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Tone 5 Troparion (Resurrection)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,
co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,
born for our salvation from the Virgin;
for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,
to endure death,
and to raise the dead//
by His glorious Resurrection.

Tone 4 Troparion (Entrance of the Theotokos)

Today is the prelude of the good will of God,
of the preaching of the salvation of mankind.
The Virgin appears in the Temple of God,
in anticipation proclaiming Christ to all.
Let us rejoice and sing to her:
“Rejoice, O Fulfillment//
of the Creator’s dispensation!”

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 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.

Glorify... Tone 5 Kontakion (Resurrection)

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior,
shattering its gates as Almighty,
resurrecting the dead as Creator,
and destroying the sting of death.
Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man,//
and we cry to Thee: “O Lord, save us!”

Now and Ever... Tone 4 Kontakion (Entrance of the Theotokos)

The most pure Temple of the Savior;
the precious Chamber and Virgin;
the sacred Treasure of the glory of God,
is presented today to the house of the Lord.
She brings with her the grace of the Spirit,
therefore, the angels of God praise her://
“Truly this woman is the abode of Heaven!”

Hebrews 9:1-7 (Epistle, Theotokos)

Brethren, even the first covenant had ordinances of divine service and the earthly sanctuary. For a tabernacle was prepared: the first part, in which was the lampstand, the table, and the showbread, which is called the sanctuary; and behind the second veil, the part of the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of All, which had the golden censer and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which were the golden pot that had the manna, Aaron’s rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant; and above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. Now when these things had been thus prepared, the priests always went into the first part of the tabernacle, performing the services. But into the second part the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people’s sins committed in ignorance

Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28 (Gospel, Theotokos)

At that time, Jesus entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus’ feet and heard His word. But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, “Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me.” And Jesus answered and said to her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her.” And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, “Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which nursed You!” But He said, “More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

SMOC Event Schedule

- **Fr. John out of town November 22-26:** Fr. John and family will be on vacation from November 22-26 in Pennsylvania. If an emergency arises, please still call/text/email him.
- **No Adult Education or Wednesday Vespers the Week of Nov 22:** Due to Fr. John being out of town, there will be no Adult Education on Tuesday 11/23, or Vespers and Adult Education on Wednesday 11/24.
- **Adult Choir** practice will be **Sunday, November 28.**
- **Movie Night on December 2 at 7:00 pm:** On December 2, the "Upper Room" teens and young adults group will be meeting to watch the film "Chariots of Fire" at 7:00 pm. Any other interested adults and older kids in the parish are welcome to come as well.
- **Men's Group on December 11:** All of the men of the parish (including inquirers and catechumens!) are invited to meet in Herrick hall for lunch and some discussion on Saturday, December 11. More details to come. Please ask Fr. John or Chuck if you have any questions.

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of the 39th Annual St. Matthew Dinner. The food and fellowship were absolutely wonderful. Special thanks to this year's coordinators, Dorothy Olson and Lisa Ockoljich! It was an awesome celebration and we are so grateful for everyone's help with set-up and clean-up.

Church Cleaner.....

Pitkevich - Week of November 21, for Sunday, November 28



Happy
Thanksgiving

Service Schedule

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

Sojourn of Israel Class

The Sojourn of Israel will continue to meet via Zoom 11/21 and 12/5 at 6:00 pm before taking a winter break using the link on the parish website. In our remaining time, we will wrap up the Books of the Kingdoms and discuss the books of Ezra and Nehemiah. Attendance at prior sessions is never necessary to join any given session. We continue to use the same Zoom link <https://bit.ly/3xOEx1B> which you can also find on the parish website.

November Ministry Team

Our focus this month is Food for Pantries. Over the years we have been supporting two pantries, St. Joseph's in the Fox Valley and Paul's Pantry in Green Bay. We alternate between the two. Let's bless them again this month with an abundance of non-perishable food that will help out our neighbors. Please bring your donations and leave them in Herrick Hall. Thanks to Zdrade's and Odman's for faithfully making deliveries for us. There is an interesting piece called: "List of things learned at a food bank and posted in a few places." You will find it at the Ministry Table. Good things to know.

This is a busy time coming up: Adopt a Family is coming, OCL is getting organized, and we're looking for ways to support the A&A Alexandrina Crisis Pregnancy Center.

Thank you for your faithful support.

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