

**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 8 Troparion (St. Mary of Egypt)**

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, O holy Mother Mary, rejoices with the angels.

**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 & 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 3 Kontakion (St. Mary of Egypt)**

Having been a sinful woman,  
thou becamest through repentance a bride of Christ.  
Having attained angelic life,  
thou didst defeat demons with the weapon of the Cross.!!  
Therefore, O most glorious Mary, thou art a bride of the Kingdom.

**Church Cleaner.....**

**Becker - week of 4/21 for 4/28/24**

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5th Sunday of Great Lent: Remembrance of Mary of Egypt

**Hebrews 9:11-14 (Epistle)**

Brethren, Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

**Mark 10:32-45 (Gospel)**

At that time, they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going before them; and they were amazed. And as they followed they were afraid. Then He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them the things that would happen to Him: "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles; and they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit on Him, and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again." Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask." And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" They said to Him, "Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They said to Him, "We are able." So Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John. But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

## Liturgical Schedule

✦ Please see full Liturgical Schedule online at [www.smocgb.com](http://www.smocgb.com)

Wednesday, April 24, 6:00 PM Presanctified Gifts

Friday, April 26, 6:00 PM Great Vespers (Lazarus Saturday)

Lazarus Saturday, April 27, 9:00 AM Reception of Converts, 9:30 AM  
Divine Liturgy

Palm Saturday, April 27, 5:00 PM Great Vespers

Palm Sunday, April 28, 8:30 Matins, 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

*Palm Sunday, April 28, 6:00 pm - Matins (Bridegroom Service)  
(at St. Macrina Chapel, Waupaca)*

### Receptions by Chrismation on Lazarus Saturday

On the day we remember Jesus' raising of Lazarus, this coming **Saturday, April 27**, we will welcome 5 new people as members of the Orthodox Church through the rite of Chrismation: David and Emma N., Alejandro M., Isaac C., & Derek V. Glory to God!

### Donations for Pascha Flowers

Donations to help offset the cost of flowers that will adorn the Church on Pascha are now being accepted. Please note on your check or giving envelope that your donation is for "Flowers."



**Our Ministry focus for the month of April** 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 ultra sounds. 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. Thank you for your faithful support as we continue to reach out to the vulnerable in our community.

**A Special Parish Meeting to discuss the Herrick Hall roof will be held on Sunday, April 28th during coffee fellowship!**

At this meeting you will be informed about the roof replacement plan. In addition, a vote will be taken that will hopefully allow us to replace the roof sometime this summer. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

### SMOC News and Events Schedule

- **Book Study/Bible Study** meets every **Tuesday at 10:30 am**.
- **Sunday School** will be today, **Sunday, April 21**. The **High School Group** meets on Sundays when there is no Typika in Waupaca.
- Wednesday Night **Adult Education** is on hiatus until the second week of May due to the Lenten service schedule.
- **Choir Practice** will be **today, Sunday, April 21** and again on **Sunday, April 28**.
- **Vacation Church School** for children ages 5 - 15 will be **July 15, 16 & 17** and **July 29 & 30!** More info to come in May.

### Sign-up Sheet for Reading at the Tomb of Christ

There is a sign-up sheet at the candle stand for the continuous reading of Psalms (before Holy Saturday Liturgy) and the Acts of the Apostles (after Holy Saturday Liturgy) beside the Tomb of Christ on Holy Friday and Holy Saturday. Please sign up for one slot only at first so that others can get a chance to sign up. Also, please be assured that the building will be locked overnight for safety reasons, and that all participating will be given the side door's keypad code. The keypad was recently maintained so there should be no issues with the keypad.

### Confession

Lent is the time to come to confession! Ideally, we come to confession three or four times a year, but if not, we should confess at least once a year during Great Lent. We remember that we make confession not because God needs us to admit our sins, but because we need to come to terms with our internal spiritual state, so that we can leave sin behind and grow in our union with God in Christ.