

Acts 5:12-20 (Epistle)

In those days, through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed. Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation, and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, "Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life."

Tone 7 Troparion (Pentecostarion – Thomas Sunday)

From the sealed tomb, Thou didst shine forth, O Life!
Through closed doors Thou didst come to Thy Disciples, O Christ God.
Renew in us through them an upright spirit,//
by the greatness of Thy mercy, O Resurrection of all!

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... Now and Ever... Tone 8 Kontakion (Pentecostarion – Thomas Sunday)

Thomas touched Thy life-giving side with an eager hand, O Christ God,
when Thou camest to Thine Apostles through closed doors.//
He cried out with all: "Thou art my Lord and my God!"

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John 20:19-31 (Gospel)

The same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

SMOC News and 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**.
- **Sunday School** will be on **Sunday's May 8, May 15, and May 29**.
- **Adult Choir Practice** will be on **Sunday's May 15 and May 29**.
- **Sunday School Singing** will be on **Sunday, May 22**.
- **Father John's ordination anniversary** date was **Sunday, April 24**. Because it fell on Pascha, we will celebrate with a cake at coffee hour today, **Sunday, May 1**.
- **Kids' Movie Night:** On **Thursday, May 5 at 5:00 pm**, there will be a movie night for the kids at St. Matthew's. We will have dinner, an educational activity, and then a movie to follow. This will be geared toward kids 12 and under, but older kids are also welcome to come.
- The Wisconsin Ukrainians - Ukraine Humanitarian Relief organization will be holding a **Bake Sale Fundraiser on Saturday, May 14 from 10:00am to 2:00pm at St. Matthew Orthodox Church**. If you wish to donate baked goods, please bring them to the church the day before or before 9:30 am on Saturday, May 14. If you have any questions, would like to donate baked goods or help during the sale, please text Svitlana at 920-562-9347 or Oksana at 920-264-4543. All proceeds will go to **Wisconsin Ukrainians - Ukraine Humanitarian Relief**.
- **Vacation Church School 2022:** Vacation Church School will return this summer! More information for parents, children, and volunteers will follow soon. For now, here are the dates for the two 2-day sessions:
 - Thursday, June 16 & Friday, June 17
 - Monday, July 25 & Tuesday, July 26
- **Ukraine Donations:** If you would like to give, please visit WisconsinUkrainians.org. If you would like to help process and box donations, please speak to Svitlana Mykhaylyuk.
- **\$11,545 dollars** has been raised for the replacement of the exterior wood siding on our building. This leaves \$18,455 still needed to meet our goal of **\$30,000**. We hope to start work on the siding this August! Please note on your check **Siding Project** when you make your

We continue to pray for peace in the Ukraine.
May our Lord grant peace to the world
and may we all repent from violence.

Service Schedule

Wednesday, May 4, 6:00 PM Daily Vespers
Saturday, May 7, 5:00 PM Great Vespers
Sunday, May 8, 8:30 AM Matins, 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy (Myrrhbearers)
Wednesday, May 11, 6:00 PM Daily Vespers
Saturday, May 14, 5:00 PM Great Vespers
Sunday, May 15, 9:10 Hours, 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy (Paralytic)
Wednesday, May 18, 6:00 PM Daily Vespers
Saturday, May 21, 5:00 PM Great Vespers
Sunday, May 22, 8:30 AM Matins, 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy (Samaritan Woman)
Wednesday, May 25, 6:00 PM Daily Vespers
Saturday, May 28, 5:00 PM Great Vespers
Sunday, May 29, 9:10 Hours, 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy (Blind Man)
Wednesday, June 1, 6:00 PM Vigil (Ascension)
Thursday, June 2, 9:10 Hours, 9:30 AM Liturgy (Ascension)

May Ministry Team Focus

This month we are asking you to participate in an act of benevolence. Please consider an act of kindness and give a generous gift to our Benevolence fund. Your benevolent act of kindness will stay right here in our parish family and/ or community. Cash or a check, made out to St. Matthew with "Benevolence Fund" noted, will be greatly appreciated. Your donations may go to Tom Julian, our treasurer.

Thank you!

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 set up and clean up at our weekly gathering. Everyone is welcome!!

Church Cleaner.....
Bisbee - week of 5/1/22 for 5/8