
TUE MAY 2	Athanasius the Great	Acts 10:17-33 ~ John 7:1-13
8:00 am	+Christopher Gray.....	Karen Chopty
WED MAY 3	Mid-feast Wednesday	Acts 14:6-18 ~ John 7:14-30
8:00 am	Health for Delores.....	Emil
THU MAY 4	Martyr Pelegia	Acts 10:34-43 ~ John 8:12-20
8:00 am	Health & God's Blessings for Members & Families.....	UCWLC
FRI MAY 5	Martyr Irene	Acts 10:44-11:10 ~ John 8:21-30
8:00 am	+Tom and +Lena Yaginiski.....	Brian & Sandi
SAT MAY 6	Venerable Job	Acts 12:1-11 ~ John 8:31-42
9:00 am	Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.....	Fatima Prayer Apostolate
5:00 pm	Health & God's Blessings for Members & Families.....	Knights of Columbus

DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, MAY 7

<i>Sunday of the Samaritan Woman</i>		<i>Acts 11:19-26,29-30 ~ John 4:5-43</i>
MON MAY 8	Apostle & Evangelist John	1 John 1:1-7 ~ John 19:25-27;21:24-25
8:00 am	Health & Salvation for Jerry & Sandra.....	N.N.
TUE MAY 9	Transfer of the Relics of St. Nicholas	Hebrews 13:17-21 ~ Luke 6:17-23
8:00 am	Health & God's Blessings for Nestor Mykytyshyn.....	Morning Friends
WED MAY 10	Apostle Simon the Zealot	1 Corinthians 4:9-16 ~ Matthew 13:54-58
8:00 am	Health & God's Blessings for Bill & Sylvia Krywulak.....	Theo & Genie
THU MAY 11	Cyril & Methodius, Apostles to the Slavs	2 Timothy 2:1-10 ~ John 15:9-16
8:00 am	+Deceased Yawney Family Members.....	Members
FRI MAY 12	St. Epiphanius	Acts 15:5-34 ~ John 10:17-28
8:00 am	Health & God's Blessings for Family.....	John & Pauline Balaniuk
SAT MAY 13	Martyr Glyceria	Acts 15:35-41 ~ John 10:27-38
9:00 am	Birthday Blessings for Alice Chopty.....	Morning Friends
5:00 pm	Health for Walter Prystai.....	Friend

Saint Mary's Building Fund Donations



Summary of Building Fund for 2023

Donation (Jan 1 – Apr 20)	\$ 4,656.89
Expenses (Jan 1 – Apr 20)	\$ 8,951.43
Investments	\$ 333,927.78

ST. MARY'S RENOVATION PROJECT Balance in Building Fund \$ 495,124.53
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..."**

Meeting Notes from Parish Council Meeting Held on April 18th

- Held our first meeting with new council members present.
- Started to make plans for the upcoming Treasure Market. Stay tuned for more updates about donation drop off times and when the Treasure Market will be open.
- Our next Parish Council meeting will be held on May 16, 2023, at 6:30 pm.



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



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 !

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

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.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FATHER DELAERE COUNCIL
HARVEST MEATS 2023 SPRING FUNDRAISER

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Knights of Columbus Member: _____

QTY	Item #	Description and pkg size	# Pkgs/Case	# pcs/pkg	Price
_____	80012	Sliced Back Bacon 2 x 125g	10	5 slices	\$ 70.00
_____	80035	Thick-sliced Bacon 500g	12	varied	\$140.00
_____	120280	Beef Burgers 5kg case		44 burgers	\$ 97.00
_____	70061	Smoked Farm Sausage 500g	12	3	\$ 98.00
_____	70181	Smokies 375g	12	5	\$ 74.00
_____	60072	Wieners Bulk 1.0kg	6	12	\$ 82.00

Cheque # Total Amount \$ _____

All sales are final due to food safety concerns.

Pre-paid orders, along with cheque made payable to "Knights of Columbus Father Delaere Council" are to be dropped off in mailbox at 373 Myrtle Avenue by **May 16, 2023**.

Order pick-up day is **May 25, 2023** at St. Mary's Cultural Centre between the hours of 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

For more info contact Jason Popowich: 306-621-1923 or email: jasonpopowich@icloud.com.



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**TROPARS, KODIAKS, EPISTLE & GOSPEL FOR
SUNDAY, APRIL 30 ~ SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC**



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

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;

Kondak, tone 3: With your divine protection, O Lord,* as You once raised the Paralytic, now lift up my soul* paralyzed with all kinds of sin and evil deeds of wickedness,* so that, as saved, I may cry out to You:* "Glory to your might, O merciful Christ."

now and for ever and ever. Amen!

Kondak, tone 8: Though You went down to the grave, immortal Lord,* You destroyed the power of Hades* and rose victorious, Christ our God.* You who said "Rejoice" to the myrrh-bearing women,* give peace to Your apostles* and offer resurrection to the fallen.

Prokimen, tone 1: Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You.

Verse: Exult, you just, in the Lord; praise from the upright is fitting.

Epistle: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 9: 32 - 42

In those days Peter was making numerous journeys, he went -- among other places -- to God's holy people living in Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, a paralytic who had been bedridden for eight years. Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ cures you! Get up and make your bed." The man got up at once. All the inhabitants of Lydda and Sharon, upon seeing him, were converted to the Lord. Now in Joppa there was a certain woman convert named Tabitha (in Greek Dorcas, meaning a gazelle). Her life was marked by constant good deeds and acts of charity. At about that time she fell ill and died. They washed her body and laid it out in an upstairs room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples who had heard that Peter was there sent two men to him with the urgent request, "Please come over to us without delay." Peter set out with them as they asked. Upon his arrival they took him upstairs to the room. All the widows came to him in tears and showed him the various garments Dorcas had made when she was still with them. Peter first made everyone go outside; then he knelt down and prayed. Turning to the dead body, he said, "Tabitha, stand up." She opened her eyes, then looked at Peter and sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her to her feet. The next thing he did was to call in those who were believers and the widows to show them that she was alive. This became known all over Joppa, and because of it, many came to believe in the Lord.

Alleluia Verses: *The favors of the Lord I will sing forever, through all generations.
For you have said: my kindness is established forever.*

Gospel: John 5:1-15

At that time Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Pool there is a place with the Hebrew name Bethesda. It's five porticoes were crowded with sick people lying there blind, lame or disabled, waiting for the movement of the water. For from time to time an angel of the Lord used to come down into the pool; and the water was stirred up, so the first one to get in was healed of whatever sickness he had had. There was one man who had been sick for thirty-eight years. Jesus, who knew he had been sick a long time, said when he saw him lying there, "Do you want to be healed?" "Sir," the sick man answered, "I do not have anyone to plunge me into the pool once the water has been stirred up. By the time I get there, someone else has gone in ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up! Pick up your mat and walk!" The man was immediately cured; he picked up his mat and began to walk. The day was a sabbath. Consequently, some of the Jews began telling the man who had been cured, "It is the sabbath, and you are not allowed to carry the mat around." He explained, "It was the man who cured me who told me, 'Pick up your mat and walk.'" "This person who told you to pick it up and walk," they asked, "who is he?" The man who had been restored to health had no idea who it was. The crowd in that place was so great that Jesus had been able to slip away. Later on, Jesus found him in the temple precincts and said to him: "Remember, now, you have been cured. Give up your sins so that something worse may not overtake you." The man went off and informed the Jews that Jesus was the one who had cured him.

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.

TROPARS, KONDAKS, EPISTLE & GOSPEL FOR SUNDAY, MAY 7

SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

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



Tropar, tone 4: When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the glorious news of the resurrection* and cast off the ancestral condemnation,* they proudly told the apostles:* "Death has been plundered! Christ our God is risen* granting to the world great mercy."

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

Kondak tone 8: When the Samaritan woman came to the well with faith,* she beheld You, O Water of Wisdom.* You allowed her to drink in abundance* and glorified her eternally,* for she inherited the heavenly kingdom.

now and for ever and ever. Amen!

Kondak of the Mid-feast, tone 4: O Christ God, Creator and Lord of all,* when the Paschal Feast was half completed,* You told those present:* "Come and draw the water of immortality."* Let us, therefore, adore You and cry out with faith:* "Grant us your goodness, for You are the Source of our life."

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

Verse: All you peoples, clap your hands, shout to God with cries of gladness.

Epistle: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 11: 19 - 26, 29 - 30

In those days those in the community who had been dispersed by the persecution that arose because of Stephen went as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, making the message known to none but Jews. However, some men of Cyprus and Cyrene among them who had come to Antioch began to talk even to the Greeks, announcing the good news of the Lord Jesus to them. The hand of the Lord was with them and a great number of them believed and were converted to the Lord. News of this eventually reached the ears of the church in Jerusalem, resulting in Barnabas' being sent to Antioch. On his arrival he rejoiced to see the evidence of God's favour. He encouraged them all to remain firm in their commitment to the Lord, since he himself was a good man filled with the Holy Spirit and faith. Thereby large numbers were added to the Lord. Then Barnabas went off to Tarsus to look for Saul; once he had found him, he brought him back to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and instructed great numbers. It was in Antioch that the disciples were called Christians for the first time. This made the disciples determine to set something aside, each according to his means, and send it to the relief of brothers who lived in Judea. They did this, dispatching it to the presbyters in the care of Barnabas and Saul.

Alleluia Verses: *Bend your bow, prosper and reign for the sake of truth, meekness and justice.
You love justice and hate wickedness.*

Gospel: Mark 15: 43 - 16: 8

At that time Jesus came to a Samaritan town named Shechem near the plot of land which Jacob had given to his son Joseph. This was the site of Jacob's well. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down at the well. The hour was about noon. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone off to the town to buy provisions.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew. How can

you ask me, a Samaritan and a woman, for a drink?" (Recall that Jews have nothing to do with Samaritans.) Jesus replied: "If only you recognized God's gift, and who it is that is asking you for a drink, you would have asked him instead, and he would have given you living water." "Sir," she challenged him, "you do not have a bucket and this well is deep. Where do you expect to get this flowing water? Surely you do not pretend to be greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us this well and drank from it with his sons and his flocks?" Jesus replied: "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again. But whoever drinks the water I give him will never be thirsty; no, the water I give shall become a fountain within him, leaping up to provide eternal life." The woman said to him, "Give me this water, sir, so that I shall not grow thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water." He said to her, "Go, call your husband, and then come back here." "I have no husband," replied the woman. "You are right in saying you have no husband!" Jesus exclaimed. "The fact is, you have had five, and the man you are living with now is not your husband. What you said is true." "Sir," answered the woman, "I can see you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you people claim that Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship God." Jesus told her: "Believe me, woman, an hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand, while we understand what we worship; after all, salvation is from the Jews. Yet an hour is coming, and is already here, when authentic worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth. Indeed, it is just such worshipers the Father seeks. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth." The woman said to him: "I know there is a Messiah coming. (This term means Anointed.) When he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus replied, "I who speak to you am he." His disciples returning at this point, were surprised that Jesus was speaking with a woman. No one put a question, however, such as "What do you want of him?" or "Why are you talking with her?" The woman left her water jar and went off into the town. She said to the people: "Come and see someone who told me everything I ever did! Could this not be the Messiah?" At that they set out from the town to meet him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he told them: "I have food to eat of which you do not know." At this the disciples said to one another, "Do you suppose that someone has brought him something to eat?" Jesus explained to them: "Doing the will of him who sent me and bringing his work to completion is my food. Do you not have a saying: 'Four months more and it will be harvest!?' Listen to what I say: Open your eyes and see! The fields are shining for harvest! The reaper already collects his wages and gathers a yield for eternal life, that sower and reaper may rejoice together. Here we have the saying verified: 'One man sows; another reaps.' I sent you to reap what you had not worked for. Others have done the labour, and you have come into their gain." Many Samaritans from that town believed in him on the strength of the woman's word of testimony: "He told me everything I ever did." The result was that, when these Samaritans came to him, they begged him to stay with them awhile. So he stayed there two days, and through his own spoken word many more came to faith. As they told the woman: "No longer does our faith depend on your story. We have heard for ourselves, and we know that this really is the Saviour of the world."

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.