

Parish Council Meeting Highlights:

The Parish Council met via Zoom on **Tuesday, May 10**. Here are a few highlights:

- ✦ A quarterly informational meeting to discuss updates, etc., will be held in Herrick Hall on **Sunday, July 24** following coffee hour.
- ✦ Dates for the church picnic and annual baseball game at the Timber Rattler Stadium are TBD.
- ✦ Will ask for donations to help off-set costs for Vacation Church School.
- ✦ A new model for Sunday school for next fall was discussed.
- ✦ The next SMOC newsletter will be a Summer Edition and will include the months of June, July, and August.

The next PC meeting will be Tuesday, June 14 at 6:00 pm via Zoom.

Tone 3 Troparion (*Resurrection*)

Let the heavens rejoice!

Let the earth be glad!

For the Lord has shown strength with His arm.

He has trampled down death by death.

He has become the first born of the dead.

He has delivered us from the depths of hell,

and has granted to the world//

great mercy.

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 3 Kontakion (*Pentecostarion*)

By Thy divine intercession, O Lord,

as Thou didst raise up the Paralytic of old,

so raise up my soul, paralyzed by sins and thoughtless acts;

so that being saved I may sing to Thee://

“Glory to Thy power, O compassionate Christ!”

Now and Ever... Tone 8 Kontakion (*Pascha*)

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal,

Thou didst destroy the power of death.

In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God,

proclaiming, “Rejoice!” to the Myrrhbearing Women,//

granting peace to Thine Apostles, and bestowing Resurrection on the fallen.

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Fourth Sunday of Pascha

John 5:1-15 (Gospel)

At that time, there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had. Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, “Do you want to be made well?” The sick man answered Him, “Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me.” Jesus said to him, “Rise, take up your bed and walk.” And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath. The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, “It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed.” He answered them, “He who made me well said to me, ‘Take up your bed and walk.’” Then they asked him, “Who is the Man who said to you, ‘Take up your bed and walk’?” But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in that place. Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, “See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you.” The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

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**.
- **Wedding of Clint (Nicholas) Squires and Jennifer (Emilia) Kirkland:** Clint and Jennifer will married **today, Sunday May 15 at 3:00 pm** here at St. Matthew's. Many years!
- **Sunday School** will be today, **Sunday, May 15**, and again on **Sunday, May 29**.
- **Adult Choir Practice** will be today, **Sunday May 15** and again on **Sunday, May 29**.
- **Sunday School Singing** will be on **Sunday, May 22**.
- **Vacation Church School 2022:** Vacation Church School will return this summer! **Please see the insert in today's bulletin!** 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 have questions, please speak to Svitlana Mykhaylyuk.
- **\$13,915** has been raised for the replacement of the exterior wood siding on our building. **This leaves \$16,085 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 donation. More information is on the Herrick Hall bulletin board.

We continue to pray for peace in Ukraine.

May our Lord grant peace to the world
and may we all repent from violence.

Church Cleaner.....

Enck - week of 5/15/22 for 5/22

Service Schedule

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)

Acts 9:32-42 (Epistle)

In those days, it came to pass, as Peter went through all parts of the country, that he also came down to the saints who dwelt in Lydda. There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus the Christ heals you. Arise and make your bed." Then he arose immediately. So all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord. At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did. But it happened in those days that she became sick and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. And since Lydda was near Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him, imploring him not to delay in coming to them. Then Peter arose and went with them. When he had come, they brought him to the upper room. And all the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them. But Peter put them all out, and knelt down and prayed. And turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. Then he gave her his hand and lifted her up; and when he had called the saints and widows, he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed on the Lord.

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!

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL 2022 @ ST. MATTHEW'S!

Vacation Church School for children ages 5 – 15 is returning this summer in two 2-day sessions in June and July.

Dates:

- * Session 1: Thursday, June 16 & Friday, June 17
- * Session 2: Monday, July 25 & Tuesday, July 26

Schedule:

- * The daily schedule will be from 9:10 AM to 3:00 PM each day.
- * For those dropping off and picking up their children, the earliest that children may be dropped off will be 8:40 AM, and the latest they may be picked up will be 3:30 PM
- * The daily activities will consist of learning about the lives of saints, doing Christian crafts, talks with the priest, some singing, and outdoor games and activities.
- * On Tuesday, July 26, there will be Divine Liturgy with a children's sermon
- * There will be lunch at 11 and an afternoon snack at 1:30 provided by the program.
- * Children may attend 1, 2, 3, or all 4 days.

Children:

- * The activities will be geared toward children ages 5-15. At times, the children will split into two age groups for differentiated activities. Children will be supervised by at least two adults with child clearances at all times according to Orthodox Church in America policy.
- * Teens over 15 are welcome to attend as well as helpers with the younger children.
- * Children 4 and under are welcome to attend as long as their parents are able to remain present throughout the day.

REGISTRATION: Registration is now open! Please send the following information to Fr. John by **June 6 for Session 1** and by **July 15 for Session 2** at frjohnthetford@gmail.com if you have children who will be attending:

1. Names and ages of children attending.
2. Which days they will attend.
3. Any food allergies or sensitivities your children may have.
4. Any other concerns or questions you may have.

VOLUNTEERS: Please let Fr. John know **by June 1 for Session 1** and by **July 10 for Session 2** if you want to volunteer. We will need volunteers to help with supervision, and also people to help with food preparation and clean up. Please be aware that those supervising children will need to do a background check according to OCA policy.

SUPPORT: There is no registration fee for children to attend Vacation Church School, so if any parishioners would like to make free-will donations to help cover the program's costs, consisting of the cost of the crafts and meals, that would be appreciated. **Please see Tom J.** if you want to give.

Thank you! We look forward to another successful VCS program this year!

