

Tone 6 Troparion (Resurrection)

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb;
the guards became as dead men.
Mary stood by Thy grave,
seeking Thy most pure body.
Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it.
Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life.
O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, //
glory to Thee.

Tone 3 Troparion (St. Matthew)

From the tax desk you eagerly followed the call of Christ the master,
Who of His goodness, revealed Himself on earth to man.
You appear as a chosen apostle & eloquent proclaimer of the Gospel
to the universe!
Wherefore, we revere your honorable memory, O Divinely speaking
Matthew //
Pray to the merciful God that He will grant remission of sins to our souls.

Glory... Now and Ever...

Tone 3 Kontakion (from the Lenten Triodion)

I have recklessly forgotten Thy glory, O Father;
and among sinners I have scattered the riches which Thou gavest me.
And now I cry to Thee as the Prodigal:
“I have sinned before Thee, O merciful Father;
receive me as a penitent, //
and make me as one of Thy hired servants!”

Food for Pantries

Our ministry focus this month is “ Food for Pantries.” As you may know, our local pantry in Green Bay and the pantry in Appleton could use extra help right now in keeping their shelves stocked. Let's bless them this month with an abundance of food that will help out our neighbors. Please bring in your non-perishable food items and leave them in Herrick Hall. Don't forget to check the expiration dates! Thank you for your support!

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Sunday of the Prodigal Son

39th Sunday After Pentecost

1 Corinthians 6:12-20 (Epistle)

Brethren: all things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. Foods for the stomach and the stomach for foods, but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not! Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For “the two,” He says, “shall become one flesh.” But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him. Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

Luke 15:11-32 (Gospel)

The Lord spoke this parable: "A certain man had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.' So he divided to them his livelihood. And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants."' And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry. Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.' But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him. So he answered and said to his father, 'Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.'"

SMOC News and Events Schedule

- **Adult Education** meets every Wednesday after Daily Vespers at **6:00 pm. Tuesday Bible Study** is on hiatus and will resume in the spring.
- **Zoom Book Club** meets every **Thursday evening from 7:00 - 8:00 pm**, concluding on **March 7th**.
- **Sunday School** is every Sunday unless otherwise noted. **The High School Group** meets on Sundays when there is no Typika in Waupaca.
- **Hygiene Drive donation box from February 11 - March 3:** The 2024 Help for the Homeless Hygiene drive is Feb. 11 – Mar. 3. This is a drive we participate in annually along with 900+ other regional organizations. Items that can be dropped off in **the donation box** set up at our church include all types of hygiene items and home cleaning supplies; **anything that people would use to keep themselves and their homes clean**.
- **40 Days for Life, February 14 to March 24:** **From February 14 through March 24**, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to walk and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood 2605 S Oneida St in Ashwaubenon and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. **Our parish's assigned time slot, as usual, is every Tuesday from 8:00 am to 9:00 am, during these 40 days.** If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: Angelica Pfitzinger 662-664-4127 amjpfitz@gmail.com.
- **Catechumens' Classes:** In January every year, we begin a cycle of catechumens' classes for those who are planning on joining the Orthodox Church in the coming year. The next classes will be **Sunday, March 3** and **Sunday, April 7, from 12:00 - 2:30 pm**.
- **Parish Council** will be meeting via Zoom on **Tuesday, March 12 at 6:00 pm**. If you would like to attend as a guest, please let President, Paul Novak, know at paulnovak11@gmail.com
- **Service at St. Macrina Chapel in Waupaca:** Divine Liturgy will be held on **Saturday, March 16**, with hours at 9:10 am and Divine Liturgy at 9:30 am at **St. Macrina Chapel in Waupaca**.

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Liturgical Schedule – March 2024

Sunday, March 3, 8:30 Matins, 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy (Prodigal Son Sunday)

Wednesday, March 6, 6:00 PM Daily Vespers

Friday, March 8, 6:00 PM General Memorial Service (“Soul Saturday”)

Saturday, March 9, 5:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, March 10, 8:30 Matins, 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy (Last Judgment Sunday)

Wednesday, March 13, 6:00 PM Daily Vespers

Saturday, March 16, 9:10 Hours, 9:30 Divine Liturgy (***at St. Macrina Chapel, Waupaca***)

Saturday, March 16, 5:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, March 17, 8:30 Matins, 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy & Forgiveness Vespers (Forgiveness Sunday)

Monday, March 18, 11:30 AM Lenten Hours; 6:00 PM Great Canon

Tuesday, March 19, 11:30 AM Lenten Hours; 6:00 PM Great Canon

Wednesday, March 20, 11:30 AM Lenten Hours; 6:00 PM Presanctified Liturgy

Thursday, March 21, 11:30 AM Lenten Hours; 6:00 PM Great Canon

Friday, March 22, 11:30 AM Lenten Hours

Saturday, March 23, 5:00 PM Great Vespers

Saturday, March 23, 6:00 PM Great Vespers (***at St. Macrina Chapel, Waupaca***)

Sunday, March 24, 8:30 Matins, 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy (Sunday of Orthodoxy)

Sunday, March 24, 9:30 Hours, 9:50 Typika (***at St. Macrina Chapel, Waupaca***)

Sunday, March 24, 6:00 PM Great Vespers (The Annunciation)

Monday, March 25, 9:10 Hours, 9:30 Divine Liturgy (The Annunciation)

Wednesday, March 27, 6:00 PM Presanctified Liturgy

Saturday, March 30, 5:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, March 31, 8:30 Matins, 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy (Gregory Palamas Sunday)