

Saint Mary's Building Fund Donations



In Memory of John Uhryn

S & D Solonenko Farms Ltd	\$1,000.00	Orest & Elizabeth Zahayko	\$ 30.00
Rick & Teresa Bilous	300.00	Bob & Kathy Rusnak	\$ 25.00
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Leonard Puchala	40.00	Jerome Niezgodá	\$ 20.00
Ed & Donna Lischynski	40.00	Matt Novak	\$ 20.00
Mike Solonenko	\$ 40.00	George & Lorrain Flunder	\$ 10.00

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.

DATE	TIME	EPISTLE	CANTOR	USHERS	ORGANIST
SAT JAN 20	7:00 pm English	Delores Oucharek	Delores Oucharek	Bill & Sylvia Krywulak	
SUN JAN 21 <i>33rd Sunday after Pentecost</i>	9:00 am Eng / Ukr	Eleanor Shumay	Laurie Fedorowich Ron Wizniak	Steve Popowich & Lorne Stechyshyn	Iris Skehar
SAT JAN 27	5:00 pm English	Bernadette Gabora	Bernadette Gabora	Tom & Julie Abrametz	
SUN JAN 28 <i>34th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	9:00 am Eng / Ukr	Elsie Stechyshyn	Lorne Stechyshyn	Doug & Rhonda Falconer	

SUNDAY COLLECTION JAN 7, 2024 JAN 14, 2024 THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS	Received on Jan 7 in 51 Regular Envelopes	\$ 1,987.00
	Received on Jan 14 in 26 Regular Envelopes	\$ 762.00
	Received in Loose Collection	\$ 92.00
	Received in 27 Other Envelopes	\$ 345.00
	Received in 19 Theophany Envelopes	\$295.00

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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

JANUARY 21 & 28, 2024

Christ is Born !

Христос Раждається !

Glorify Him !

Славіте Його !



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

****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

Tuesdays 7:30 am
Wednesdays 7:30 am
Fridays 7:30 am

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.

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.

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

Kindly silence your mobile devices during Divine Liturgy. Thank you.

ATTENTION!



The ramp entrance is officially open! The bathroom in the sacristy is open as well! All the pews are back in their places. Thank you to Grand Knight Steve & Knights of Columbus members who have worked so diligently moving furniture and equipment throughout this transition! Your service is commendable!

Blessing of Homes at Theophany



In the days following Theophany, Father Basil will be visiting and blessing the homes of parishioners with the newly blessed "Jordan Water". If you wish to have your home blessed please fill out the bottom portion of this page and drop it in the collection basket or drop it off at the rectory office.

HOME BLESSING 2024

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Most Suitable time to visit: Morning ___ Afternoon ___ Evening ___

Attention UCWLC Members: 2024 memberships are due by March 1st at \$20.00 each.

You may submit your membership at the February meeting or put in the collection plate and mark UCWLC membership on the envelope, attention to Gwen Bilyk. You may also drop them off at the church office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 23	Divine Liturgy at Yorkton & District Nursing Home	10:00 am
January 23	Parish Council Meeting	6:30 pm
January 24	Moleben, Confessions and Catechism	6:30 pm
January 29	Great Vespers for the Feast of the Three Hierarchs	6:30 pm
January 30	<i>Feast of the Three Hierarchs</i>	
January 31	Moleben, Confessions and Catechism	6:30 pm
February 1	Vespers for Feast of the Encounter or Our Lord	6:30 pm
February 6	Moleben, Confessions and Catechism	6:30 pm
February 8	Fr. Basil in Saskatoon for Clergy Conference	
February 13	Lenten Ninth Hour Followed by Confessions and Catechesis	6:30 pm
February 15	Lenten Akhatist	6:30 pm
February 20	Lenten First Hour Followed by Confessions and Catechesis	6:30 pm
February 22	Lenten Akhatist	6:30 pm
February 27	Lenten Third Hour Followed by Confessions and Catechesis	6:30 pm
February 28	Lenten Akhatist	6:30 pm

YORKTON DISTRICT PARISHES

Schedule of Services in the Yorkton Pastoral District

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

MELVILLE	Sunday, January 21	11:00 am	Divine Liturgy
BEAVERDALE	Sunday, January 21	2:00 pm	Divine Liturgy & Water Blessing
ITUNA	Sunday, January 21	4:30 pm	Divine Liturgy
WADENA	Saturday, January 27	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy
ITUNA	Sunday, January 28	11:30 am	Divine Liturgy
MELVILLE	Sunday, January 28	4:00 pm	Divine Liturgy
MELVILLE	Sunday, February 4	11:00 am	Divine Liturgy
ITUNA	Sunday, February 4	4:00 pm	Divine Liturgy
WADENA	Saturday, February 10	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy
ITUNA	Sunday, February 11	11:30 am	Divine Liturgy
MELVILLE	Sunday, February 11	4:00 pm	Divine Liturgy

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>



HAS YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGED ?? Please notify the Parish Office if you have a change of address or a new phone number. This will help to keep our records current and ensure that tax receipts go to the correct address. Thank you.

MUSEE UKRAINA MUSEUM LOTTERY 2024 CALENDAR IS NOW AVAILABLE

The 21st edition of Musee Ukraina Museum Lottery 2024 calendar features select pysanky and artifacts from the Museum's collection. In Ukrainian culture, the pysanky is a symbol of spring, new life and the Holy Resurrection.

Cost: \$25 per calendar with 366 chances to win a cash prize of \$20, \$50, \$100 or \$200.
(A total of \$12,150 in prizes)

Available from: St. Mary's Church (306-783-4594); Elizabeth Zahayko (UCWLC -306-620-3127) or Steve Popowich (K of C #5182 - 306-783-5441 or 306-521-1500)

Thank you for helping us with this Museum fundraiser! Lottery License #RR23 - 0329

Musée Ukraina Museum Inc. 2023 Lottery Winners for December

\$20.00 Winners: Harley Holcomb & Erin McLaughlin-Saskatoon, Natalia Cheremshyska-Saskatoon, Pauline Kotelko-Saskatoon, Lana Bahler-Battleford, Helen McLashen-Yorkton, Anna Bayda-Saskatoon, Heather Gawrelitza-Preeceville, Mako & Kirill Baraban-Saskatoon, Sr. Samuela Kulek-Saskatoon, Duane Serack-Harris, Joyce Legasse-Montmartre, Cheryl & Ivan Rostotski-Canora, Maria Romanchuk-Wakaw, Betty Lys-Moose Jaw, Shirley Ann Stadnyk-Regina, Lynn & Andy Kuffner-Saskatoon, Jewel Bubyn-Regina, Bernice Petryshen-Wynyard, Steve & Michelle Skoworodko-Wakaw, Michael Lummerding-Melfort, Corinne Simon-Wakaw, Mary Osatchuk-Saskatoon, Vincent Kiryluk-Saskatoon, Melissa Bolme-Melville. **\$50.00 Winners:** All Saints UCWLC-North Battleford, Jenna & Louie Holinaty-Bonnyville(AB), Pat Vereschagin-Saskatoon, Marianne Sytnyk-Alvena. **\$100.00 Winners:** Marie & Laird Wilson-Regina, Mandi Szabo-Yorkton. **\$200.00 Winner:** Kim Sopotyk-Prud'homme.

Congratulations to all the winners! Have you purchased your 2024 Lottery Calendar?

Lottery License #RR22-0403

2023 "Share the Spirit Lottery Parish Disbursements

Yorkton - St. Mary's	183 tickets sold	183 x \$5.00 =	\$ 915.00
Eparchial Organizations:			
St Michael's Camp	185 tickets sold	185 x \$5.00 =	\$ 925.00
St. Volodymyr Camp	69 tickets sold	69 x \$5.00 =	\$ 345.00
UCREC	98 tickets sold	98 x \$5.00 =	\$ 490.00
UCFSask	116 tickets sold	116 x \$5.00 =	\$ 580.00

UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC BROTHERHOOD ST. VOLODYMYR BRANCH EXECUTIVE 2024



Spiritual Advisor: Father Basil Malowany

President: Dave Spelay

Treasurer: Glen Tymiak

Archivist Hospodar: Glen Tymiak

Vice President: Lorne Stechyshyn

Secretary: Terry Greene

Auditors: Carl Pacholka, Ernest Uhryn

33RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 34TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**JANUARY 21, 2024
JANUARY 28, 2024**

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	JAN 21	33rd Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am.....Divine Liturgy <i>English & Ukrainian</i>
TUE	JAN 23	7:30 am.....Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.....Divine Liturgy at Yorkton Nursing Home
WED	JAN 24	7:30 am.....Divine Liturgy 6:30 pm.....Akhatist and Confessions and Catechism
THU	JAN 25	10:00 am.....Divine Liturgy at Ituna
FRI	JAN 26	7:30 am.....Divine Liturgy
SAT	JAN 27	5:00 pm.....Divine Liturgy
SUN	JAN 28	34th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am.....Divine Liturgy <i>English & Ukrainian</i>
TUE	JAN 30	7:30 am.....Divine Liturgy
WED	JAN 31	7:30 am.....Divine Liturgy 6:30 pm.....Moleben and Confessions and Catechism
THU	FEB 1	10:00 am.....Divine Liturgy at Pioneer Lodge, Ituna 6:30 pm.....Vespers for Feast of the Encounter of our Lord
FRI	FEB 2	7:30 am.....Divine Liturgy
SAT	FEB 3	8:00 amDivine Liturgy and Sorokousty Service 5:00 pm.....Divine Liturgy

DEADLINE for submissions to the bulletin **Wednesdays at 12:00 Noon**. The next bulletin will be printed for Sunday, February 4th. Please call the Parish Office in the mornings on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday or email your information to st.mary.yorkton@sasktel.net.



2024 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES

ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP AT THE EAST ENTRANCE.



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

SICK & VISITING - If you know of someone who is in the hospital and would like to be visited by Father Basil, please call him 306-540-5102 or the Parish Office 306-783-4594. He does not receive a list of patients at the Hospital.

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..."**

DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

33rd Sunday After Pentecost

Timothy 3:10-15 ~ Luke 18:10-14

MON Jan 22 Apostle Timothy

2 Peter 1:20-2:9 ~ Mark 13:9-13

Fr. Basil - Day Off **No Divine Liturgy

TUE Jan 23 Martyrs of Pratulín Ephesians 6:10-17 ~ Luke 21:12-19

7:30 am Health & God's Blessings for Olga Kondra.....SSMI

10:00 am (Yorkton & District Nurse Home) +Glenn Beyko.....Al & Mary Lozinski Kokoski

WED Jan 24 Venerable Xenia 2 Peter 3:1-18 ~ Mark 13:24-31

7:30 am +Dan Bilick.....Jackie & Dennis Dubasov

THU Jan 25 St. Gregory, Theologian 1 Corinthians 12:7-11 ~ John 10:9-16

10:00 am (Ituna Intention)

FRI Jan 26 Venerable Xenophon 1 John 2:7-17 ~ Mark 14:3-9

7:30 am +Sylvia Ukrainetz.....St. Mary's School Staff

SAT Jan 27 Transfer of Relics of St. John Chrysostom Hebrews 7:26-8:2 ~ John 10:9-16

5:00 pm +Ruth Lukey (40 Days).....Family

DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

34th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Corinthians 6:12-20 ~ Luke 15:11-32

MON Jan 29 Transfer of the Relics of Ignatius

1 John 2:18-3:10 ~ Mark 11:1-11

Fr. Basil - Day Off **No Divine Liturgy

TUE Jan 30 Three Holy Bishops, Gregory, Basil, and John Hebrews 13:7-16 ~ Matthew 5:14-19

7:30 am +Nestor Mykytyshyn and +Peter Kobylka.....NN

WED Jan 31 Cyrus and John 1 John 3:21-4:6 ~ Mark 14:43-15:1

7:30 am Health & God's Blessings for Anna Gulka.....Friend

THU Feb 1 Martyr Tryphon 1 John 4:20-5:21 ~ Mark 15:1-15

10:00 am Pioneer Lodge - Ituna Intention

FRI Feb 2 Feast of the Encounter of Our Lord in the Temple Hebrews 7:7-17 ~ Luke 2:22-40

7:30 am God's Blessings for Colette Karapita & siblings.....Andrea Kohuch

SAT Feb 3 Simeon and Anne Hebrews 9:11-14 ~ Luke 2:25-32

9:00 am Divine Liturgy & Sorokousty

5:00 pm +Pauline Prystai.....Walter

VISIT OF PATRIARCH SVIATOSLAV SHEVCHUK TO SASKATOON, SK

THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF SASKATOON IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE FATHER AND HEAD OF THE WORLD-WIDE UKRAINIAN GREEK-CATHOLIC CHURCH, HIS BEATITUDE, THE MOST REV. SVIATOSLAV SHEVCHUK, PATRIARCH OF KYIV-HALYCH, WILL BE COMING TO SASKATOON TO LEAD OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY IN THE SERVICES OF NOMINATING, CONSECRATING, AND INSTALLING THE VERY REV. MICHAEL SMOLINSKI, C.Ss.R., AS OUR SIXTH EPARCHIAL BISHOP.

FURTHER TO THESE SERVICES, THE PATRIARCH HAS ALREADY ACCEPTED A FULL ITINERARY OF ACTIVITIES. THESE INCLUDE AN ENCOUNTER WITH NEWLY ARRIVED UKRAINIANS ON JANUARY 21, 2024, AT 7:00PM AT THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST. GEORGE, AND A MEETING WITH STAFF AND STUDENTS AND TOUR OF BISHOP FILEVICH UKRAINIAN BILINGUAL SCHOOL ON JANUARY

The New Year's 2024 Gala Committee wishes to thank the major sponsors, donors to the silent auction, and those who supported the event by purchasing tables and participating in the event in any other way by attending the function! Thanks to the Cultural staff and Stan for an outstanding dinner and your contributions! Thank you committee members, you worked long and many hours for success! The Gala was an absolute tremendous success! Yes, there will be a 2025 New Year's Gala!

SOROKOUSTY DIVINE LITURGY SERVICES will be held at 8:00am on the following Saturdays for 2024: February 3, February 24, March 2, March 9, and May 18. If you want your deceased family members prayer for at these services please ensure you put your sorokousty envelope in the collection plate before the end of January 2024.

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.

Couples are also encouraged to register for an approved Marriage Preparation Course such as the Crown Them With Honor and Glory Course developed in the Eparchy of Saskatoon to prepare for marriage in the Ukrainian Catholic Church. This program includes both self-study, online inventory with guided reflections, and in-person or zoom sessions. The sessions require real time attendance online or in person with the dates/times as follows: January 28, 7-8:30pm (Session 1), February 3, 7-8:30pm (Session 2), February 11, 7-8:30pm (Session 3), February 24, 9:00am-1:00pm (Session 4) and March 9, 9:00am-1:00pm (Session 5). If you would like to register for this course email Deborah Larmour at dplarmour@gmail.com



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.

RECEIVING A BLESSING AT HOLY COMMUNION TIME - It is proper for those who are receiving a blessing at Holy Communion time, during the liturgy, to receive the blessing from the priest. **Please go to the line with the priest in order to receive a blessing instead of Holy Communion.** Eucharistic Ministers are not permitted to give blessings.

DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS - If you are making an offering for this service by cheque, please make your cheque payable to: St. Mary's Church. 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, JANUARY 21**

33RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Sunday Tropar, tone 1: Though the stone was sealed by the Jews* and soldiers guarded Your most pure body,* You arose, O Savior, on the third day,* and gave life to the world.* And so the heavenly powers cried out to You, O Giver of life:* Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ!* Glory to Your kingdom!* Glory to Your saving plan,* O only Lover of Mankind.

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

Kondak, of the Publican & Pharisee, tone 3: Let us bring the groans of the Publican to the Lord,* and as sinners let us prostrate ourselves before Him, our Master,* for he wants salvation for all men.* He offers forgiveness to all who repent.* He became flesh for our sake,* God though he was, co-eternal with the Father.

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

Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous.

Epistle: A reading from the Second Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to Timothy. (3: 10 - 15)

Timothy, my son! You have followed closely my teaching and my conduct. You have observed my resolution, fidelity, patience, love and endurance, through persecution and sufferings in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. You know what persecutions I have had to bear, and you know how the Lord saved me from them all. Anyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus can expect to be persecuted. But all the while evil men and charlatans will go from bad to worse, deceiving others, themselves deceived. You, for your part, must remain faithful to what you have learned and believed, because you know who your teachers were. Likewise, from your infancy you have known the sacred Scriptures, the source of the wisdom which through faith in Jesus Christ leads to salvation.

Alleluia Verses: *God gives me vindication, and has subdued peoples under me.*

Making great the salvation of the king, and showing mercy to His anointed, to David, and to His posterity for ever.

Gospel: Luke 18: 10 - 14

The Lord told this parable: "Two men went up to the temple to pray; one was a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The pharisee with head unbowed prayed in this fashion: 'I give you thanks, O God, that I am not like the rest of men -- grasping, crooked, adulterous -- or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I pay tithes on all I possess.' The other man, however, kept his distance, not even daring to raise his eyes to heaven. All he did was beat his breast and say, 'O God, be merciful to me, a sinner.' Believe me, this man went home from the temple justified but the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself shall be humbled while he who humbles himself shall be exalted."

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

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**TROPARS, KONDAKS, EPISTLE & GOSPEL
FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 28
34TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**



Sunday 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!”

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

Kondak of the Prodigal Son, tone 3: Foolishly I left the splendor of Your Fatherly home* and with wicked men wasted the wealth You gave me.* I cry out to You with the voice of the Prodigal:* “I have sinned before You, merciful Father.* Accept my repentance and make me as one of Your servants.”

Prokimen, tone 2: The Lord is my strength and my song of praise, and He has become my salvation.

Verse: The Lord has indeed chastised me, but He has not delivered me to death.

Epistle: A reading from the First Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians. (6: 12 - 20)

Brothers and Sisters! “Everything is lawful for me” -- but that does not mean that everything is good for me. “Everything is lawful for me” -- but I will not let myself be enslaved by anything. “Food is for the stomach and the stomach for food, and God will do away with them both in the end--” but the body is not for immorality; it is for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body. God, who raised up the Lord, will raise us also by his power. Do you not see that your bodies are members of Christ? Would you have me take Christ’s members and make them the members of a prostitute? God forbid! Can you not see that the man who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? Scripture says, “The two shall become one flesh.” But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun lewd conduct. Every other sin a man commits is outside his body, but the fornicator sins against his own body. You must know that your body is temple of the Holy Spirit, who is within -- the Spirit you have received from God. You are not your own. You have been purchased, and at a price. So glorify God in your body.

Alleluia Verses: *The Lord will hear you in the day of tribulation; the name of the God of Jacob will shield you. Lord, grant victory to the king, and hear us in the day that we shall call upon You.*

Gospel: Luke 15: 11 - 32

At that time the Lord told this parable: “A man had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the estate that is coming to me.’ So the father divided up the property. Some days later this younger son collected all his belongings and went off to a distant land, where he squandered his money on dissolute living. After he had spent everything, a great famine broke out in that country and he was in dire need. So he attached himself to one of the propertied class of the place, who sent him to his farm to take care of the pigs. He longed to fill his belly with the husks that were fodder for the pigs, but no one made a move to give him anything. Coming to his senses at last, he said: ‘How many hired hands at my father’s place have more than enough to eat, while here I am starving! I will break away and return to my father, and say to him, Father, I have sinned against God and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son. Treat me like one of your hired hands.’ With that he set off for his father’s house. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him and was deeply moved. He ran out to meet him, threw his arms around his neck, and kissed him. The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against God and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.’ The father said to his servants; ‘Quick! bring out the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and shoes on his feet. Take the fatted calf and kill it. Let us eat and celebrate because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life. He was lost and is found.’ Then the celebration began. Meanwhile the elder son was out on the land. As he neared the house on his way home, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked him the reason for the dancing and the music. The servant answered, ‘Your brother is home, and your father has killed the fatted calf because he has him back in good health.’ The son grew angry at this and would not go in; but his father came out and began to plead with him. He said to his father in reply: ‘For years now I have slaved for you. I never disobeyed one of your orders, yet you never gave me so much as a kid goat to celebrate with my friends. Then, when this son of yours returns after having gone through your property with loose women, you kill the fatted calf for him.’ ‘My Son,’ replied the father, ‘you are with me always, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice! This brother of yours was dead, and has come back to life. He was lost, and is found.’ “

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

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!