

13th Sunday after Pentecost/Sunday after the Exaltation of the Cross
Afterfeast of the Exaltation of the Cross/Martyrs Trophimus,
Sabbatius, and Dorymedon of Synnada

Troparion (TONE 4) 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!”

Troparion (TONE 1) Cross

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!

Troparion (TONE 3) 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...Kontakion (TONE 4) 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...Kontakion (TONE 4) Cross

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!

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1 Corinthians 16:13-24 (Epistle)

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)

Hear another 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 Event Schedule

- Time change this week only!.....**Book Study / Bible Study** will meet **this Tuesday at 11:00 am (9.21.21)**.
- **Adult Education class** is meeting every **Wednesday** after Daily Vespers at **6:00 pm**.
- **Adult Choir practice** will be **today**.
- **Children's Choir practice** will be held next **Sunday, September 26**.
- **Parish Informational Meeting Today!** The Parish Council will hold an informational meeting **today** during coffee hour. This will allow PC to give updates to the Parish and an opportunity to reply to questions. All are welcome!
- Vespers and clean up at **Holy Transfiguration Chapel in Sister Bay** will be **Saturday, October 2**. Will gather at 11:00 to begin cleaning, with lunch at 12:30, and Vespers at 2:00. Hope to see you there!
- **Fall Festival returns!** Mark your calendars. **Saturday October 23** has been set for our annual Bake and Gyro sale. We need volunteers to help in numerous areas. More details to follow, but see Katherine Wieland about the bake sale and Paul Novak about the Gyro sale.
- **St. Matthew Dinner** will be held on **Sunday, November 14**. More details to follow.

Ministry Team

For the 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 will stay right here in our church family and/or our community. Cash or a check made out to St. Matthew with "Benevolence Fund" noted will be greatly appreciated. These may go to treasurer, Tom Julian.

Thank you!

Church Cleaner.....

Julian- Week of September 19, for Sunday, September 26

Service Schedule

Wednesday, September 22, 6:00 pm - Service of Blessing of Holy Water
Saturday, September 25, 5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sunday, September 26, 8:30 am Matins; 9:30 - Divine Liturgy (John the Theologian)
Wednesday, September 29, 6:00 pm - Daily Vespers

Sojourn of Israel Class via Zoom, 1st and 3rd Sunday's at 6:00 pm with Pedro Sarsama. Here's the link: <https://bit.ly/3xOEx1B>
Everyone is welcome!

Parish Council Meeting Highlights:

The Parish Council met via Zoom on Tuesday, 9.14.21 Here are a few highlights:

- ♦ Father John and Dr. Paul Holzman will be attending the Diocesan Assembly to be held on October 11th - 13th in Cleveland, OH. Father John will report back to the Parish his reflections of the Assembly during a coffee hour after their return.
- ♦ Discussed the SMOC Legacy Endowment Fund (savings account). Tom Julian, Treasurer, will present more information on this topic at the Informational Meeting on 9.19.21.
- ♦ Fire pit is installed! Four wooden stump seats are treated and ready for use. More seating will be needed. Possible future project for the youth.

The next PC meeting will be Tuesday, October 12 at 6:00 pm via Zoom.

Potluck Coffee Hour

As a reminder, all are welcome to come. Feel free to bring a favorite dish to share! Thank you to those that help clean up after.
"Many hands make light work."