

**Tone 8 Troparion** (*Resurrection*)  
Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One!  
Thou didst endure the three-day burial  
to free us from our sufferings!//  
O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

**Tone 1 Troparion** (*St. John Climacus*)  
O dweller of the wilderness and angel in the body,  
thou wast a wonderworker, O our God-bearing Father John.  
Thou didst receive heavenly gifts through fasting, vigil, and prayer,  
healing the sick and the souls of those drawn to thee by faith.  
Glory to Him Who gave thee strength!  
Glory to Him Who granted thee a ^crown!//  
Glory to Him Who grants healing to all!

**Glorify... 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.

**Now and Ever... Tone 4 Kontakion** (*St. John Climacus*)  
The Lord truly set thee on the heights of abstinence,  
to be a guiding star, showing the way to the universe,//  
O our father and teacher John.

**Church Cleaner**  
**Julian—week of 3/22 for 3/29**

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### Hebrews 6:13–20 (Epistle)

Brethren, for when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, saying, “Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you.” And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute. Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us. This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

### Mark 9:17–31 (Gospel)

At that time, one of the crowd said to Jesus: “Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit. And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not.” He answered him and said, “O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me.” Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth. So He asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood. And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” Jesus said to him, “If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.” →

### **Mark 9:17–31, cont'd**

Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it: "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!" Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" So He said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting." Then they departed from there and passed through Galilee, and He did not want anyone to know it. For He taught His disciples and said to them, "The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And after He is killed, He will rise the third day."

### **SMOC News and Events**

- Today, after the Divine Liturgy, Lydia from St. John's Shelters will give us a presentation on the work that the shelters do.
- The next St. John's Men's Shelter Meal is on Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. We will be cooking on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> and serving that Tuesday. The signup sheet is out now!
- If you would like to read scripture by the Tomb of Christ between services on Holy Friday and Holy Saturday, please see the signup sheet outside Fr John's office.
- 20 people will be received into the Orthodox Church on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>! Then, another 14 people are being received on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>! We look forward to celebrating with them!
- A custom in the Orthodox Church is to read the Gospel reading at the Agape Vespers service on Pascha (Sunday afternoon at 3 pm) in as many languages as possible, in order to proclaim the resurrected Christ to the world. There is also a signup sheet outside of Fr John's office if you have such a competency!
- From now until March 31<sup>st</sup>, please consider donating baby items for A&A Alexandrina Pregnancy Center.

### **Liturgical Schedule**

#### **St. Matthew Orthodox Church, Green Bay**

♦ Please see full liturgical schedule online at [www.smocgb.com](http://www.smocgb.com)

Wednesday, March 25, 6:00 PM—Vesperal Divine Liturgy  
(The Annunciation)

Saturday, March 28, 9:30 AM—Chrismations & Baptisms

Saturday, March 28, 5:00 PM—Great Vespers

Sunday, March 29, 8:30 AM—Matins; 9:30 AM—Divine Liturgy  
(Sunday of Mary of Egypt)

Wednesday, April 1, 6:00 PM—Presanctified Liturgy

Saturday, April 4, 9:00 AM—Reception of Converts; 9:30 AM—  
Divine Liturgy (Lazarus Saturday)

Saturday, April 4, 5:00 PM—Great Vespers (Palm Sunday)

Sunday, April 5, 8:30 AM—Matins; 9:30 AM—Divine Liturgy  
(Palm Sunday)

Holy Monday, April 6, 6:00 PM—Matins (Bridegroom Service)

Holy Tuesday, April 7, 6:00 PM—Matins (Bridegroom Service)

Holy Wednesday, April 8, 6:00 PM—Matins (The Last Supper)

Holy Thursday, April 9, 9:30 AM—Vesperal Liturgy  
(The Last Supper)

### **St. Macrina Chapel, Waupaca**

#### **(All services in Waupaca)**

Palm Sunday, April 5, 6:00 PM—Matins (Bridegroom Service)

Holy Wednesday, April 8, 6:00 PM—Matins (The Last Supper)

Holy Thursday, April 9, 6:00 PM—Matins  
(The 12 Passion Gospels)

### **Ministry Team:**

In March, please consider purchasing items for the Orthodox Christians for Life item drive. Your donation will benefit A&A Alexandrina, a crisis pregnancy center in Green Bay.