

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 (*Sts. Constantine and Helen*)
Thy servant Constantine, O Lord and only Lover of man,
beheld the figure of the Cross in the heavens.
Like Paul, not having received his call from men,
but as an apostle among rulers set by Thy hand over the royal city,//
he preserved lasting peace through the prayers of the Theotokos.

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 3 Kontakion (*Sts. Constantine and Helen*)
Today Constantine and his mother Helen reveal the precious Cross,
the weapon of Orthodox Christians against their enemies,//
for it is manifest for us as a great and fearful sign in struggle.

Now and Ever... Tone 4 Kontakion (*Pentecostarion*)
I come to Thee, O Christ, blind from birth in my spiritual eyes,
and call to Thee in repentance://
"Thou art the most radiant Light of those in darkness."

Church Cleaner.....
Zdrale - week of 5/21/23 for 5/28

The kitchen is in need of Juice, Paper Plates, Dishcloths, and Towels. Thank you for your donations!



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Acts 16:16-34 (Epistle)

In those days, it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling. This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, "These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation." And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And he came out that very hour. But when her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to the authorities. And they brought them to the magistrates, and said, "These men, being Jews, exceedingly trouble our city; and they teach customs which are not lawful for us, being Romans, to receive or observe." Then the multitude rose up together against them; and the magistrates tore off their clothes and commanded them to be beaten with rods. And when they had laid many stripes on them, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely. Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed. And the keeper of the prison, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself. But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here."

Acts 16:16-34 (Epistle).....continued

Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized. Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household.

John 9:1-38 (Gospel)

At that time, as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. And He said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing. Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind said, "Is not this he who sat and begged?" Some said, "This is he." Others said, "He is like him." He said, "I am he." Therefore they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" He answered and said, "A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and I received sight." Then they said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know." They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees. Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Therefore some of the Pharisees said, "This Man is not from God, because He does not

John 9:1-38 (Gospel).....continued

keep the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. They said to the blind man again, "What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind and received his sight, until they called the parents of him who had received his sight. And they asked them, saying, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered them and said, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but by what means he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. He is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself." His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed that He was Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, "Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner." He answered and said, "Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see." Then they said to him again, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?" He answered them, "I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become His disciples?" Then they reviled him and said, "You are His disciple, but we are Moses' disciples. We know that God spoke to Moses; as for this fellow, we do not know where He is from." The man answered and said to them, "Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes! Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him. Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing." They answered and said to him, "You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?" And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?" And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you." Then he said, "Lord, I believe!" And he worshiped Him.

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** class will be held **today, Sunday, May 21**.
- **Adult Choir practice** will be held **today, Sunday, May 21**.
- **Vacation Church School Registration Open:** A flyer was sent out via email yesterday with all of the registration information. So please register your children by June 15! Also, donors would be appreciated to help cover the costs of food and craft materials, as the program is free to attend for the parish children. And if you are an adult who would like to volunteer at the program, please reach out to Fr John as well by June 15.

Ministry Team - May Focus - Benevolence Fund

This month we are asking you to participate in an act of benevolence. Please consider an act of kindness and give a generous gift to the Benevolence Fund. Your benevolent act of kindness will stay right here in our church family and/or community. Cash or a check made out to St. Matthew with "Benevolence fund" noted will be greatly appreciated. These may go to Tom Julian, Treasurer. Thank you!

From Father John:

- **Free Online Courses now available from St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary:** St. Vladimir's Seminary in New York announced the launching of free online courses beginning this summer. There is one course in Patristics in June, and one in the Old Testament in July. You can find more information at <https://www.online.svots.edu/>
- **Reading in Church:** If you are interested in learning how to serve as a reader during church services, please reach out to Fr. John. We can always use more people in this ministry.

Liturgical Schedule

Wednesday, May 24, 6:00 PM Great Vespers & Divine Liturgy
(The Ascension of our Lord)

Saturday, May 27, 5:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, May 28, 8:30 Matins, 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, May 31, 6:00 PM Daily Vespers

Saturday, June 3, 5:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, June 4, 8:30 Matins, 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy & Kneeling
Vespers (Pentecost)

Wednesday, June 7, 6:00 PM Daily Vespers

Saturday, June 10, 5:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, June 11, 8:30 Matins, 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy
(All Saints)

Sunday, June 11, 9:30 Hours, 9:50 Typika (Waupaca Outreach)

Wednesday, June 14, 6:00 PM Daily Vespers

Saturday, June 17, 5:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, June 18, 8:30 Matins, 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy (All Saints
of North America)

Wednesday, June 21, 6:00 PM Daily Vespers

Friday, June 23, 6:00 PM Vespereal Liturgy (Nativity of John the
Baptist)

Saturday, June 24, 5:00 PM Great Vespers

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

Wednesday, June 28, 6:00 PM Great Vespers (Ss. Peter and Paul)

Thursday, June 29, 9:10 Hours and 9:30 Divine Liturgy (Ss. Peter
and Paul)

Saturday, July 1, 5:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, July 2, 8:30 Matins, 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Congratulations Kaine and Nina!

Congratulations to Kaine and Nina Bernarde, who were married here at St. Matthew yesterday, Saturday, May 20. May God bless you and grant you many years!