



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SUNDAY BRUNCH

Sunday, April 7th at St. Mary's Cultural Centre
Following the 9:00 am Divine Liturgy



*ADULTS \$12.00 * CHILDREN (12 & UNDER) \$6.00 *

*FAMILY \$40.00 * CHILDREN (5 & UNDER) FREE *

The Knights Would Appreciate your Support! Everyone Welcome !

DIRECTIONS TO THE 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.

DATE/TIME	EPISTLE	CANTOR	USHERS	SACRISTAN	ORGANIST
SAT MARCH 30 5:00 PM ENGLISH	Delores Oucharek	Laurie Fedorowich Ron Wizniak	Bob & Kathy Rusnak	Ed Greene	
SUN MARCH 31 7:00 AM ENG / UKR <i>Easter Sunday</i>	Sr. Terry Ann Slota Sonia Popowich	Colette Karapita Lorne Stechyshyn	Doreen Rathgeber	Larry German	Iris Skehar
SAT APRIL 6 5:00 PM ENGLISH	Bernadette Gabora	Bernadette Gabora	John & Vicky Ostrowercha	Ed Greene	
SUN APRIL 7 9:00 AM ENG/UKR <i>Sunday of St. Thomas</i>	Bill Pryblyski	Laurie Fedorowich Ron Wizniak	John & Kathy Woychesko	Larry German	

SUNDAY COLLECTION		
MARCH 17, 2024	Received on March 17 in 65 Regular Envelopes	\$ 1,567.00
MARCH 24, 2024	Received on March 24 in 86 Regular Envelopes	\$ 3,817.00
	Received in Loose Collection	\$187.00
	Received in 27 Other Envelopes	\$ 460.00
	Received in 21 Easter Flowers Envelopes.....	\$270.00

Pre-authorized giving for the month of March
\$3,770.00

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ST. MARY'S UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PARISH BULLETIN

MARCH 31 & APRIL 7, 2024

Christ is Risen !

Indeed He is Risen !

Христос Воскрес !

Воістину 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.

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.

DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS - If you make an offering for this service by cheque, please make payable to: St. Mary's Church. The suggested stipend (offering) for a Divine Liturgy Intention is \$20.00. **Liturgy Request Forms with envelopes are at the Church Entrances.** Place the completed form in the envelope with your stipend, seal the envelope and drop into the collection plate.

Saint Mary's Building Fund Donations



In Memory of Albin Zayshley

Laurie Fedorowich & Family \$50.00

Donations may be given at 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.

Building Fund \$210,735.11

Thank you very much!

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.

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

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

St. Michael's School Presents "*Captain Bree and Her Lady Pirates*", April 18, 2024 at 7:00pm at Sacred Heart High School. Adults \$5, Students \$3, Preschool is Free. Admission at the door.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IS HOSTING ANOTHER KAISER CARD TOURNAMENT ON APRIL 3 AT 7PM AT THE CULTURAL CENTRE. ADMISSION IS \$5.00 EACH WITH CASH PRIZES FOR MENS AND LADIES TOP THREE SCORE. FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT ED LISCHYNSKI AT 306-782-5077 OR STEVE POPOWICH AT 306-521-1500. COME EARLY TO REGISTER.

UPCOMING EVENTS & HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

March 31	Resurrections Matins, Divine Liturgy & Blessing of Baskets	7:00 am
April 1 - 6	Father Basil on Vacation	
April 7	Divine Liturgy with Visit From Bishop Michael Smolinski	9:00 am
April 8	Knights of Columbus Meeting	7:00 pm
April 8	UCWLC Meeting at Cultural Centre	7:00 pm
April 8	UCB Brotherhood Meeting at Cultural Centre	7:00 pm
April 10	Confessions, Catechism and Moleben	6:30 pm
April 17	Confessions, Catechism and Akhatist	6:30 pm
April 22	Great Vespers For Feast of St. George	6:30 pm
April 24	Confessions, Catechism and Vespers For Feast of St. Mark	6:30 pm

YORKTON AND DISTRICT PARISHES

Schedule of Services in the Yorkton Pastoral District

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

MELVILLE	Sunday, March 31	10:00 am	Resurrection Matins, Divine Liturgy & Blessing of Baskets
ITUNA	Sunday, April 7	4:00 pm	Divine Liturgy
WADENA	Saturday, April 13	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy

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...*"

A wonderful opportunity exists for our Ukrainian young people at the university level.

The Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Canada National Executive offers two scholarships to students enrolled in Ukrainian Language Studies and Religious Studies.

The Vera Buczynsky Ukrainian Language Studies Scholarship

For \$1,000 is offered to a person who is a member of a Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada who is enrolled in Ukrainian Language Studies at the post-secondary level. Criteria and applications are available online at www.ucwlc.ca and can be submitted electronically to the: Vera Buczynsky Ukrainian Language Studies Scholarship Committee at nationalscholarships@ucwlc.ca

The Mary Dyma Religious Studies Scholarship

For \$1,000 is offered to a lay woman who is a member of a Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada who is enrolled in Religious Studies at the graduate level. Criteria and applications are available online at www.ucwlc.ca and can be submitted electronically to the: Mary Dyma Religious Studies Scholarship Committee at nationalscholarships@ucwlc.ca

Deadline for receipt of completed applications is October 1, 2024.



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>

Attention Parishioners: We are bringing back the Tropar Books. They will be located in the pew shelves. We will no longer print the readings of the day.

The pussy-willow has been always very significant plant in the Ukrainian Culture, flexibility, fertility and force. The reason is that among other plants it's first in bud. The pussy-willow tree symbolizes spring, the people believed that it gave health, power and beauty to men, women and children and domestic animals. Thank you to the Ukranian Catholic Brotherhood for supplying pussywillows.

THANK YOU! St. Mary's and Dreambuilders Schools would like to thank the parishioners of St. Mary's Church for the generous donation toward their nutrition programs. Both schools offer healthy breakfast & lunches daily so donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support!

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

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.

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.

SOROKOUSTY DIVINE LITURGY SERVICES will be held at 8:00am on the following Saturdays: 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.

 **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.



St. Vladimir's College operated as a Ukranian Catholic High School from 1941 to 2002 in Roblin, Manitoba. A group of Alumni is planning a reunion gathering from June 28 to July 1, 2024 at St. Michael's Camp in Madge Lake, SK.

All former students and teachers are welcome to attend this great opportunity to connect. For more information and to pre-register, visit www.stvladsalumni.ca Even if you are not able to attend, please complete the form and check the website regularly so that you can keep in touch!

RECEIVING A BLESSING AT HOLY COMMUNION TIME - It is proper for those who are receiving a blessing at Holy Communion, 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.

**EASTER SUNDAY
SUNDAY OF ST. THOMAS**

**MARCH 31, 2024
APRIL 7, 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	MAR 31	EASTER SUNDAY 7:00 am..... Resurrection Matins, Divine Liturgy, Blessing of Baskets <i>English & Ukrainian</i>
MON	APRIL 1	Fr. Basil on Vacation
TUE	APRIL 2	Fr. Basil on Vacation
WED	APRIL 3	Fr. Basil on Vacation
THU	APRIL 4	Fr. Basil on Vacation
FRI	APRIL 5	Fr. Basil on Vacation
SAT	APRIL 6	5:00 pm.....Divine Liturgy
SUN	APRIL 7	SUNDAY OF ST. THOMAS 9:00 am.....Divine Liturgy <i>English & Ukrainian</i>
MON	APRIL 8	11:00 am.....Divine Liturgy
TUE	APRIL 9	7:30 am.....Divine Liturgy 10:00am.....Divine Liturgy at Yorkton Crossing
WED	APRIL 10	7:30 am.....Divine Liturgy 6:30 pm.....Confessions, Adult Catechism and Moleben
THU	APRIL 11	10:00 am.....Divine Liturgy at Central Pine's Home, Ituna 6:30 pm.....Passion of Our Lord 12 Gospel Readings
FRI	APRIL 12	7:30am.....Divine Liturgy
SAT	APRIL 13	5:00 pm.....Divine Liturgy



Deadline for submissions to the bulletin **WEDNESDAYS AT 12:00 NOON**. The next bulletin will be printed for Sunday, March 17th. To ensure your bulletin submission is received please ensure that your submissions is **SUBMITTED VIA HARD COPY DURING OFFICE HOURS OR BY EMAIL TO ST.MARY.YORKTON@SASKTEL.NET** Please note that all submissions that are sent after the deadline may be held until the next bulletin.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MILLENNIUM PRO-LIFE CROSS FOUNDATION INC. WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24TH, 2024 @ 7PM AT Ss. PETER & PAUL UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH AUDITORIUM (10TH STREET & MUNROE AVE., SASKATOON).

DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, MARCH 31

Easter Sunday *Acts 1:1-18 ~ John 1:1-17*
MON April 1 Bright Monday *Acts 1:12-17, 21-26 ~ John 1:18-28*

*Fr. Basil - Day Off **No Divine Liturgy*

TUE April 2 Bright Tuesday *Acts 2:14-21 ~ Luke 24:12-35*

*Fr. Basil - Day Off **No Divine Liturgy*

WED April 3 Venerable Father Nicetas *Acts 2:22-36 ~ John 1:35-51*

*Fr. Basil - Day Off **No Divine Liturgy*

THU April 4 Venerable Father Joseph *Acts 2:38-43 ~ John 3:1-15*

*Fr. Basil - Day Off **No Divine Liturgy*

FRI April 5 Holy Martyrs Theodulus, Agathopodes & Companions *Acts 3:1-8 ~ John 2:12-22*

*Fr. Basil - Day Off **No Divine Liturgy*

SAT April 6 Holy Father Methodius, Bishop & Teacher of the Slavs *Acts 3:11-16 ~ John 3:22-33*

5:00 pm +Birthday Blessings for Sister Genevieve Mizun.....SSMI

DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, APRIL 7

Sunday of St. Thomas *Acts 5:12-20 ~ John 20:19-31*
MON April 8 Apostle Herodion *Acts 3:19-26 ~ John 2:1-11*

11:00 am +Elizabeth Kaminsky.....Friends

TUE April 9 Martyr Euphrosyne *Acts 4:1-10 ~ John 3:16-21*

7:30 am Health & God's Blessings for Brian & Sandi Gulash.....Veronica Dutchak

10:00 am (Yorkton Crossing) +Richard Tataryn.....Paulin & +John Balaniuk

WED April 10 Martyr Terence *Acts 4:13-22 ~ John 5:17-24*

7:30 am Health & God's Blessings For Grace Chorney.....Family

THU April 11 Martyr Antipas *Acts 4:23-31 ~ John 5:24-30*

10:00 am Central Pines (Ituna Intention)

FRI April 12 Confessor Basil *Acts 5:1-11 ~ John 5:30-6:2*

7:30 am +Albin Zayshley.....Peter & Anna Kowalchuk

SAT April 13 Martyr Artemon *Acts 5:21-33 ~ John 6:14-27*

5:00 pm Health & God's Blessings for Walter Prystai.....Natalie, Denise & DeLon

2024 PASTORAL LETTER OF THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF CANADA ON THE OCCASION OF THE FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen! Dearly Beloved in Christ!
 In the midst of the joy of the Resurrection, the Evangelist John presents us with the encounter of Thomas and the Risen Lord. (Jn. 21:24-29) Thomas could not accept the good news from the other disciples, who told him they had seen the Lord. Thomas had witnessed the tragedy of the last several days in Jerusalem, which ended with the death of Jesus on the cross. How could anyone hold out for a better conclusion to the final days of Jesus? If Jesus could not save himself, how could his followers expect him to bring salvation to them? As we enter into the celebration of the Resurrection of Christ, many will find it difficult to feel joy in this feast day, even questioning where is salvation for this world in which we live today? This past February we marked the tragic anniversary of the war in Ukraine. How many of our brothers and sisters have fled their homes, uprooted their lives, and tragically died due to the cruelty of an unprovoked war? After initial promises of help, it seems Ukraine will be left to defend itself against uneven odds. With this background of war in Ukraine, Gaza and elsewhere throughout the world, it will be difficult to sing with joy: "Let God arise and let his enemies be scattered, and let those who hate him flee from before his face." (cf. Easter Matins) Although Canada is not at war with any outside nation or political force, we see battles being fought in our parliament and in our hospitals and care homes, for the protection of life from conception through to natural death. More effort is seemingly being made through abortion and MAiD to end life, rather than to support and nourish it, especially in its most vulnerable states. In place of a culture of life, we face a culture of death. How hard it will be to sing: "Christ is risen from the grave, as He foretold, granting us everlasting life and mercy without measure." (cf. Easter Matins) The celebration of Easter occurs traditionally in our churches and then continues in our homes. How do we celebrate in our homes with our families, when we see social support for family life waning? For many there will be little festive joy if there are no jobs to provide income, and little revenue to pay the utility, medical and grocery bills. And then there is the increasing number of people who have no homes and must live on the streets. It will be difficult to pray at the blessing of our Easter baskets: "For You are our true food and the Giver of all good things which You yourself bless and sanctify ...". (cf. Blessing Easter Food) So how did the Apostle Thomas resolve his dilemma of faith? What led him to profess his belief in the Lord Jesus? Thomas is given the opportunity to encounter at the same time the one and the same Jesus, who was both crucified and who had risen from the grave. In another words, the Resurrected Jesus is the same Jesus who suffered on the cross. By allowing Thomas to touch his wounds, Jesus shows him that suffering and Resurrection are intertwined. The Resurrection does not eliminate all suffering, rather it gives meaning to suffering and makes it bearable even in the worst of times. And thus, we have hope! Dearly Beloved in Christ! Our joy in the Risen Christ is not a joy that eliminates the troubles and pain in this life. Rather, Jesus suffered, died and rose from the dead out of love for us, giving us a foundation of hope in the midst of our trials. In providing Thomas an opportunity to reinforce his faith, Jesus first says to him: "Peace be with you!" This is the same divine peace that the Risen Lord offers to all of us in celebrating his Resurrection, even in the midst of our trials and tribulations. Although we will not have the same opportunity as Thomas did to touch the painful wounds of Christ, Jesus certainly thought of us when He told Thomas: "Blessed are those who have not seen but believed." It is this same belief in the Risen Lord, that has been the foundation of our Ukrainian nation since the time of its baptism, over a thousand years ago. It is this same belief in the Risen Lord, that has sustained our pioneer Ukrainian settlers since their arrival in the Canadian wilderness over one hundred years ago. And it is this same belief in the Risen Lord, that has enabled so many of our people to find hope in their lives, burdened with health issues, family strife, and economic hardships in this land of plentiful blessings. This Easter season it is our fervent prayer that all will find hope and joy in the Resurrection of the Lord. Let us take to heart the prayer found in the Resurrection Matins: "Come, all you faithful, and let us bow to the holy Resurrection of Christ, since through the cross, joy has come to all the world. Ever praising the Lord, let us extol his Resurrection, since He, having endured the crucifixion, has destroyed death by his death!" (cf. Easter Matins) May the blessing of the Risen Lord descend upon you this Easter season and bring you the hope and joy that is so much needed in our world today. Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!

**TROPARS, KONDAKS, EPISTLE & GOSPEL
FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 31**

EASTER SUNDAY

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

Third Antiphon: Let God arise and His enemies be scattered; let those who hate Him flee from His presence.

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

As smoke vanishes, let them vanish, as wax melts from the presence of fire.

Tropar: Christ is risen from the dead....

So let sinners perish from the presence of God but let the righteous rejoice.

Tropar: Christ is risen from the dead....

At the Little Entrance: In assemblies bless God, the Lord, you who spring from Israel.

Tropar: Christ is risen from the dead....

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

Instead of 'Holy God....': All you, who have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. Alleluia!

Prokimen, tone 8: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Verse: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Epistle: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (1: 1 - 8)

In my first account, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up to heaven, having first instructed the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit. In the time after his suffering he showed them in many convincing ways that he was alive, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking to them about the reign of God. On one occasion when he met with them he told them not to leave Jerusalem: "Wait, rather, for the fulfillment of my Father's promise, of which you have heard me speak. John baptized with water, but within a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." While they were with him they asked, "Lord, are you going to restore the rule to Israel now?" His answer was: "The exact time it is not yours to know. The Father has reserved that to himself. You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes down on you; then you are to be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, yes, even to the ends of the earth."

Alleluia Verses: *Rise, take pity on Zion.*

The Lord has looked down on earth from heaven.

Gospel: John 1: 1 - 17

In the beginning was the Word; and the Word was in God's presence, and the Word was God. He was present to God in the beginning, through him all things came into being, and apart from him nothing came to be. Whatever came to be in him, found life, life for the light of men. The light shines on in darkness, a darkness that did not overcome it. There was a man named John sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the light, so that through him all men might believe. But only to testify to the light, for he himself was not the light. The real light which gives light to every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and through him the world was made, yet the world did not know who he was. To his own he came, yet his own did not accept him. Any who did accept him he empowered to become children of God. These are they who believe in his name. Begotten not by blood, nor by carnal desire, nor by man's willing it, but by God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we have seen his glory; the glory of an only Son coming from the Father, filled with enduring love. John testified to him by proclaiming: "This is he of whom I said, The one who comes after me ranks ahead of me, for he was before me." Of his fullness we have all had a share -- love following upon love. For while the law was given through Moses, this enduring love came through Jesus Christ.

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.

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...', 'Glory be to the Father ...'.

At the conclusion of the Liturgy, "Christ is risen..." is sung three times, with the addition of "And to us He grants life eternal, let us bow to his third day resurrection."

During the Easter season, from Easter Sunday to the Wednesday prior to the Ascension, the 1st Antiphon and refrain for the 3rd Antiphon are from Resurrectional (Sunday) wording.

**TROPARS, KONDAKS, EPISTLE & GOSPEL
FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 7
SUNDAY OF ST. THOMAS**

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...'; 'Glory be to the Father ...'.

At the conclusion of the Liturgy, "Christ is risen..." is sung three times, with the addition of "And to us He grants life eternal, let us bow to his third day resurrection."