

Tone 7 Troparion (*Resurrection*)

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death.
To the thief Thou didst open Paradise.
For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy,
and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God,
to proclaim that Thou art risen,//
granting the world great mercy.

Tone 1 Troparion (*Feast*)

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace!
From thee shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God,
enlightening those who sat in darkness.
Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder,
thou didst accept in thine arms the Redeemer of our souls,//
Who grants us the Resurrection!

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 7 Kontakion (*Resurrection*)

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive,
for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers.
Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry:
“The Savior has come to those in faith;//
enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!”

Now and Ever... Tone 1 Kontakion (*Feast*)

By Thy Nativity Thou didst sanctify the Virgin’s womb
and didst bless Simeon’s hands, Christ God.
Now Thou hast come and saved us through love.
Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians,//
O only Lover of Man!

Church Cleaner
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Presentation of our Lord

1 Timothy 4:9–15 (Epistle)

My son Timothy, this is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance. For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. These things command and teach. Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership. Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all.

Luke 2:22–40 (Gospel)

At that time, when the days of Mary’s purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”), and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, “A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.” And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said: “Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, a light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel.” And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken of Him. Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary, His mother... →

Luke 2:22–40, cont'd

...“Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against, (yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.” Now there was one, Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity; and this woman was a widow of about eighty-four years, who did not depart from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem. So when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

SMOC News and Events

- The Annual Meeting will be held today after the Divine Liturgy. Parish members should attend this important meeting!
- Choir Practice will take place on February 9 and February 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 on February 9, March 16, and March 30.
- Please reach out to Fr. John if you would like your home blessed. This is especially a good idea if you have never had it blessed before!
- 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 in Herrick Hall.
- There will be a Men's Luncheon at 12:30 pm on February 22, with lunch followed by some discussion. More details to follow!

Liturgical Schedule

St. Matthew Orthodox Church, Green Bay

♦ Please see full liturgical schedule online at www.smocgb.com

Wednesday, February 5, 6:00 PM—Daily Vespers
Saturday, February 8, 5:00 PM—Great Vespers
Sunday, February 9, 8:30 AM—Matins; 9:30 AM—Divine Liturgy
Wednesday, February 12, 6:00 PM—Daily Vespers
Saturday, February 15, 5:00 PM—Great Vespers
Sunday, February 16, 8:30 AM—Matins; 9:30 AM—Divine Liturgy
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)

Liturgical Schedule

St. Macrina Chapel, Waupaca

(All services in Waupaca)

Saturday, February 15, 6:00 PM—Great Vespers
Sunday, February 16, 9:30 AM—Hours; 9:50 AM—Typica

A note from the Ministry Team:

This month, our focus is supporting the Sarsamă Family. Pedro Constantine, Keely, and their four children are at St. Tikhon's in Pennsylvania. Pedro is studying in the Master of Divinity program. God willing, he will be ordained and serve as a priest in the Diocese of the Midwest. Our parish has committed to supporting Pedro and his family while they do this. This is an opportunity for each of us to personally support them additionally, both financially and with our prayers. Please consider a financial gift and praying for them. Thank you!