

**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/Martyr Arethas and 4299 Martyrs with him (523 AD)**

**Troparion (TONE 1) - 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 of mankind!”

**Troparion (TONE 3) – 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 and 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.

**Troparion (TONE 1) Martyrs**

Through the sufferings which Thy holy martyrs Arthas and his companions

Endured for Thy sake, O Lord,

We beseech Thee, O Lover of Mankind,//

Heal all of our infirmities.

**Glory...Kontakion (TONE 1) - Resurrection**

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory,  
raising the world with Thyself.

Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished.

Adam exults, O Master!

Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee://

“Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

**Now and Ever...(TONE 6) – Theotokion**

Steadfast Protectress of Christians,

Constant Advocate before the Creator,

Do not despise the cries of us sinners,

But in your goodness come speedily to help us who call on you in faith.

Hasten to hear our petitions and to intercede for us, O Theotokos,//

For you always protect those who honor you.

**Coffee Hour reminder.** Our potluck social gathering is dependent on us bringing a dish of food, cookies, fruit, baked goods etc. for us to all share. Thank you for all of those that do contribute and help with cleaning up at our weekly gathering.

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**2 Corinthians 9:6-11 (Epistle)**

But this I say: “He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.” So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written: “He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever.” Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.

**Luke 16:19-31 (Gospel)**

There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. Then he cried and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.’ But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.’ Then he said, ‘I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father’s house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.’ Abraham said to him, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.’ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ But he said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.’”

### SMOC Event Schedule

- **Book Study / Bible Study** is meeting **every Tuesday at 10:30 am**.
- **Adult Education class** is meeting every **Wednesday** after Daily Vespers at **6:00 pm**.
- **Iconography installation starts October 27**. Dmitry Shkolnik, our Iconographer, will be here October 27, and his current plans have him leaving on November 4, giving him nine days to complete his work. While this is good news and earlier than the original December timeframe, all payments for those that **sponsored a Saint still remain the same and are due in December**. We are still accepting donations of any size for this project. Thank you for supporting this next phase of the beautification of St. Matthew.
- The **Upper Room Group** will be meeting at the **fire pit** on **Saturday, Oct 30** after Great Vespers. See Will Morgan for more information.
- **Adult Choir practice** will be next **Sunday, October 31**.
- **Saint Matthew Dinner is Sunday, November 14**. Planning is under way for this annual event. Please contact this year's coordinators, Dorothy Olson and Lisa Ocokoljich with any questions.

### October Ministry Team

Our Ministry Team Focus is three fold. We strive to support locally, nationally and internationally. We also involve our Sunday School kids when we can. Here's an opportunity for you to be part of ministering to others this month. Our focus this month is on encouraging the OCMC missionaries in Guatemala by sending them a monetary gift. Just imagine if everyone gave just \$10.00 this month! A tax deductible check or cash may be given to Tom Julian, Treasurer. Thank you!

#### **Other news:**

We have recently become affiliated with OCL (Orthodox Christians for Life). OCL is a non-profit organization dedicated to equipping the Orthodox community to strengthen its commitment to the sacredness of human life from conception to death, illuminating the church's teaching on life issues through education and engagement. OCL asks us to support 40 Days for Life, to support a local pregnancy crisis center and provide educational opportunities for our parish. See Svetlana, Fr. John or Mary for more information.

The 40 Days for Life is currently under way. 40 Days is dedicated to peacefully supporting moms, dads and families in crisis pregnancy situations. It also supports post abortive parents. This is a peaceful, loving way to take a stand against abortion, to offer alternatives and support to hurting people. You can make a difference. If you have a little time and would like information on how to get involved, please ask Nana, Melissa or Mary.

### Service Schedule

Wednesday, October 27, 6:00 PM - Daily Vespers  
Saturday, October 30, 5:00 PM - Great Vespers  
Sunday, October 31, 8:30 AM Matins, 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy  
(St. John of Chicago)  
Wednesday, November 3, 6:00 PM Daily Vespers  
Saturday, November 6, 5:00 PM Great Vespers  
Sunday, November 7, 9:10 Hours, 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy  
Monday, November 8, 8:30 Matins, 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy (Holy Archangels)  
  
Wednesday, November 10, 6:00 PM Daily Vespers  
Saturday, November 13, 5:00 PM Great Vespers  
Sunday, November 14, 8:30 AM Matins, 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy  
**(Saint Matthew celebration)**  
Tuesday, November 16, 9:10 Hours, 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy (Saint Matthew feast day)  
  
Wednesday, November 17, 6:00 PM Daily Vespers  
Saturday, November 20, 5:00 PM Festal Vigil (Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple)  
Sunday, November 21, 9:10 Hours, 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy  
(Entrance of the Theotokos)  
Wednesday, November 24, No Daily Vespers (Thanksgiving Holiday - Fr. John out of town)  
  
Saturday, November 27 5:00 PM Great Vespers  
Sunday, November 28, 8:30 AM Matins, 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

**Children Upstairs:** Please note that children are not to go upstairs at church unless they are accompanied by their parents or Sunday School teachers. We want to make sure that we are keeping a safe environment for everyone here at the parish.

### Sojourn of Israel Class

1st and 3rd Sunday's at 6:00 pm with Pedro Sarsama via Zoom. Here's the link: <https://bit.ly/3xOEx1B> Everyone is welcome!

### **Church Cleaner.....**

**Odman** - Week of October 24, for Sunday, October 31