

Tone 1 Troparion (*Resurrection*)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews,
while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body,
Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior,
granting life to the world.

The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life:

“Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ!

Glory to Thy Kingdom!//

Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind!”

Tone 8 Troparion (*St. Mary of Egypt*)

The image of God was truly preserved in thee, O Mother,
for thou didst take up the Cross and follow Christ.

By so doing, thou taughtest us to disregard the flesh for it passes
away;

but to care instead for the soul, for it is immortal.//

Therefore thy spirit, O holy Mother Mary, rejoices with the angels.

Glory... 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 3 Kontakion (*St. Mary of Egypt*)

Having been a sinful woman,
thou becamest through repentance a bride of Christ.

Having attained angelic life,

thou didst defeat demons with the weapon of the Cross.//

Therefore, O most glorious Mary, thou art a bride of the Kingdom.

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Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

Hebrews 9:11–14 (Epistle)

Brethren, Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Mark 10:32–45 (Gospel)

At that time, they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going before them; and they were amazed. And as they followed they were afraid. Then He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them the things that would happen to Him: “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles; and they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit on Him, and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again.” Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, “Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask.” And He said to them, “What do you want Me to do for you?” They said to Him, “Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory.” But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” They said to Him, “We are able.” So Jesus said to them, “You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized;

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Mark 10:32–45, cont'd

but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared.” And when the ten heard it, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John. But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

SMOC News and Events

- Please remember that, after the announcements following the Divine Liturgy, Post-Communion prayers are being read. Conversations should wait until exiting the Nave. Thank you for doing your part to respect our church, and those praying!
- There will be choir practice today and next Sunday. If you plan to sing for Holy Week and Pascha, please plan to attend!
- The next St. John's Men's Shelter Meal is on Tuesday, March 31st. We will be cooking today and serving on Tuesday.
- If you would like to read scripture by the Tomb of Christ between services on Holy Friday and Holy Saturday, please see the sign-up sheet outside Fr John's office.
- 20 people were received into the Orthodox Church yesterday. Another 14 people will be received next Saturday, April 4th! 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!

Liturgical Schedule

St. Matthew Orthodox Church, Green Bay

♦ Please see full liturgical schedule online at www.smocgb.com

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—Vespersal Liturgy (The Last Supper)

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

Holy Friday, April 10, 3:30 PM—Vespers (The Removal from the Cross)

Holy Friday, April 10, 6:00 PM—Matins (The Burial of Christ)

Holy Saturday, April 11, 9:30 AM—Vespersal Divine Liturgy

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.