

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 4 Troparion (St. Stephen the New)

Trained in asceticism on the mountain,
with the weapon of the Cross thou didst destroy the spiritual assaults
of the hostile powers, O all-blessed one.

Again thou didst bravely prepare for combat
and didst slay Coprónymus with the sword of faith; //
for both struggles thou hast been crowned by God, monk-martyr
Stephen of eternal memory.

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.

Glory... Tone 6 Kontakion (Resurrection)

When Christ God, the Giver of Life,
raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand,
He bestowed resurrection on the human race.//
He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

Now and Ever... Tone 6 Theotokion

Steadfast Protectress of Christians
Constant advocate before the Creator
Do not despise the cry of us sinners,
But in your goodness come speedily to help us who call on you in faith
Hasten to hear our petition and to intercede for us O Theotokos//
For you always protect those who honor you.

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Ephesians 2:4-10 (Epistle)

Brethren, God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Luke 13:10-17 (Gospel)

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, "There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day." The Lord then answered him and said, "Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it? So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound – think of it – for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?" And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.

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.
- **Adult Choir Practice** will be today, **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.
- **Speaker at Coffee Hour on December 5:** At 11:45 on Sunday, December 5, a representative of Alexandrina Pregnancy Resource Center in Green Bay (<https://greenbaypregnancyhelp.com/>) will visit our coffee hour to give a brief presentation on the work that they do. Our parish's Ministry Team will be supporting this Pro-Life pregnancy resource center through donations of needed items this December.
- **Adult Choir Practices in December:** Sunday, **December 5** and Sunday, **December 19.**
- **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.
- **Church Christmas Tree and Carol Sing:** Children are invited to decorate our Church Xmas tree on **Dec. 24 at 2:30 pm.** This will be followed by a Carol Sing in Herrick Hall at 3:00. Everyone is invited to attend and sing!
- **Sunday School Singing:** Sunday, December 26.

December Ministry Team Focus

Our focus this month is supporting House of Hope and the A&A Alexandrina Crisis Pregnancy Center. These two programs support homeless moms and mothers who are finding themselves in a crisis pregnancy situation. House of Hope cares for and supports young homeless moms by providing a safe, structured place to live. A&A supports women, men and their children with support in a time of a crisis pregnancy.. A&A provides pregnancy testing and free ultra sounds. Both organizations provide counseling, support with material goods and referrals to other local agencies.

Help us support them this month by filling the laundry baskets with items from their wish lists. (The list of suggested items will be on the Ministry Team table in Herrick Hall.) Thank you for your faithful support as we continue to reach out to the vulnerable in our community.

Service Schedule

Wednesday, December 1, 6:00 PM Daily Vespers
Saturday, December 4, 5:00 PM Great Vespers
Sunday, December 5, 9:10 Hours, 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy
Wednesday, December 8, 6:00 PM Daily Vespers
Saturday, December 11, 5:00 PM Great Vespers
Sunday, December 12, 8:30 AM Matins, 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy
Monday, December 13, 9:10 Hours, 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy (Saint Herman)

Wednesday, December 15, 6:00 PM Daily Vespers
Saturday, December 18, 5:00 PM Great Vespers
Sunday, December 19, 9:10 Hours, 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy
Wednesday, December 22, 6:00 PM Daily Vespers
Friday, December 24, 8:45 AM Vespers Liturgy (Christmas Eve)
Friday, December 24, 4:15 PM Vigil (Christmas Eve)
Saturday, December 25, 9:10 AM Hours, 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy (The Nativity of our Lord)
Sunday, December 26, 9:10 AM Hours, 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy
Wednesday, December 29, 6:00 PM Daily Vespers

Sojourn of Israel Class

The Sojourn of Israel will meet via Zoom Sunday, December 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.

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.

Church Cleaner.....

Zdrale - Week of November 28, for Sunday, December 5