

THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CENTRE

invites you to join our *Eparchial Faith Formation*

Year I starting September 16, 2023

Two-Year Program held at Musée Ukraina Museum, 222 Avenue M South in Saskatoon

For more information or an application form contact:

rel.ed@sasktel.net 1 (306) 652-1718 or 1 (306) 380-8509

Come for the learning and be part of the Community



DATE	TIME	EPISTLE	CANTOR	USHERS	ORGANIST
SAT SEPT 2	5:00 pm English	Delores Oucharek	Delores Oucharek	Gerry Smysnuik	
SUN SEPT 3 <i>14th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	9:00 am Eng / Ukr	Kathy Rusnak	Laurie Fedorowich Ron Wizniak	Robert Rusnak Kathy Rusnak	Iris Skehar
SAT SEPT 9	5:00 pm English	Bernadette Gabora	Bernadette Gabora	Terry Greene	
SUN SEPT 10 <i>Sunday before the Exaltation</i>	9:00 am Eng / Ukr	Elsie Stechyshyn	Lorne Stechyshyn	John Woychesko Kathy Woychesko	



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.

SUNDAY COLLECTION Aug 6, 2023	Received on Aug 6 in 70 Regular Envelopes	\$ 2,722.00
Aug 13, 2023	Received on Aug 13 in 62 Regular Envelopes	\$ 1,577.00
Aug 20, 2023	Received on Aug 20 in 53 Regular Envelopes.....	\$ 1,287.00
Aug 27, 2023	Received on Aug 27 in 60 Regular Envelopes.....	\$ 1,122.00
	Received in Loose Collection	\$ 460.20
	Received in 25 Other Envelopes	\$ 630.00

Received in Pre-Authorized Giving for Month of August \$ 3,480.00

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ST. MARY'S UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Церква Матері Божої Неустанної Помочі

Our Mother of Perpetual Help

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PARISH BULLETIN

SEPT 3 & 10, 2023

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 - 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.

YORKTON - ITUNA PASTORAL DISTRICT

Fr. Basil Malowany - Administrator / 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

Fr. Basil - 306-540-5102

Sick Calls anytime

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 Eng / Ukr

HOLY DAYS

7:00 pm

WEEKDAYS

Please check the Divine Liturgy Schedule in the Bulletin



THE YORKTON BRANCH OF THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC BROTHERHOOD

is hosting the Eparchial Quarterly Meeting
on **Saturday, September 9 at 10:30 am** at **St. Mary's Cultural Centre**

Please note that this meeting is for *UCBC Members Only*
Please respond by September 3 if you plan on attending
to Dave Spelay at 306-621-3360 or 306-782-5320

You Are My Son: 7th Annual Made for Greatness Men's Conference September 29-30 at Christ the King Parish, Regina

Please join us as we journey into the heart of fatherhood and sonship where we examine our mission as men, fathers and sons and how these roles enable us to encounter the immeasurable love God has for us. To register - <https://www.made4greatness.ca/my-son/> - or email register@made4greatness.ca. Clergy and religious are free.



Please contact Kevin Philip greatnessnotcomfort@protonmail.com or 306-527-2647 for more information



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.



Musée Ukraina Museum Inc. 2023 Lottery Winners for July

\$20.00 Winners: Angie Wilson-Saskatoon, Charles Sebestyen-Saskatoon, Stacia Horbay Ugalde-Saskatoon, Will Okraincee-Semans, Eileen Yaworski-Saskatoon, Naila Nazir-Yorkton, Jeremy & Krista Cannon-Airdrie(AB), Steve & Michelle Skoworodko-Wakaw, Bill & Sandi Chomyn-Togo, Eleanor Shumay-Yorkton, Stacia Horbay Ugalde-Saskatoon, Olga & Orest Kiryluk-Regina, Alana Wasylenko-Saskatoon, Janice Lamoureux-Wilke, Olenka Bilash-Edmonton(AB), Lassia Frenzel-Saskatoon, Marcella Wasylynka -Regina, Jim Wilcock/Mary Lou Senko-Regina, Rhea Musey-Danbury, Kay Chudyk-Moose Jaw, Rob Boyko-Saskatoon, Don Blocka-Prince Albert, Jeannette Deptuch-North Battleford. **\$50.00 Winners:** Daniel Poirier-Prince Albert, Erling Brakefield-Wynyard, Brighton Stefanyshyn-Saskatoon, Lillian Ripplinger-Kendal, Neil Syrota-Wynyard. **\$100.00 Winner:** Maria Carbonel-Saskatoon. **\$200.00 Winner:** Marina Wiebe-Roblin(MB).

Congratulations to all the winners! Lottery License #RR22-0403
There are still 153 chances to win cash prizes in the 2023 Calendar Lottery!

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 10	Knights of Columbus Brunch & Farewell for Bishop Peter	10:00 am
September 12	Divine Liturgy at Yorkton Crossing	10:30 am
September 14	<i>Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	
September 18	Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood Meeting	7:00 pm
September 19	Divine Liturgy at the Bentley	10:30 am
September 19	Parish Council Meeting	7:00 pm
September 20	Moleben to Jesus Christ with confessions to follow	6:30 pm
September 21	Divine Liturgy at Queen Elizabeth Court	2:00 pm
September 26	Divine Liturgy at Yorkton & District Nursing Home	10:00 am
October 2	Knights of Columbus Meeting	7:00 pm
October 2	UCWLC Meeting	7:00 pm



BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. GREGORY HRYNKIW

TUESDAY NIGHTS 6:30 PM- 7:15 PM

Starting September 19, 2023

Topic: The Apostle Paul beginning with the Book of Galatians

In Person: Dormition of the Mother of God Parish (120 105 St W, Saskatoon)
Or Via WebEx: Contact UCREC at rel.ed@sasktel.net
(306)652-1718 or (306) 380-8509 To get an invitation or for other inquiries.

PODCASTS

Fr. Basil makes daily podcasts
talking about our faith and relationship with Jesus Christ!

Please use the links below to follow his podcasts:
<https://bmalow.podbean.com/>
<https://wisdom.app/frbasil4602>

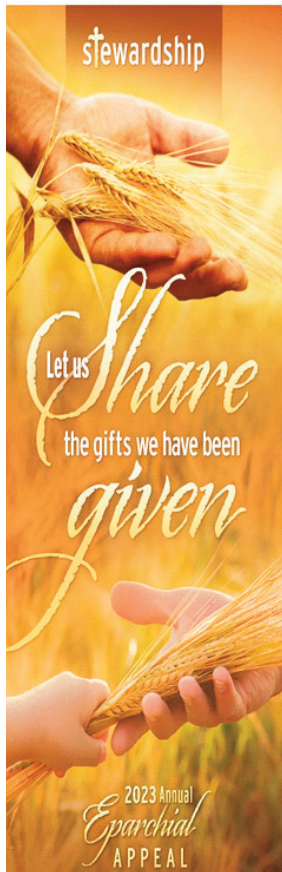


MOBILE DEVICES

You are kindly reminded to silence your mobile devices upon entering the church.



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.”

The 2023 Annual Eparchial Appeal initiative is now complete. The Foundation would like to say a huge THANK YOU to all the Parish Families who so generously contributed to this year's Annual Eparchial Appeal. We also want to say a HUGE THANK YOU to the many, many Parish Families who continue to contribute year after year to the Annual Eparchial Appeal. For this we are extremely grateful. Certainly, our success would not have been possible if it were not for the support, hard work, effort, and commitment to this Annual Eparchial Appeal by many people.

The total funds raised in the 2023 Annual Eparchial Appeal was \$113,431.00. The amount rebated to Parishes that exceeded their goal totaled \$795.00. After all the expenses incurred in conducting the Annual Eparchial Appeal have been paid and the allocation to the Bishop Roborecki Foundation made in the amount of \$8,763.60, the Eparchy will receive \$78,872.40.

The initiatives determined to be funded by the 2023 Annual Eparchial Appeal included the following:

- Ukrainian Catholic Religious Education Centre
- Eparchial Communications Office
- St. Matthew's Clergy Society
- Bishop Roborecki Foundation
- Chancery Support

The funds raised from the 2023 Annual Eparchial Appeal will be allocated by the Finance Officer to each initiative listed above based on the financial need of each initiative except for the amount allocated to the Bishop Roborecki Foundation.

In 2023, the participation rate of the Parish Families in the Eparchy who contributed to the Annual Eparchial Appeal remained at 20% which was the same participation rate in 2022. The highest participation rate occurred in 2015 when 33% of the Parish Families supported the Annual Eparchial Appeal. The lowest participation rate occurred in 2022 and 2023 at 20%.

The number of Parish Families who supported in the 2023 Annual Eparchial was 460 out of the total number of Parish Families in the Eparchy which is 2,320.

The average donation per Parish Family who donated to the 2023 Annual Eparchial Appeal was \$246.59. However, the average taking into consideration all the Parish Families in the Eparchy is \$48.89.

Two Parishes exceeded their Eparchial Goal and received a total rebate of \$795.00 were St. Nicholas Parish, Uhryniw (\$607.50) and St. Micheal's Parish, Alvena (\$187.50).

It is our hope that the participation numbers of the number of Parish Families contributing to the Annual Eparchial Appeal will increase and grow in the 2024 Annual Eparchial Appeal. We are hopeful that more Parishioners will see the important significance that their donation will make in the growth and continuance of our Ukrainian Catholic Church and Faith in Saskatchewan.

Thank you, again, for your generous support, and we hope that we can call on you again to be just as abundant, both in time and talent, during the 2024 Annual Eparchial Appeal. We will continue to stand together in faith and hope for our Church.

Blessings to All Our Faithful!

Ukrainian Catholic Foundation of Saskatchewan

**14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION**

**SEPTEMBER 3, 2023
SEPTEMBER 10, 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	SEPT 3	14th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am*.....Divine Liturgy <i>English & Ukrainian</i>
MON	SEPT 4	7:00 pm.....Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:00 pm.....UCWLC Meeting <i>*Canceled*</i>
TUE	SEPT 5	10:00 am.....Divine Liturgy at Theodore Health Centre
WED	SEPT 6	6:30 pm.....Moleben to Christ the Lover of Mankind & confessions
THU	SEPT 7	6:30 pm.....Vespers for the Nativity of the Mother of God
FRI	SEPT 8	Feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God 7:00 pm..... Feastday Divine Liturgy
SAT	SEPT 9	9:00 am.....Divine Liturgy <i>with Bishop Peter</i> 5:00 pm.....Divine Liturgy
SUN	SEPT 10	Sunday before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross 9:00 am*.....Divine Liturgy <i>English & Ukrainian</i>
TUE	SEPT 12	10:30 am..... Divine Liturgy at Yorkton Crossing
WED	SEPT 13	6:30 pm.....Vespers for the Exaltation & confessions
THU	SEPT 14	Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross 7:00 pm..... Feastday Divine Liturgy
SAT	SEPT 15	9:00 am.....Divine Liturgy <i>with Bishop Peter</i> 5:00 pmDivine Liturgy

WEDDING PLANS ??- If you are planning to be married at St. Mary's or any of the Yorkton District parishes, please contact **Fr. Basil (306-540-5102)** 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, September 17th. Please call the Parish Office in the mornings on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday or email your information to st.mary.yorkton@sasktel.net.

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

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy & prayers to the family & friends of
+Irene Malowany (Fr. Basil's mother) and +Glenn Beyko who passed away recently.

Вічна Память God Grant Them Eternal Rest Вічна Память

DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

14th Sunday after Pentecost **2 Corinthians 1:21 - 2:4 ~ Matthew 22:1-14**
MON SEPT 4 **Priest Martyr Babylas** **Galatians 2:11-16 ~ Mark 5:24-34**
 8:00 am **Fr. Basil:** Day Off
 8:00 am **Bishop Peter:** +William Oleynik (40 Days)Mary Oleynik & family
TUE SEPT 5 **Prophet Zachary** **Galatians 2:21-3:7 ~ Mark 6:1-7**
 10:00 am ***Fr. Basil:** +Tom and +Lena.....Brian & Sandi
 8:00 am **Bishop Peter:** Health & God's Blessings for Fr. Frank Szadiak (50th Ann)Vickie
WED SEPT 6 **Miracle by Archangel Michael** **Galatians 3:15-22 ~ Mark 6:7-13**
 8:00 am **Bishop Peter:** Health & God's Blessings for Ann Achtemichuk (99th Birthday).....Vickie
 6:30 pm **Fr. Basil:** Vespers for the Feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God
THU SEPT 7 **Martyr Sozon** **Galatians 3:23-4:5 ~ Mark 6:30-45**
 10:00 am ***Fr. Basil:** Divine Liturgy at Pioneer Lodge in Ituna
 8:00 am **Bishop Peter:** +Peco Chorney (7 Years)Grace Chorney & family
FRI SEPT 8 **Nativity of the Mother of God** **Philippians 2:5-11 ~ Luke 10:38-42;11:27-28**
 8:00 am **✠ Bishop Peter:** Feast Day Divine Liturgy
 7:00 pm **✠ Fr. Basil:** Feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God
SAT SEPT 9 **Saturday before the Exaltation** **1 Corinthians 2:6-9 ~ Matthew 10:37-11:1**
 9:00 am **Bishop Peter:** +Mike Chopty.....Karen Chopty
 5:00 pm **Fr. Basil:** God's Blessings the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate....SSMI Yorkton

DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Sunday before the Exaltation **Galatians 6:11-18 ~ John 3:13-17**
MON SEPT 11 **Venerable Theodora of Alexandria** **Galatians 4:28-5:10 ~ Mark 6:54-7:8**
 8:00 am **Fr. Basil:** Day Off
 8:00 am **Bishop Peter:** Health for Duane Grandbois.....Debby Marriott
TUE SEPT 12 **Priest Martyr Autonomus** **Galatians 5:11-21 ~ Mark 7:5-16**
 8:00 am ****No Morning Divine Liturgy**
 *10:30 am **Fr. Basil:** Health & Salvation for the Yawney Families.....Family
WED SEPT 13 **Priest Martyr Cornelius** **Galatians 6:2-10 ~ Mark 7:14-24**
 8:00 am ****No Morning Divine Liturgy**
 6:30 pm **Fr. Basil:** Vespers for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
THU SEPT 14 **Exaltation of the Holy Cross** **1 Corinthians 1:18-24 ~ John 19: 6-11;13-20;5-28;30-35**
 8:00 am **Bishop Peter:**
 7:00 pm **🐟 Fr. Basil:** Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
FRI SEPT 15 **Great Martyr Nicetas** **Ephesians 1:7-17 ~ Mark 8:1-10**
 8:00 am **Fr. Basil:** +Irene Malowany.....Morning Friends
 8:00 am **🐟 Bishop Peter:** +Katie Stefanyshyn (25 Years)Wayne & Doreen Clark & family
SAT SEPT 16 **Saturday after the Exaltation** **Galatians 2:16-20 ~ Mark 8:34 - 9:1**
 9:00 am **Bishop Peter:** +John and +Mary Brischuk.....Family
 5:00 pm **Fr. Basil:** Health & God's Blessings for Orest Zahayko.....Grace Chorney & family
***Indicates that Fr. Basil will celebrate these Divine Liturgies at other locations**

Saint Mary's Building Fund Donations



<i>In Memory of William Oleynik</i>		<i>In memory of Glenn Beyko</i>	
Katherine Soke	\$ 40.00	Albin & Elsie Zayshley	\$ 50.00
Evelyn Kardynal	\$ 40.00	Larry & Sandra German	\$ 25.00
		Brent & Darla Zayshley	\$ 20.00

SUMMARY OF BUILDING FUND FOR MONTH OF JULY AND AUGUST

Donations	\$3,174.55
Showcase sales	\$ 45.00
Renovation Project	\$ 39.90
Expenditures	\$ 107,903.66

Balance in Building Fund Accounts \$ 411,728.28

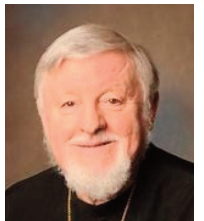
Thank you very much

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..."**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
SUNDAY BRUNCH
& FAREWELL FOR BISHOP PETER STASIUK, CSSR
Sunday, September 10th
 St. Mary's Cultural Centre
 Following the 9:00 am Divine Liturgy



*Adults \$12.00 * Children (12 & under) \$6.00 *
 *Family \$30.00 * Children (5 & under) Free *

The Knights Would Appreciate your Support! Everyone Welcome !



The UCWLC September meeting is canceled.
 Our first meeting will be Monday, October 2 at 7:00 pm in the Cultural Centre.
 We welcome new members. Consider joining the Ukrainian Catholic Women's League in our parish.
 We aim to grow in Catholic faith, Ukrainian culture, Social Development (Canadian citizenship), and Charitable activities.

Contact Elsie Stechyshyn for more information 306-783-4862

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.

**TROPARS, KONDAKS, EPISTLE & GOSPEL
FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**

14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Sunday Tropar, tone 5 : Let us the faithful acclaim and worship the Word,* co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,* and born of the Virgin for our salvation.* For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh,* to suffer death and to raise the dead* by His glorious resurrection.

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

Sunday Kondak, tone 5: You, my Savior, descended to Hades,* and as the Almighty, You shattered its gates.* With Yourself You, as the Creator, raised the dead and shattered the sting of death,* and delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Mankind.* And so we cry out: "Save us, O Lord."

Prokimen, tone 5: You, O Lord, will guard us and will keep us from this generation, and for ever.

Verse: *Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer left a just man.*

Epistle: A reading from the 2nd Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians 1: 21 - 2: 4

Brothers and Sisters! God is the one who firmly establishes us along with you in Christ; it is he who anointed us and has sealed us, thereby depositing the first payment, the Spirit, in our hearts. I call on God as my witness that it was out of consideration for you that I did not come to Corinth again. Domineering over your faith is not my purpose. I prefer to work with you toward your happiness. As regards faith, you are standing firm. I did decide, however, not to visit you again in painful circumstances. For if I cause you pain, who can make me happy again but the ones I grieved? I wrote as I did so that when I come I may not be saddened by those who should rejoice my heart. I know you all well enough to be convinced that my happiness is yours. That is why I wrote you in great sorrow and anguish, with copious tears -- not to make you sad but to help you realize the great love I bear you.

Alleluia Verses: *Your mercies, O Lord, I will sing for ever; from generation to generation I will announce Your truth with my mouth.*

For You have said: Mercy shall be built up for ever; in the heavens Your truth shall be prepared.

Gospel: Matthew 22: 1 - 14

The Lord told this parable: "The reign of God may be likened to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the wedding, but they refused to come. A second time he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who were invited, See, I have my dinner prepared! My bullocks and corn-fed cattle are killed; everything is ready. Come to the feast.' Some ignored the invitation and went their way, one to his farm, another to his business. The rest laid hold of his servants, insulted them, and killed them. At this the king grew furious and sent his army to destroy those murderers and burn their city. Then he said to his servants: 'The banquet is ready, but those who were invited were unfit to come. That is why you must go out into the byroads and invite to the wedding anyone you come upon.' The servants then went out into the byroads and rounded up everyone they met, bad as well as good. This filled the wedding hall with banqueters. When the king came in to meet the guests, however, he caught sight of a man not properly dressed for a wedding feast. 'My friend,' he said, 'how is it you came in here not properly dressed?' The man had nothing to say. The king then said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the night to wail and grind his teeth.' The invited are many, the elect are few.

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

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**TROPARS, KONDAKS, EPISTLE & GOSPEL
FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION**



Sunday Tropar, tone 6: Angelic powers were upon Your tomb* and the guards became like dead men;* Mary stood before Your tomb seeking Your most pure body.* You captured Hades without being overcome by it.* You met the Virgin and granted life.* O Lord, risen from the dead, glory be to You.

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

Kondak of the Nativity, tone 4: Through your holy birth, O Immaculate One,* Joachim and Anne were freed from the reproach of childlessness,* and Adam and Eve* from the corruption of death.* Delivered from the guilt of sin,* your people celebrate this when they cry out to you:* She who is barren gives birth to the Mother of God* and the Sustainer of our life.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Sunday Kondak, tone 6: With His life-giving hand Christ our God, the Giver of life,* raised all the dead from the murky abyss* and bestowed resurrection upon humanity.* He is for all the Savior,* the resurrection and the life, and the God of all.

Prokimen, tone 7: Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.

Verse: Unto You I will cry, O Lord my God, lest You turn from me in silence.

Epistle: A reading from the Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Galatians 6: 11 - 18

Brothers and Sisters! See, I write to you in my own large handwriting! Those who are trying to force you to be circumcised are making a play for human approval --- with an eye to escaping persecution for the cross of Christ. The very ones who accept circumcision do not follow the law themselves. They want you to be circumcised only that they may boast about your bodily observance. May I never boast of anything but the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ! Through it, the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. It means nothing whether one is circumcised or not. All that matters is that one is created anew. Peace and mercy on all who follow this rule of life, and on the Israel of God. Henceforth, let no man trouble me, for I bear the brand marks of Jesus in my body. Brothers, may the favour of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

Alleluia Verses:

*I have promoted the one chosen from my people and anointed him with my holy oil.
My hand will be constantly with him, he will be able to rely on my arm.*

Gospel: John 3: 13 - 17

The Lord said, No one has gone to heaven except the One who came down from there -- the Son of Man who is in heaven. Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that all who believe may have eternal life in him. Yes, God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him may not die but may have eternal life. God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."

Instead of "It is truly right. . .": O my soul, extol the Virgin Mary*, born of a barren womb.* Mothers cannot be virgins,* nor virgins be mothers;* but in you, O Mother of God,* both virginity and motherhood were present.* Therefore, all the people of the earth* unceasingly extol you.

Communion Hymn:

I will take the chalice of salvation; and I will call upon the name of the Lord.
Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!