

Tone 6 Troparion (Resurrection)

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb;
the guards became as dead men.
Mary stood by Thy grave,
seeking Thy most pure body.
Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it.
Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life.
O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, //
glory to Thee.

Tone 2 Troparion (Prophet Nahum)

We celebrate the memory
of Thy prophet Nahum, O Lord;
through him we beseech Thee://
“Save our souls!”

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 6 Kontakion (Resurrection)

When Christ God, the Giver of Life,
raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand,
He bestowed resurrection on the human race.//
He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

Now and Ever... Tone 4 Kontakion (Prophet Nahum)

Illumined by the Spirit, thy heart was a vessel of illustrious prophecy,
seeing far-off things as though they were present.//
Therefore, we venerate thee, glorious prophet Nahum.

**Church Cleaner.....
McGraw - week of 12/1 for 12/8/24**

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December 1, 2024

23rd Sunday After Pentecost

Ephesians 2:4-10 (Epistle)

Brethren, God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Luke 18:18-27 (Gospel)

At that time, a certain ruler asked Him, saying, “Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” So Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery,’ ‘Do not murder,’ ‘Do not steal,’ ‘Do not bear false witness,’ ‘Honor your father and your mother.’” And he said, “All these things I have kept from my youth.” So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, “You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich. And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, “How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” And those who heard it said, “Who then can be saved?” But He said, “The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.”

SMOC News and Events Schedule

- **Bible Study** is meeting every **Tuesday at 10:30 am**, in person and also on Zoom (see link in Saturday email).
- **Adult Education class** is meeting every **Wednesday** after Daily Vespers at **6:00 pm**.
- **Saturday, December 7, at 2:00 pm - Christmas Tree Decoration, Christmas Crafts, Hot Chocolate, and Caroling:** On Saturday, December 7, we will prepare the Church for the Nativity season, setting up our large Christmas Tree in the church nave, and the small tree in the church hall. All of the kids and families are especially invited! We will meet at 2:00 pm, to make some ornaments, to decorate the trees, sing some carols, and have some Hot Chocolate and snacks. **Vespers will then begin at 4:00 pm or a bit later, rather than the usual 5:00 pm.**
- **Parish Council** will be meeting via Zoom on **Tuesday, December 10 at 6:00 pm**. If you would like to attend as a guest, please let President, Paul Novak, know at **paulnovak11@gmail.com**
- **Catechism Classes** in preparation for Pascha 2025 will begin on **Sunday, December 15**. Class will be from 12:00 - 2:00 pm. The full schedule of classes is currently planned for: **December 15, January 12, February 9, March 16, March 30** (April 6 as snow makeup day if needed).
- **Choir Practice** will be held on **Sunday, December 16 and Sunday, December 22**. All those interested in singing with the choir are welcome to attend!
- On **Monday, December 18**, our parish is **sponsoring a meal at House of Hope, women and children shelter**, also here in Green Bay. There will be no in-person volunteering for this meal, as this shelter is high security, but **earmarked donations would be helpful** toward the catered meal our parish will be sponsoring. So please consider donating specifically for the meal for these women and their children in need.
- **Save the Dates!**
 - **Winter Book Club on Zoom:** Mark your calendars! We will begin our annual winter Zoom book club on **Thursday, January 2**. This year, we will be reading "The Orthodox Way." - **Some copies of the book available in the SMOC Bookstore now, more can be ordered! See the Saturday email for more details!**
 - **Big Room Makeover** will start on **Friday, Jan. 24** and continue on **Saturday, Jan. 25**. We will plan to clean, repair and prep for painting on Friday. On Saturday, we will paint and hopefully set up the room in its new configuration of Library and overflow seating for Herrick Hall. Can you help with this project? More details to follow.
 - **The Annual Meeting** will be held on **Sunday, February 2**, following Divine Liturgy. More Details to follow.

Liturgical Schedule

St. Matthew Orthodox Church, Green Bay

◆ Please see full Liturgical Schedule online at www.smocgb.com

Wednesday, December 4, 6:00 PM Daily Vespers

Saturday, December 7, **4:00 PM** Great Vespers (**Christmas Tree & Carols at 2:00 pm**)

Sunday, December 8, 8:30 AM Matins & 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, December 11, 6:00 PM Daily Vespers

Friday, December 13, **8:45 AM Akathist to Saint Herman of Alaska**

Saturday, December 14, 5:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, December 15, 8:30 AM Matins & 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Liturgical Schedule

St. Macrina Chapel, Waupaca

Saturday, December 7, 9:10 Hours & 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy
(**in Waupaca**)

Saturday, December 14, 6:00 PM Great Vespers (**in Waupaca**)

Sunday, December 15, 9:30 Hours & 9:50 AM Typica (**in Waupaca**)

Tuesday, December 24, 3:00 PM Nativity Vigil (**in Waupaca**)

Liturgical Schedule

Holy Transfiguration Chapel, Sister Bay

Next service will be in March - In Sister Bay

Keeping you in the Ministry Team Loop:

Our focus this month is supporting House of Hope and the A&A Alexandrina Crisis Pregnancy Center. These two programs support homeless moms and mothers who are finding themselves in a crisis pregnancy situation. House of Hope cares for and supports young homeless moms by providing a safe, structured place to live. A&A supports women, men and their children with support in a time of a crisis pregnancy. A&A provides pregnancy testing and free ultrasounds. Both organizations provide counseling, support with material goods and referrals to other local agencies.

Help us support them this month by filling the laundry basket with items from their wish lists. (The list of suggested items will be on the Ministry Team table in Herrick Hall.)

Thank you for your faithful support as we continue to reach out to the vulnerable in our community.