

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 1 Troparion (Feast)

O Lord, save Thy people,
and bless Thine inheritance!
Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians
over their adversaries;
and by virtue of Thy Cross,//
preserve Thy habitation!

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 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 (Feast)

As Thou wast voluntarily raised upon the Cross for our sake,
grant mercy to those who are called by Thy Name, O Christ God;
make all Orthodox Christians glad by Thy power,
granting them victories over their adversaries//
by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, Thy weapon of peace!

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

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2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4 (Epistle)

Brethren, He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. Moreover, I call God as witness against my soul, that to spare you I came no more to Corinth. Not that we have dominion over your faith, but are fellow workers for your joy; for by faith you stand. But I determined this within myself, that I would not come again to you in sorrow. For if I make you sorrowful, then who is he who makes me glad but the one who is made sorrowful by me? And I wrote this very thing to you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow over those from whom I ought to have joy, having confidence in you all that my joy is the joy of you all. For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you, with many tears, not that you should be grieved, but that you might know the love which I have so abundantly for you.

Matthew 22:1-14 (Gospel)

The Lord spoke to them again by parables and said: "The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. Again, he sent out other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding."' But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them. But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.' So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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**.
- **Sunday School** will begin today, **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 today, **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** from **12:00 to 12:30**.
- **The Fall Festival, including a Gyro and Bake sale** will be held on **Saturday, October 22, from 10 AM to 4 PM**. The first \$1200 raised will go to the Diocese of Alaska to benefit Indigenous Alaskan Clergy. This year, we will also be including activities for families and children: **we will have pumpkin carving and painting from 1 PM to 3 PM, and will make s'mores at the fire pit at 3 PM**. So bring your families and friends for a great day!
- **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.

Liturgical Schedule – September 2022

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 today, 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.

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