

**Tone 1 Troparion** (*Resurrection*)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews,  
while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body,  
Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior,  
granting life to the world.  
The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life:  
“Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ!  
Glory to Thy Kingdom!//  
Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind!”

**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...Now and Ever... Tone 3 Kontakion** (*Lenten Triodion*)  
I have recklessly forgotten Thy glory, O Father;  
and among sinners I have scattered the riches which Thou hadst given  
me.

Therefore I cry to Thee like the Prodigal:  
“I have sinned before Thee, O compassionate Father;//  
receive me a penitent, and make me as one of Thy hired servants!”

**Church Cleaner**  
**Mykhaylyuk—week of 2/16 for 2/23**

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February 16, 2025  
Sunday of the Prodigal Son

**1 Corinthians 6:12–20 (Epistle)**

Brethren, all things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. Foods for the stomach and the stomach for foods, but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not! Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For “the two,” He says, “shall become one flesh.” But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him. Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.

**Luke 15:11–32 (Gospel)**

The Lord spoke this parable: “A certain man had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.’ So he divided to them his livelihood. And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! →

### **Luke 15:11–32, cont'd**

I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants." And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry. Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.' But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him. So he answered and said to his father, 'Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.'"

### **SMOC News and Events**

- Choir Practice will take place on February 23, March 9, and March 23 from 11:45–12:30. We will be practicing musicianship as well as preparing for Great Lent. All are welcome to join Choir Practice!
- Catechism Classes in preparation for Pascha 2025 have begun! The remaining classes will be held March 16, and March 30.
- This Friday, February 21, at 6:00 pm will be the Pre-Lenten Memorial Service. We bless grains to remember the departed who will experience the transformation of the Resurrection!
- We will be sponsoring another meal at St. John's Women's Shelter on the night of Sunday, February 23. A sign-up sheet is available.
- This Saturday, February 22, at 12:30 pm will be the Men's Group Lunch and Discussion on the theme of "All our Fathers" from 1 Cor 10. All men are welcome!

### **Liturgical Schedule**

#### **St. Matthew Orthodox Church, Green Bay**

◆ Please see full liturgical schedule online at [www.smocgb.com](http://www.smocgb.com)

Wednesday, February 19, 6:00 PM—Daily Vespers

Friday, February 21, 6:00 PM—Vespers for the Departed & Memorial Service

Saturday, February 22, 5:00 PM—Great Vespers

Sunday, February 23, 8:30 AM—Matins; 9:30 AM—Divine Liturgy (Meatfare Sunday)

Wednesday, February 26, 6:00 PM—Daily Vespers

Saturday, March 1, 5:00 PM—Great Vespers

Sunday, March 2, 8:30 AM—Matins; 9:30 AM—Divine Liturgy & Rite of Forgiveness (Forgiveness Sunday)

### **St. Macrina Chapel, Waupaca**

#### **(All services in Waupaca)**

Saturday, March 22, 8:30 AM—Matins; 9:30 AM—Divine Liturgy

### **Summary from Annual Meeting**

- Father reported that the church continues to grow. He has 25 people in his current catechism class and had 20 last year.
- The 2025 Parish Council officers are: Father John, President Paul Novak, VP Matt Tomac, Treasurer Tom Julian, Recording Secretary Vera Limberopoulos, and Communications Secretary Noah Becker.
- President Paul Novak reported that Phase III of Iconography has been completed. We will be using remaining funds to have six new icons painted by Dmitry Shkolnik to replace the ones currently on our iconostasis. Donations are still being accepted to cover all expenses for these new icons. The icons are expected by the end of 2025. Donations are being accepted for our Buy-a-Chair campaign to replace the worn chairs in Herrick Hall. Each chair costs \$30. Paul also reminded us that we all have Time, Talent & Treasures that we can bring to SMOC. What can you do to help?
- Treasurer Tom Julian reported that the Church is in good financial shape. As the new roof over Herrick Hall is now paid for, our attention should turn to paying off as much of our mortgage as we can before refinancing in 2026. Tom plans to make extra payments during 2025 to put us in the best position we can be for 2026. Thank you to everyone for your continued support of SMOC!