

Tone 3 Troparion (*Resurrection*)

Let the heavens rejoice!

Let the earth be glad!

For the Lord has shown strength with His arm.

He has trampled down death by death.

He has become the first born of the dead.

He has delivered us from the depths of hell,

and has granted to the world//

great mercy.

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 6 Kontakion (*Triodion*)

O Master, Teacher of wisdom,

Bestower of virtue,

Who teachest the thoughtless and protectest the poor,

strengthen and enlighten my heart!

O Word of the Father,

let me not restrain my mouth from crying to Thee:

“Have mercy on me, a transgressor,//

O merciful Lord!”

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The Expulsion of Adam from Paradise

Romans 13:11–14:4 (Epistle)

Brethren, do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts. Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things. For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him. Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand.

Matthew 6:14–21 (Gospel)

The Lord said: “if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. Moreover, when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Church Cleaner

Parker—week of 3/2 for 3/9

SMOC News and Events

- Choir Practice will take place on 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!
- Confession is an excellent way to be honest with ourselves, before God, with the priest as a witness, so that we can make a fresh start. In the Orthodox Church in America, it is expected that every Orthodox Christian come to confession at a minimum of once a year, and this typically would be during Lent. Think of it like an annual doctor's checkup—Christ is our physician!
- We have boxes in the church to collect donations of cleaning items for local people experiencing homelessness and indigency/extreme poverty. Any cleaning items for your body or your home can be donated!
- Catechism Classes in preparation for Pascha 2025 have begun! The remaining classes will be held March 16, and March 30.
- Our annual Lenten Retreat will take place on Saturday, March 29, with Fr. Paul Jannakos giving presentations on "Spirituality and Healing" and Prot. Michelle Jannakos doing workshops with our choir. We look forward to this day-long event! Please do your best to come for this great opportunity to grow in your understanding of our faith!
- We will continue to meet on Zoom to go over *The Orthodox Way* every Thursday from 6:15–7:30 pm until we finish the book (probably in March). *The Orthodox Way* is a classic introduction to the spiritual tradition of the Orthodox Church by Metropolitan Kallistos Ware.
- In honor of the Annunciation (Conception) of our Lord on March 25, we will gather items for new mothers and infants throughout the month of March, then donate them to our local crisis pregnancy center, AA Alexandrina, on the west side of Green Bay.

Liturgical Schedule

St. Matthew Orthodox Church, Green Bay

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

Monday, March 3, 11:30 AM—Lenten Hours;
6:00 PM—Great Canon

Tuesday, March 4, 11:30 AM—Lenten Hours;
6:00 PM—Great Canon

Wednesday, March 5, 11:30 AM—Lenten Hours;
6:00 PM—Presanctified Liturgy

Thursday, March 6, 11:30 AM—Lenten Hours;
6:00 PM—Great Canon

Saturday, March 8, 5:00 PM—Great Vespers

Sunday, March 9, 8:30 AM—Matins; 9:30 AM—Divine Liturgy
(Sunday of Orthodoxy)

Wednesday, March 12, 6:00 PM—Presanctified Liturgy

Saturday, March 15, 5:00 PM—Great Vespers

Sunday, March 16, 8:30 AM—Matins; 9:30 AM—Divine Liturgy
(Sunday of Gregory Palamas)

Wednesday, March 19, 6:00 PM—Presanctified Liturgy

St. Macrina Chapel, Waupaca

(All services in Waupaca)

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

Holy Transfiguration Chapel, Sister Bay

Saturday, April 5, 9:10 AM—Hours; 9:30 AM—Divine Liturgy

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!