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Tone 4 Troparion (Resurrection)

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: "Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, // granting the world great mercy!"

Tone 4 Troparion (Feast)

Thy nativity, O Virgin, has proclaimed joy to the whole universe! The Sun of righteousness, Christ our God, has shone from thee, O Theotokos. By annulling the curse, He bestowed a blessing. // By destroying death, He has granted us eternal life.

Tone 8 Troparion (St. Theodora)

The image of God was truly preserved in thee, O Mother, for thou didst take up the Cross and follow Christ. By so doing, thou taughtest us to disregard the flesh for it passes away; but to care instead for the soul, for it is immortal. // Therefore thy spirit, venerable Theodora, rejoices with the angels.

Glory... Tone 4 Kontakion (Resurrection)

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master, // He has risen on the third day!

Now and Ever... Tone 4 Kontakion (Feast)

By thy nativity, O most pure Virgin, Joachim and Anna are freed from barrenness, Adam and Eve — from the corruption of death. And we, thy people, freed from the guilt of sin, celebrate and sing to thee: // "The barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos, the nourisher of our Life."

We continue to pray for peace in Ukraine

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

1 Corinthians 16:13-24 (Epistle)

Brethren, watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love. I urge you, brethren – you know the household of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints – that you also submit to such, and to everyone who works and labors with us. I am glad about the coming of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus, for what was lacking on your part they supplied. For they refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore acknowledge such men. The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you heartily in the Lord, with the church that is in their house. All the brethren greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. The salutation with my own hand – Paul's. If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. O Lord, come! The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Matthew 21:33-42 (Gospel)

The Lord spoke this parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit. And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them. Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.' So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?' They said to Him, "He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the LORD's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?"

SMOC News and Events 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**.
- **Ministry Team Meeting** will be today, **Sunday, September 11** following coffee hour.
- The next Parish Council meeting will be held via Zoom on **Tuesday, September 13** at **6:00 pm**. If you would like to attend as a guest, please let President, Paul Novak, know at paulnovak11@gmail.com
- **Sunday School** will begin on **Sunday, September 18** for children ages **5 - 14**. How this will work is that, as usual, children will go to **Communion first, along with the Sunday School teachers and assistants, and then children ages 5 - 14 will go into the church entry (by the candle stand) until the Sunday School teachers take them upstairs for their lessons**. Sunday School will take place most Sundays this fall. On occasional Sundays, there will be Sunday School singing. There will be **Sunday School Singing on September 25** instead of Sunday School. **When there is Sunday School Singing instead of regular class, children will go with Jeff from 12:00 - 12:30 instead of being dismissed at Communion**. Please ask Fr. John if you have any questions.
- **Adult Choir Practice** will be on **Sunday, September 18**.
- **Sister Bay Chapel Cleanup, Picnic, and Vespers** will be on **Saturday, September 24**. Our parish community will be gathering at **Holy Transfiguration Chapel, in Sister Bay, Door County, to clean up the chapel, have a picnic, and celebrate Vespers at 3 pm. There will be no Vespers at SMOC that Saturday**. Please stay tuned for further details regarding the cleanup and picnic.
- **Sunday School Singing** will be held on **Sunday, September 25**.
- **Fall Festival Gyro and Bake Sale** will be held on **Saturday, October 22**. Proceeds will be going to Indigenous Alaskan Clergy Endowment Fund.
- **Bishop Daniel's Visit** to St. Matthew will be **Saturday, November 19 and Sunday, November 20**. More details follow.
- The **39th St. Matthew Dinner** will be on **Sunday, November 20**.
- **Serving in the Altar**: We are very thankful to our crew of altar servers, and we always welcome others who would like to serve in the altar. Please reach out to Father John if you are interested in this ministry.

Church Cleaner.....
Julian - week of 9/11/22 for 9/18

Liturgical Schedule – September 2022

Wednesday, September 14, 8:30 AM Matins and 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy (Exaltation of the Cross)

Wednesday, September 14, 6:00 PM Daily Vespers

Saturday, September 17, 5:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, September 18, 8:30 AM Matins, 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, September 21, 6:00 PM Daily Vespers

Saturday, September 24, 3:00 PM Great Vespers at Holy Transfiguration Chapel, Sister Bay, Door County (NO service at St. Matthew's)

Sunday, September 25, 8:30 AM Matins, 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, September 28, 6:00 PM Daily Vespers

Greetings from Your Ministry Team!

This month of September, 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 gift will stay right here in our church family and/or our community. The Benevolence Fund enables us to help others with gas cards, food gift cards or for whatever else may be needed. A check made out to St. Matthew with "Benevolence Fund" noted or cash will be greatly appreciated. These may go to Tom Julian, the church treasurer. Thank you!

Starting on September 18, we will begin to **serve Matins every Sunday**. Matins is the early morning service of the Orthodox Church. On Sundays, the Matins service offers a great deal of reflection on the Resurrection. It is a great way to introduce the Liturgy, and also, is standardly done every Sunday in most Orthodox Churches around the world. So, beginning September 18, we will plan to have it every Sunday at 8:30 am before the Liturgy.

His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon has set the date for the **Enthronement of His Grace Bishop Daniel as Bishop of Chicago and the Midwest for Saturday, October 1, 2022**, the Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos. Services will be held at the historic Diocesan Cathedral, Holy Trinity Cathedral, Chicago, IL. The festivities will begin with the All Night Vigil for the feast on Friday, September 30, at 6:00 pm. The greeting of His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon will be at 9:00 am on Saturday, October 1, followed by the Hierarchical Liturgy, and the enthronement of His Grace Bishop Daniel. More information can be found at domoca.org.