

Tone 8 Troparion (*Resurrection*)
Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One!
Thou didst accept the three day burial
to free us from our sufferings!//
O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

Tone 1 Troparion (*Presentation of the Lord*)
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 4 Kontakion (*Publican and Pharisee — Triodion*)
Let us flee from the pride of the Pharisee!
Let us learn humility from the Publican's tears!
Let us cry to our Savior:
“Have mercy on us,//
O only merciful One!”

Now and Ever... Tone 1 Kontakion
By Thy Nativity Thou didst sanctify the Virgin's womb
and didst bless Simeon's hands, O Christ God.
Now Thou hast come and saved us through love.
Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians,//
O only Lover of Man!

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White—week of 2/9 for 2/16

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Sunday of the Publican and
the Pharisee

2 Timothy 3:10–15 (Epistle)

My son Timothy, you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra – what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Luke 18:10–14 (Gospel)

The Lord spoke this parable: “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other men – extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.’ And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

SMOC News and Events

- Choir Practice will take place today and on 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 today, March 16, and March 30.
- On Friday, February 21, at 6:00 pm will be the Pre-Lenten Memorial Service, with Vespers for the Departed, Memorial Service, and the Blessing of Grains. We bless grains (Koliva or bread) to remember that as a grain is planted and is transformed, so too do the departed experience the transformation of the Resurrection!
- There will be a Men's Lunch at 12:30 pm on February 22, with a potluck lunch, followed by discussion, ending by 3:00 pm. Please see the insert.
- 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. We need several more volunteers to make this happen, so please sign up today!
- Please consider donating to help upgrade the chairs in our dining areas.
- Please reach out to Fr. John if you would like your home blessed. This is an especially good idea if you have never had it blessed before!

Liturgical Schedule

St. Matthew Orthodox Church, Green Bay

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

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!