

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.



DATE	TIME	EPISTLE	CANTOR	USHERS	ORGANIST
SAT FEB 26	5:00 pm English	Sonia Starling	Sonia Starling	Tom Abrametz Julie Abrametz	
SUN FEB 27 <i>Cheese-Fare Sunday</i>	9:00 am Ukrainian	Ivan Bachynskyy	Colette Karapita	Steve Popowich Sonia Popowich	
	11:00 am English	Dolores Harris	Laurie Fedorowich Ron Wizniak	John Woychesko Kathy Woychesko	Iris Skehar
SAT MAR 5	5:00 pm English	Sr. Terry Ann Słota	Sr. Terry Ann Słota	John Ostrowercha Vicky Ostrowercha	
SUN MAR 6 <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	9:00 am Ukrainian	Halyna Tsymbali	Lorne Stechyshyn	Lorne Stechyshyn Elsie Stechyshyn	
	11:00 am English	Doug Falconer	Laurie Fedorowich Ron Wizniak	Doug Falconer Rhonda Falconer	Iris Skehar

SUNDAY COLLECTION	Received on 54 Regular Envelopes (Feb 13).....	\$ 1,607.00
	Received on 63 Regular Envelopes (Feb 20).....	\$ 1,805.00
FEB 13, 2022	Received in Loose Collection	\$ 32.00
FEB 20, 2022	Received in 5 Other Envelopes	\$ 160.00

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ST. MARY'S UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PARISH BULLETIN

FEB 27 & MAR 6, 2022

Christ is Among Us !

Христос Посеред нас !

He is and will be !

Є і буде !



The parish community of St. Mary's extends a warm

Welcome - Bimacmo

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 306-783-4594

Sick Calls - 306-229-1755

BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES* by Appointment

**Please contact the pastor at least six months before the wedding date.*

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

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

WEEKDAYS

8:00 am	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
9:00 am	Saturday

LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS

7:00 pm *Wednesday & Friday* English

WAY OF THE CROSS

6:00 pm *Mondays* English/Ukrainian

**ST. MARY'S PARISH AND CULTURAL CENTRE
ANNUAL MEETING
Sunday, March 6th
Time: 2:00 pm
St. Mary's Cultural Centre**



Please note that with the Transfer of Titles to St. Mary's Parish from the Redemptorist Fathers, this will be a joint annual meeting for the Parish and Cultural Centre.

The Nominating Committee (*Doreen Rathgeber, Kathy Woychesko, and Gwen Bilyk*) has the responsibility to propose a slate of officers and chairpersons for the various committees of the Parish Council. The following is a *proposed slate* of officers and chairpersons for the various committees.

Parish Council Executive

President: Fred Schrader **Past President:** Bill Prybylski
Vice-President: Larry German **Treasurer:** Dolores Harris
Secretary: Darlene Shymanski

Parish Council Committees:

Children & Youth: Lana Klemetski, Rhonda Falconer
Communications: Vacant
Education: Sonia Starling
Finance: Doreen Rathgeber
Liturgical/Spiritual: Lorne Stechyshyn, Gwen Bilyk
Building/Property: Robert Rusnak, Peter Moroz
Outreach: Verlee Zulyniak
Parish Activities: Kathy Woychesko, Kathy Rusnak
Stewardship: Rose Maleschuk

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 6	St. Mary's Parish and Cultural Centre Annual Meeting	2:00 pm
March 12/13	First Solemn Holy Communion Class	
March 19/20	First Solemn Holy Communion Class	
March 26/27	First Solemn Holy Communion Class	
March 26	UCWLC Bounce into Spring Take Out Supper	4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
April 2/3	First Solemn Holy Communion Class	
April 3-6	Parish Lenten Mission with Bishop Peter Stasiuk	
April 7	Divine Liturgy at Yorkton & District Nursing Home	10:00 am
April 10	<i>Willow (Palm) Sunday</i>	
April 15	<i>Good Friday</i>	
April 17	<i>Resurrection - Easter</i>	
May 15	First Solemn Holy Communion	

St. Mary's UCWLC

BOUNCE INTO SPRING

TAKE OUT UKRAINIAN SUPPER
Saturday, March 26th 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm
at St. Mary's Cultural Centre



Dinner includes:

2 Sausages / 6 Perogies / 3 Cabbage Rolls / Coleslaw / Dessert

Cost: \$20.00 / plate

Advance Tickets available March 1st until March 21st

Contact: Elaine 306-782-0550 Sonia 306-783-0952 Kathy 306-783-8173

Tickets will be available after weekend Divine Liturgies starting March 5th



"LAUDATO SI" Project



**Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon
with the support of ECOBURO of
the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church (UGCC)
will soon launch a multi-lingual series
of videos exploring
the Papal Encyclical "Laudato Si".**

**Trailer about the "Laudato Si" series
YouTube Link: <https://youtu.be/et8QtrcZLuc>**

**For more information, please contact
Lesya Sabada (1.sabada@usask.ca)**



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.

Fasting Regulations for Great Lent

Simple Fasting requires the faithful not to consume meat, during all Fridays throughout the year, including the Holy Season of Great Lent, with certain exceptions.

Simple Fasting is recommended on Wednesdays, during the Holy Season of Great Lent for the intention of world peace, gratitude for the gift of life and for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Strict Fasting requires the faithful not to consume meat, eggs and dairy products. Strict Fasting occurs on the first day of Great Lent, February 28th and on Good Friday, April 15th.

The following have been given a general dispensation from fasting:

- persons who are spiritually or physically ill
- sick and convalescent
- pregnant women and nursing mothers
- those who work strenuously
- those who have reached the age of 60 years

Bishops, pastors and confessors may grant a dispensation from the fasting guidelines in case of necessity, in conformity with the spirit of our Church.

Prayer of Saint Ephrem



O Lord and Master of my life, keep from me the spirit of indifference and discouragement, lust of power and idle chatter.

(Prostration)

Instead, grant to me, your servant, the spirit of wholeness of being, humble-mindedness, patience, and love.

(Prostration)

O Lord and King, grant me the grace to be aware of my sins and not to judge my brother, for You are blessed forever and ever. Amen

(Prostration)

GREAT LENT - SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (English) Wednesdays & Fridays - **7:00 pm**

Divine Liturgy & Sorokousty (English & Ukrainian) on **All Souls Saturdays** - 9:00 am

Way of the Cross (English & Ukrainian) Mondays - 7:00 pm

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.

For more information or to enroll, please see the pamphlets at the church entrances or at the Parish Office.

CHEESE-FARE SUNDAY
1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 27, 2022
MARCH 6, 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	FEB 27	Cheese-Fare Sunday 9:00 am Divine Liturgy (<i>Ukrainian</i>) 10:00 am..... First Solemn Holy Communion Class 11:00 am..... Divine Liturgy (<i>English</i>)
MON	FEB 28	First Day of Great Lent - Strict Fast Day 7:00 pm..... Way of the Cross
WED	MAR 2	10:30 am..... Divine Liturgy at Yorkton Crossing 7:00 pm..... Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
FRI	MAR 4	7:00 pm..... Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
SAT	MAR 5	9:00 am Divine Liturgy 9:00 am First Solemn Holy Communion Class 5:00 pm..... Divine Liturgy
SUN	MAR 6	First Sunday of Lent 9:00 am..... Divine Liturgy (<i>Ukrainian</i>) 10:00 am..... First Solemn Holy Communion Class 11:00 am..... Divine Liturgy (<i>English</i>) 2:00 pm..... St. Mary's Parish Annual General Meeting
MON	MAR 7	7:00 pm..... Way of the Cross 7:00 pm..... UCWLC Meeting
WED	MAR 9	7:00 pm..... Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
THU	MAR 10	11:00 am..... Divine Liturgy at Gladstone Seniors
FRI	MAR 11	10:30 am..... Divine Liturgy at Bentley Retirement 7:00 pm..... Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
SAT	MAR 12	All Souls Saturday 9:00 am Divine Liturgy & Sorokousty 9:00 am..... First Solemn Holy Communion Class 5:00 pm..... Divine Liturgy

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy & prayers to the family & friends of **+Russell Matycio, +Ann Mysko, +Annie Novakowski and +Mary Puchala** who passed away recently.

Вічна Память God Grant Them Eternal Rest Вічна Память

DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Sunday of Cheese-Fare

Romans 13:11-14:4 ~ Mathew 6:14-21

MON FEB 28 *First Day of Great Lent* *1 Corinthians 3:18-23 ~ Luke 21:8-36*

8:00 am  +Stephan and +Anastasia Shordee.....Grace Chorney & family

8:00 am +Sister Nestor Halia Kyba.....SSMI

TUE MAR 1 *Venerable Martyr Eudoxia* *Romans 8:14-21 ~ Matthew 6:1-13*

8:00 am Health & God's Blessings for Members & Families.....UCWLC

8:00 am Health & God's Blessings for Fr. Yevhen.....Fatima Prayer Apostolate

WED MAR 2 *Priest Martyr Theodotus* *2 Corinthians 4:13-18 ~ Mark 11:22-25*


7:00 pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

THU MAR 3 *Martyr Eutropius* *Romans 15:30-33 ~ Matthew 7:7-11*

8:00 am +Nancy Novak.....Matt Novak

8:00 am +Joe Smigelski (40 Days).....Julie, Brian, Barry and families

FRI MAR 4 *Venerable Gerasimus* *1 Timothy 2:1-7 ~ Luke 15:1-10*

7:00 pm  Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

SAT Mar 5 *Great Martyr Theodore of Tyre* *Hebrews 1:1-12 ~ Mark 2:23-3:5*

9:00 am Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.....Fatima Prayer Apostolate

5:00 pm Health & God's Blessings for Members & Families....Knights of Columbus

DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, MARCH 6

First Sunday of Lent

Hebrews 11:24-26;32-12;2 ~ John 1:43-51

MON MAR 7 *Priest Martyr Basil* *Romans 15:1-7 ~ Matthew 18:10-20*

8:00 am Special Intentions.....N.N.


8:00 am Health & God's Blessings for Fr. Yevhen.....Morning Friends

TUE MAR 8 *Confessor Theophylactus* *Galatians 6:2-10 ~ Matthew 4:23-5:13*

8:00 am +Harry and +Katie Blahut.....Evelyn Radostitis

8:00 am +Pauline Prystai.....Len & Betty Niedzielski

WED MAR 9 *40 Martyrs of Sebastia* *Hebrews 12:1-10 ~ Matthew 20:1-16*


7:00 pm  Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

THU MAR 10 *Martyr Codratus of Corinth* *1 Corinthians 10:5-12 ~ Matthew 5:27-32*

8:00 am +Deceased Family Members.....Angela & Joseph Sass

8:00 am +Ann Mysko.....Henry & Mary Malin

FRI MAR 11 *Patriarch Sophronius* *Romans 12:6-14 ~ Matthew 5:33-41*

7:00 pm  Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

SAT MAR 12 *All Souls Saturday* *Hebrews 3:12-16 ~ Mark 1:35-45*

9:00 am Divine Liturgy and Sorokousty

5:00 pm Health & God's Blessings for Oleynik family.....William and Mary

Saint Mary's Building Fund Donations



In Memory of Pauline Prystai

Ed & Lorna Greene \$20.00

Orest & Elizabeth Zahayko \$25.00

In Memory Russell Matycio

Elmer & Margaret Matisho & family \$ 1,300.00

Debra Ohryn \$ 1,250.00

Balance of the Fund to date: \$367,867.95 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...*"

CONGRATULATIONS ~ SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM & CHRISMATION

Bo Mel Holinaty, son of Evan & Cally (nee Maleschuk)

Многая Літа

May God Grant Him Many Years

Многая Літа



UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC BROTHERHOOD MEMBERS: ****YOUR 2022 MEMBERSHIP IS NOW DUE****

Please pay your \$20.00 membership before March 1st, 2022. You can drop your money in the collection plate in an envelope clearly marked Brotherhood Membership and your name. I will pick it up or you can pass it on with any executive member.



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

****NEW LOCATION FOR THE PARISH OFFICE****

The Parish Offices are now located in the Church Basement.

Please use the Golden Agers entrance on the Northeast side of the church.

Please do not come to the South door - we are no longer in the Monastery

We thank you for your continued patience and understanding during this transition.

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.**

DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS - If you are making an offering for this service by cheque, please make your cheque payable to: Ukrainian Catholic Mission

In accordance with the **Eparchial Stipend Schedule (effective November 1, 2017), the suggested **stipend (offering)** for a Divine Liturgy Intention is **\$20.00**.

****NEW**** 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 or through the mail slot in the Rectory.

Appeal of His Beatitude Sviatoslav on outbreak of war

Thursday, 24 February 2022

Today we solemnly proclaim: “Our soul and body offer we for our freedom! With one heart we pray: “Lord, Great and Almighty, protect our beloved Ukraine!”

Beloved in God people of Ukraine!

Our country is in danger again!

The treacherous enemy, despite his own commitments and assurances, breaking the basic norms of international law, as an unjust aggressor, stepped on Ukrainian soil, bringing with him death and destruction.

Our Ukraine, which the world fairly called "lands of blood", which has been so many times sprinkled with the blood of martyrs and fighters for the freedom and independence of its people, calls us today to stand up for it - to defend its dignity before God and humanity, its rights for existence and the right to choose one's future.

It is our natural right and sacred duty to defend our land and our people, our state and all that is dearest to us: family, language and culture, history and the spiritual world! We are a peaceful nation that loves children of all nations with Christian love, regardless of origin or belief, nationality or religious identity.

We do not infringe upon others and do not threaten anyone, but we have no right to give our own to anyone! At this historic moment, the voice of our conscience calls us all as one to stand up for a free, united and independent Ukrainian State! The history of the last century teaches us that all those who started world wars lost them, and the idolaters of war brought only destruction and decline to their own states and peoples.

We believe that in this historic moment the Lord is with us! He, who holds in his hands the fate of the whole world and of each person in particular, is always on the side of the victims of unjust aggression, the suffering and the enslaved. It is He who proclaims His holy Name in the history of every nation, captures and overthrows the mighty of this world with their pride, the conquerors with the illusion of their omnipotence, the proud and insolent with their self-confidence. It is He who grants victory over evil and death. The victory of Ukraine will be the victory

of God's power over the meanness and arrogance of man! So it was, is and will be!

Our holy Church-Martyr has always been and always will be with its people! This Church, which has already survived death and resurrection, as the Body of the Risen Christ, over which death has no power, the Lord gave to his people in the baptismal waters of the Dnipro River.

Since then, the history of our people and its Church, the history of their liberation struggles, the history of the incarnation of God's Word and the manifestation of His Spirit of truth in our culture have intertwined forever. And in this dramatic moment, our Church, as a mother and teacher will be with its children, will protect them and serve them in the name of God! In God is our hope and our victory will come from Him!

Today we solemnly proclaim: “Our soul and body offer we for our freedom! With one heart we pray: “Lord, Great and Almighty, protect our beloved Ukraine!”

Holy righteous people, martyrs and confessors of the Ukrainian land, pray and intercede for us before God!

God's blessing be upon you!

+ Sviatoslav

Given in Kyiv
at the Patriarchal Cathedral of the Resurrection of Christ,
February 24, 2021 A.D.

Source:

http://news.ugcc.ua/en/articles/appeal_of_his_beatitude_sviatoslav_on_outbreak_of_war_95772.html?fbclid=IwAR3NxZbPSU_GoAJtTxvRm0ppMvZIR1D7zh5M5P7HpHGO-NAGHsSB0oVQY6J8

**TROPARS, KONDAKS, EPISTLE & GOSPEL FOR
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27
SUNDAY OF CHEESE - FARE**



Tropar, tone 7: By Your cross You destroyed death;* You opened Paradise to the thief;* You changed the lamentation of the myrrh-bearers to joy,* and charged the apostles to proclaim* that You are risen, O Christ, our God,* offering great mercy to the world.

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

Kondak of Cheese-fare Sunday, tone 6: Guide of wisdom, giver of understanding,* teacher of the ignorant and protector of the poor,* Master, strengthen my heart and make it understand.* You give me speech, word of the Father,* for I will not keep my lips from crying out to You.* Merciful Lord, have mercy on me a sinner.

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 first Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans. (13:11 - 14:4)

Brothers and Sisters! Our salvation is closer than when we first accepted the faith. The night is far spent; the day draws near. Let us cast off deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us live honorably as in daylight; not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual excess and lust, not in quarreling and jealousy. Rather, put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision for the desires of the flesh. Extend a kind welcome to those who are weak in faith. Do not enter in disputes with them. A man of sound faith knows he can eat anything, while one who is weak in faith eats only vegetables. The man who will eat anything must not ridicule him who abstains from certain foods; the man who abstains must not sit in judgment on him who eats. After all, God himself has made him welcome. Who are you to pass judgment on another's servant? His master alone can judge whether he stands or falls. And stand he will, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

Alleluia Verses:

It is good to give praise to the Lord, and to sing to Your name, O Most High!

To announce Your mercy in the morning and Your truth every night.

Gospel: Matthew 6: 14 - 21

The Lord said: If you forgive the faults of others, your heavenly Father will forgive you yours. If you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive you. When you fast, you are not to look glum as the hypocrites do. They change the appearance of their faces so that others may see they are fasting. I assure you, they are already repaid. When you fast, see to it that you groom your hair and wash your face. In that way no one can see you are fasting but your Father who is hidden; and your Father who sees what is hidden will repay you. Do not lay up for yourselves an earthly treasure. Moths and rust corrode; thieves break in and steal. Make it your practice instead to store up heavenly treasure, which neither moths nor rust corrode nor thieves break in and steal. Remember, where your treasure is there your heart is also.

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

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**TROPARS, KONDAKS, EPISTLE & GOSPEL FOR
SUNDAY, MARCH 6
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**



Sunday Tropar, tone 8: You came down from on high, O Merciful One,* and accepted three days of burial* to free us from our sufferings.* O Lord, our life and our resurrection,* glory be to You.

Tropar, 1st Sunday of Lent, tone 2: We pay homage to Your undefiled image, Good Lord,* and beg pardon for our faults, Christ our God.* By Your will You chose to mount the cross in Your flesh* to free Your creatures from slavery to the enemy.* For this we gratefully cry out to You:* "By coming to save the world, our Saviour, You filled all things with joy."

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

Kondak, 1st Sunday of Lent, tone 8: The uncircumscribed Word of the Father* became circumscribed by being enfleshed from you, Godbearer.* You brought back the stained image to its original state* by infusing it with divine beauty.* But recognizing our salvation we portray it by word and deed.

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; it is fitting to praise him.

Epistle: A reading from the first Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Hebrews (11: 24 -26; 32 - 12: 2)

Brothers and Sisters! By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter; he wished to be ill-treated along with God's people rather than enjoy the fleeting rewards of sin. Moses considered the reproach borne by God's Anointed greater riches than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. What more shall I recount? I have no time to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, who by faith conquered kingdoms, did what was just, obtained the promises; they broke the jaws of lions, put out raging fires, escaped the devouring sword; though weak they were made powerful, became strong in battle, and turned back foreign invaders. Women received back their dead through resurrection. Others were tortured and would not receive deliverance, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Still others endured mockery, scourging, even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, sawed

in two, put to death at sword's point; they went about garbed in the skins of sheep or goats, needy, afflicted, tormented. The world was not worthy of them. They wandered about in deserts and on mountains, they dwelt in caves and in holes of the earth. Yet despite the fact that all of these were approved because of their faith, they did not obtain what had been promised. God had made a better plan, a plan which included us. Without us, they were not to be made perfect. Therefore, since we for our part are surrounded by this cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every encumbrance of sin which clings to us and persevere in running the race which lies ahead. Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, who inspires and perfects our faith.

Alleluia Verses:

Moses and Aaron are among His priests and Samuel among those who call upon His name. They called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

Gospel: John 1: 43 - 51

At that time Jesus set out for Galilee, but first he came upon Philip. "Follow me," Jesus said to him. Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the same town as Andrew and Peter. Philip sought out Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses spoke of in the law -- the prophets too -- Jesus, son of Joseph, from Nazareth." Nathanael's response to that was, "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" and Philip replied, "Come, see for yourself." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he remarked: "This man is a true Israelite. There is no guile in him." "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked him. "Before Philip called you," Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree." "Rabbi," said Nathanael, "you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel." Jesus responded: "Do you believe just because I told you I saw you under the fig tree? You will see much greater things than that." He went on to tell them, "I solemnly assure you, you shall see the sky opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

Instead of 'It is truly right': In you,* Lady full of grace,* all creation rejoices,* the world of angels* and the human race.* Sanctified temple, spiritual paradise,* boast of virgins,* God* took flesh from you* and became a child,* He was God* before* the ages.* He made your womb* a throne* and made it* more encompassing* than the heavens.* In you,* Lady full of grace,* all creation rejoices,* glory be to you.

Communion Hymn: Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest.
Exult, you just, in the Lord; praise from the upright is fitting.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!