

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

We need your help..

We are looking for volunteers to help with ushering duties at the weekend Divine Liturgies. Training is available if needed. Please call Gwen at 306-621-8725 for more information.

DATE	Тіме	EPISTLE	CANTOR	USHERS	ORGANIST
SAT MAY 14	5:00 pm English	Tom Abrametz	Tom Abrametz	Vicky Ostrowercha Julie Abrametz	
Sun May 15 Sunday of the Samaritan Woman	9:00 am Ukrainian	Harry Kardynal	Lorne Stechyshyn	Steve Popowich Sonia Popowich	
	11:00 am English		Laurie Fedorowich Ron Wizniak	John Woychesko Kathy Woychesko	Iris Skehar
SAT MAY 21	5:00 pm English	Sr. Suzanne Kokuruds	Sr. Suzanne Kokuruds	Peter Moroz	
Sun May 22 Sunday of the Man Born Blind	9:00 am Ukrainian	lvan Bachynskyy	Lorne Stechyshyn	Dave Spelay Faye Spelay	
	11:00 am English	Doug Falconer	Laurie Fedorowich Ron Wizniak	Doug Falconer Rhonda Falconer	Iris Skehar

SUNDAY	Received on 81 Regular Envelopes (May 1)
COLLECTION	Received on 73 Regular Envelopes (May 8)\$ 1,870.00
May 1, 2022	Received in Loose Collection\$ 64.00
May 8, 2022	Received in 22 Other Envelopes\$ 494.00
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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

May 15 & 22, 2022

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 Basementuse 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 Sunday

English 5:00 pm 9:00 am Ukrainian English 11:00 am

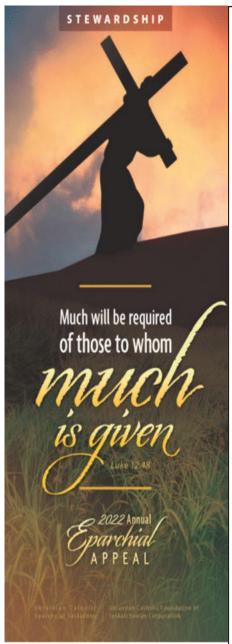
HOLY DAYS

9:00 am

WEEKDAYS

8:00 am 9:00 am Monday - Friday

Saturday





"For much will be required of those to whom much is given" (Luke 12:48)

Our 2022 Annual Eparchial Appeal journey continues. Thank you to all who have supported the Appeal to date. It is very uplifting to see our Parishioners support the Eparchial Ministries. Today the Parish Bulletin Insert features programs and initiatives offered through the Eparchial Youth & Young Adults. Today, as never before, our Church is called to become missionary disciples to accompany, inspire and be present to our young people. Our youth truly have a missionary spirit; however, it needs to be revealed, nourished, and sustained. Initiatives supported by your donations to the Annual Eparchial Appeal help to do just that.

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.

Thirty years ago, there were over 12,000 Faithful in our Eparchy. Today, we have 2,291 Parish Families (approximately 5,500 Faithful). The future of our Ukrainian Catholic Church and the growth of our Church and faith depends on our ability to minister to the people of our Eparchy. Your generosity and support of the Eparchial Ministries will contribute significantly to a positive future and growth of our Eparchy, and for the glory of Jesus Christ.

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. If you have not yet made your pledge, we humbly and respectfully ask you to consider making a pledge or one-time gift. Your gift to the Annual Eparchial Appeal will help continue the vital ministries and programs offered throughout the Eparchy.

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.

	UPCOMING EVENTS	
May 28	Sacred Heart High School Graduation	1:00 pm
June 1	Divine Liturgy at Yorkton Crossing	10:30 am
June 2	Divine Liturgy at Yorkton & District Nursing Home	10:00 am
June 5	Pentecost Sunday	
June 5	Grave Blessing at Yorkton City Cemetery	2:00 pm
June 9	Divine Liturgy at Gladstone Seniors' Residence	11:00 am
June 12	Grave Blessings at Yorkton Memorial Gardens	2:00 pm
June 14-17	Clergy Conference - No Divine Liturgies	•
June 16	Divine Liturgy at Queen Elizabeth Court	2:00 pm
June 17	Divine Liturgy at Bentley Retirement	10:30 am
June 23	Divine Liturgy at Theodore Health Centre	2:00 pm
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YORKTON DISTRICT PARISHES

Schedule of Services in the Yorkton Pastoral District **Please note: this schedule is subject to change, please check regularly**			
BEAVERDALE	Sunday, June 5	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy
	Sunday, July 24	9:00 am	Divine Liturgy
CALDER	Saturday, June 26	9:00 am	Divine Liturgy
INSINGER	Saturday, June 12	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy
WHITESAND	Sunday, May 29	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy
	Sunday, June 19	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy



ALTAR BOYS & CHILDREN OF MARY

Any children or youth with their First Communion Sacrament are invited to serve as an Altar boy or Children of Mary. Text Rhonda Falconer at 306-641-5333 for more information and training.

Please note - No Handicap Accessible Bathroom:

The handicap accessible bathroom is no longer functional. Please use the bathrooms located in the basement. Please use the stairs in the east entrance.

Sorry for any inconvenience this will cause. A new handicap bathroom will be built in the future. *Thank you for your patience during this transitional time.*

Safeguarding Policy

The Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon Eparchial Safeguarding Policy: Covenant of Care, Electronic Communication and Technology & Abuse and Misconduct Policy is a code of conduct which is designed to create safe and respectful church communities and healthy ministerial relationships, and to protect people from abuse and the harm that results.

To speak to someone about a concern please contact your Pastor, Parish Coordinator of Care (PCC) **Deborah Larmour**, Eparchial Coordinator of Care at (306)-653-0138 ext. 228; Cell: 306-222-1475 or email: *covenantofcare@skeparchy.org* More information is available on the Eparchial

Website, www.skeparchy.org.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK MAY 22 TO MAY 29



Each year, Catholic Schools in Saskatchewan participate in a week-Logo Courtest of https://www.ocsta.on.ca/long celebration to remember, promote, and appreciate the gift of Catholic Education. In our province, this special week encompasses World Catholic Education Day which is always celebrated on Ascension Thursday – this year on May 26.

This year's theme, Rebuild, Restore, Renew Together, reflects the recognition that after two years of the COVID-19 pandemic, we know for certain that there is much to rebuild, restore, and renew together in 2022 and beyond. The five sub-themes – Rediscover, Rebuild, Restore, Renew, and Rejoice – help us to recall how Jesus continually referred to building the kingdom of God throughout his ministry and remind us that we are called to be a part of this building and re-building.

Catholic Education Week is an opportunity to celebrate the outstanding contributions to Catholic education provided by our students, staff, families, parishes, and the Board of Education as well as the impact of Catholic Education in our province. The week is marked by special activities such as prayer celebrations and service activities in Catholic schools across the province.

May we always rejoice in recognizing the blessings our lives hold... and especially this week, the blessing of Catholic Education.

Musée Ukraina Museum Inc. 2022 Lottery Winners for April

\$20.00 Winners: Bertha Romanow-Montmartre, Roxanna Smycniuk-Saskatoon, Janet Foord-Chemainus(BC), Adele Akoulov-Saskatoon, Paul Shumay-Saskatoon, Albert Syrota-Regina, Chantel Longman-Lampman, Loretta Perrick-Norquay, Prairie Soil Services-Norquay, Mary Pizurny-Corman Park, Christine Devrome-Saskatoon, David Mantyka-Saskatoon, Darlene Ponclet-Tway, Maureen Chrusch-Saskatoon, Gail Smith-Prince Albert, Katherine Petersen-Fir Mountain, Olga Klewchuk-Regina, Wayne & Lillian Harris-Regina, Gloria Hataley-Moose Jaw, SGreg Wawryk-Saskatoon, Donald & Novia Proulx-Prud'homme, Diane Stocki-Dyck-Yellow Creek, Joanne Rak-West Kelowna(BC), UCWLC – Dormition-Saskatoon. \$50.00 Winners: Ted & Carmen Remenda-Sherwood Park(AB), Janice Lamoureux-Wilkie, Dan & Simone Chrusch-Vonda, Lidia Wasylyn-Edmonton(AB). \$100.00 Winners: April Solonyka-Garden Bay(BC), Olga Sakundiak-Yorkton.

Congratulations to all the winners! There are 245 draws remaining.

Lottery License #RR21-0303



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.

Holiday planning is here. 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.

SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND

May 15, 2022 May 22, 2022

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	M AY 15	Sunday of the Samaritan Woman
		9:00 am Divine Liturgy
		11:00 am Divine Liturgy
		11:00 am1st Solemn Holy Communion
TUE	May 17	7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting
WED	May 18	7:00 pm Moleben to the Mother of God (Ukr)
THU	M AY 19	2:00 pm Divine Liturgy at Queen Elizabeth Court
FRI	May 20	10:30 am Divine Liturgy at Bentley Retirement
		7:00 pm Moleben to the Mother of God (Eng)
SAT	May 21	9:00 am Divine Liturgy
		5:00 pm Divine Liturgy
SUN	May 22	Sunday of Man Born Blind
		9:00 am Divine Liturgy
		11:00 am Divine Liturgy
MON	May 23	7:00 pm Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood Meeting-
WED	May 25	7:00 pm Moleben to the Mother of God (Ukr)
THU	May 26	Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord
		9:00 am Divine Liturgy
		2:00 pm Theodore Health Centre
FRI	May 27	7:00 pmMoleben to the Mother of God (Eng)
SAT	May 28	9:00 am Divine Liturgy
		5:00 pm Divine Liturgy



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

DEADLINE for submissions to the bulletin **Wednesdays at 12:00 Noon.** The next bulletin will be printed for Sunday, May 29th. Please call the Parish Office in the mornings on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday or email your information 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. Leonid (306-783-4594) at least six months before the wedding date.*

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy & prayers to the family & friends of + Nick Yanko, +Ed Pindus and +Lionel Fedorowich who passed away recently.

Вічная Память God Grant Them Eternal Rest Вічная Память

DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, MAY 15

Sunday of the	e Samaritan Woman	Acts 11:19-26,29-30 ~ John 4:5-43
MON MAY 16	Venerable Theodore	Acts 12:2-17 ~ John 8:42-51
8:00 am	+Deceased Family Members	Evelyn Radostitis
8:00 am	+Mary Puchala	Russell & Bev Lusney Acts 12:25-13:12 ~ John 8:51-59
TUE May 17	Apostle Andronicus	Acts 12:25-13:12 ~ John 8:51-59
8:00 am	+Deceased Family Members	Angeline & Joseph Sass
8:00 am	+Pauline Prystai	Emil & Delores Strutynski
WED May 18	Martyr Theodotus	Acts 13:13-24 ~ John 6:5-14
8:00 am	+Eva Shumay	Bill, Elizabeth & family
8:00 am	+Mary Klus	Lisa & Scott Orr
THU May 19	Priest Martyr Patritus	Acts 14:20-27 ~ John 9:39-10:9 Andrew & Teresa Chupik
8:00 am	+Mary Musey	Andrew & Teresa Chupik
8:00 am	+Sophia Pisiak	Walter & Theresa Denischuk
FRI MAY 20	Martyr Thalaleus	Acts 15:5-34 ~ John 10:17-28
8:00 am 🚙	+Mike Chopty	Karen Chopty
8:00 am	+Shirley Shumay (40 Days)	Laurie Fedorowich
SAT May 21		er Helen Galatians 1:11-19 ~ John 10:1-9
9:00 am	Health & God's Blessings for Gera	ald GromniskyMike & Connie Zazula
5:00 pm	Health & God's Blessings for Bill &	Sylvia KrywulakDavid, Valerie & family

DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, MAY 22

Sunday of the	he Man Born Blind	Acts 16:16-34 ~ John 9:1-38
MON May 23	Confessor Michael	Acts 17:1-15 ~ John 11:47-57
8:00 am	+Judy Vanin	Peter & Verna Moroz
8:00 am	+Pauline Prystai	Sonja Pawliw
TUE MAY 24	Venerable Simeon	
8:00 am	+Colette (6 years) and +Michael Medv	rid (1 year)Violet & family
8:00 am	+James Dozorec	Burleigh Family
WED May 25	3rd Finding of John the Baptist's Head	2 Corinthians 4:6-15 ~ Matthew 11:2-15
8:00 am	+Cy Chetyrbok	Laurie Fedorowich & family
8:00 am	+Agnes Gawryluik	Terri Genik
THU May 26		Acts 1:1-12 ~ Luke 24:36-53

Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord 9:00 am

FRI MAY 27	Priest Martyr Therapontus	Acts 19:1-8 ~ John 14:1-11
8:00 am	God's Blessings & well-being for Grandso	n ChrisBaba Mary
8:00 am 🥯	Health & God's Blessings for Olga Kondra	aIrene Yawney
SAT MAY 28	Venerable Nicetas	Acts 20:7-12 ~ John 14:10-21
9:00 am	+Joseph Smigelski	Peter & Teresa Smigelski
5:00 pm	Health & God's Blessing for Members & Famili	esUkrainian Catholic Brotherhood

Saint Mary's Building Fund Donations



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<i>In Memory Elizabeth, Lillian,</i> Joe Lackmanec	Olga & Mike \$ 10,000.	00	
Scott & Julie Knapp Alice Wasylynka Edwin & Shirley Rotinsky Larry & Sandra German Gordon & Gloria Rhinas	\$ 50.	00 Murray & Jan Bialobzyski	\$ 50.00 \$ 50.00 \$ 40.00 \$ 25.00
	St. Mary's	RENOVATION PROJECT	
Julian & Vienna Mandziak	*	00 Richard & Verlee Zulyniak	\$ 500.00
Gordon & Gloria Rhinas	\$ 1,500.		\$ 125.00
Cheryl Popowich	\$ 100.	00	
In Memory John Popowich Sarah Popowich	\$ 200.	In Memory Victor Fedorowic 00 Laurie Fedorowich	ch \$ 500.00
In Memory Peco Chorney Grace Chorney & Family	\$ 200.	In Memory John & Katie Uh Walter & Theresa Deneschuk	

Balance of the Fund to date: \$513,511.23 Thank you very much

Donations may be given anytime.

All funds collected will be used for the future renovations of our church. Building Fund Envelopes are available at the entrances of the Church

CHURCH DONATIONS- To ensure that your donation is properly recorded and acknowledged, please mark your envelope and the memo line on your cheque "In memory of..." or "On the occasion of..."

St. Mary's Church Donations

Tim Fidek \$ 20.00

Thank you for your donations!

St. Mary's 50/50 Online Fundraiser

The draw was made in St. Mary's Church on Sunday, May 1st at 12:00 Noon The winner is **Joanne Turpin** from Battleford, SK Total prize money is \$5,285.00

Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser!

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.

FAREWELL, BISHOP BRYAN BAYDA, CSsR

A farewell will be held at St. Michael's Camp (Madge Lake)

for Bishop Bryan Bayda, CSsR on Saturday, June 4th

with Moleben followed by a Barbeque and Program



Bohdan Popowych 306-272-4481 Pat Thompson 306-782-9425

Doreen Rathgeber 306-621-1522

Deadline for Tickets is Thursday, June 2nd

Adults \$15 Students \$10 Preschoolers Free

On April 28, 2022 the Holy Father, Pope Francis, appointed His Excellency Bryan J. Bayda, CSsR as Bishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Toronto and Eastern Canada, following the recommendation of the Synod of Bishops of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church in this matter.

In conjunction with Bishop Bryan s appoint MHis Grace Metropolitan Lawrence Huculak, OSBM Archbishop of Winnipeg, has been appointed Apostolic Administrator of the Eparchy of Saskatoon.



LIVING ROSARY, MOLEBEN & STRAWBERRY SOCIAL Sunday, May 29th

6:30 pm ~ Living Rosary & Moleben (church) Social to follow (hall) \$5.00 per person

All parishioners of St. Mary's are invited to take part in the Living Rosary.



Celebrating their First Solemn Holy Communion Of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

This 15th day of May in the year of our Lord 2022



Aubree Arvay Princess Cortiguerra Izabella Graham Kash Lazar Sofia Malcolm Jameson Parnetta Kailen Senko

Blaike BeBeau Kayden Lenuik Librehdi Nagy Brooke Quinton Henry St. Pierre

Sophie Chisholm Ryker Klemetski Liam Lockhart Emil Novak Sarah Roussin

St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church ~ Yorkton, Saskatchewan



Teachers

The Families of our Solemn Communicants

Jasmine Nagy	Parish Catechist
0,	Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools
Deanna Pellatt	Coordinator of Religious Education- C.T.T.C.S.

Fr. Leonid Malkov, CSsR, Fr. Yevhen Zadorozhnyi, CSsR, Most Rev. Peter Stasiuk, CSsR

The Solemn Communicants received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on May 14, 2022.

TROPARS, KONDAKS, EPISTLE & GOSPEL FOR SUNDAY, MAY 15

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: John 4: 5 - 43

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 worshiper's 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 fown. 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!

Tropars, Kondaks, Epistle & Gospel for Sunday, May 22 Sunday of the Man Born Blind

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

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;

Kondak, tone 4: With eyes that are spiritually blind* I come to You, O Christ;* and, like the man who was blind since birth,* I cry out to You with repentance:* You are a shining Light* to those who are in darkness.

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 8: Pray and give praise to the Lord our God.

Verse: God is renowned in Judah, in Israel great is his name

Epistle: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (16: 16 - 34)

In those days as we were on our way out to the place of prayer that we met a slave girl who had a clairvoyant spirit. She used to bring substantial profit to her masters by fortune telling. The girl began to follow Paul and the rest of us shouting, "These men are servants of the Most High God; they will make known to you a way of salvation." She did this for several days until finally Paul became annoyed, turned around, and said to the spirit, "In the name of Jesus Christ I command you, come out of her!" Then and there the spirit left her. When her masters saw that their source of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the main square before the local authorities. They turned them over to the magistrate with this complaint: "These men are agitators disturbing the peace of our city! Furthermore, they are Jews, which means they advocate customs which are not lawful for us Romans to adopt or practice. The crowd joined in the attack on them and the magistrates stripped them and ordered them to be flogged. After receiving many lashes they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was given instructions to guard them well. Upon receipt of these instructions he put them in maximum security, going so far as to chain their feet to a stake. About midnight, while Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God as their fellow prisoners listened, a severe earthquake suddenly shook the place, rocking the prison to its foundations. Immediately all the doors flew open and everyone's chains were pulled loose. The jailer woke up to see the prison gates wide open. Thinking that the prisoners had escaped, he drew his sword to kill himself; but Paul shouted to him, "Do not harm yourself! We are all still here." The jailer called for a light, then rushed in and fell trembling at the feet of Paul and Silas. After a brief interval he led them out and said, "Men, what must I do to be saved?" Their answer was, "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, and all your household." They proceeded to announce the word of God to him and to everyone in his house. At that late hour of the night he took them in and bathed their wounds; then he and his whole household were baptized. He led them up into his house, spread a table before them, and joyfully celebrated with his whole family his newfound faith in God.

Alleluia Verses: Turn to me and have pity on me.

Steady my footsteps according to your promise.

Gospel: John 9: 1 - 38

At that time as Jesus walked along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. His disciples asked him, Rabbi, was it his sin or that of his parents that caused him to be born blind?" "Neither," answered Jesus. "It was no sin, either of this man or of his parents. Rather, it was to let God's works show forth in him. We must do the deeds of him who sent me while it is day. The night comes on when no one can work. While I am in the world I am the light of the world." With that Jesus spat on the ground, made mud with his saliva, and smeared the man's eyes with the mud. Then he told him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam." (The name means "One who has been sent." So the man went off and washed, and came back able to see. His neighbors and the people who had been accustomed to see him begging began to ask, "Isn't this the fellow who used to sit and beg?" Some were claiming it was he; others maintained it was not but someone who looked like him. The man himself said, "I am the one." They said to him then, "How were your eyes opened?" He answered: "That man they call Jesus made mud and smeared it on my eyes, telling me to go to Siloam and wash. When I did go and wash, I was able to see." "Where is he?" they asked. He replied, "I have no idea." Next, they took the man who had been born blind to the Pharisees. (Note that it was on a sabbath that Jesus had made the mud paste and opened his eyes.) The Pharisees, in turn, began to inquire how he had recovered his sight. He told them, "He put mud on my eyes. I washed it off, and now I can see." This prompted some of the Pharisees to assert, "This man cannot be from God because he does not keep the sabbath." Others objected, "If a man is a sinner, how can he perform signs like these?" They were sharply divided over him. Then they addressed the blind man again: "Since it was your eyes he opened, what do you have to say about him?" "He is a prophet." he replied. The Jews refused to believe that he had really been born blind and had begun to see, until they summoned the parents of this man who now could see. "Is this your son?" they asked, "and if so, do you attest that he was blind at birth? How do you account for the fact that now he can see?" The parents answered: "We know this is our son, and we know he was blind at birth. But how he can see now, or who opened his eyes, we have no idea. Ask him. He is old enough to speak for himself." (His parents answered in this fashion because they were afraid of the Jews, who had already agreed among themselves that anyone who acknowledged Jesus as the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. That was why his parents said, "He is of age -- ask him.") A second time they summoned the man who had been born blind and said to him, "Give glory to God! First of all we know this man is a sinner." "I do not know whether he is a sinner or not." he answered. " know this much; I was blind before; now I can see." They persisted: "Just what did he do to you? How did he lopen your eyes?" "I have told you once, but you would not listen to me," he answered them. "Why do you want to hear it all over again? Do not tell me you want to become his disciples too?" They retorted scornfully: "You are the one who is that man's disciple. We are disciples of Moses. We know that God spoke to Moses but we have no idea where this man comes from." He came back at them: "Well, this is news! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not hear sinners, but that if someone is devout and obeys his will, he listens to him. It is unheard of that anyone ever gave sight to a person blind from birth. If this man were not from God, he could never have done such a thing." "What!" they exclaimed, "You are steeped in sin from your birth, and you are giving us lectures?" With that they threw him out bodily. When Jesus heard of his expulsion, he sought him out and asked him, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" "You have seen him," Jesus replied. "He is speaking to you lnow." "I do believe, Lord." he said.

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!