

Tone 2 Troparion (Resurrection)

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal,
Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead.
And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead,
all the powers of heaven cried out://
“O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!”

Tone 1 Troparion (Feast)

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace!
From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God,
enlightening those who sat in darkness.
Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder,
you accepted in your 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 & 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 (from the 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!”

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

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!

Church Cleaner
Burbank—week of 2/8 for 2/15

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February 8, 2026
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! →

SMOC News and Events

- If you are interested in the project to remodel the kitchen, there will be a meeting to finalize the design at noon. All are welcome to attend! The meeting will be in the kitchen.
- There will be Byzantine choir practice today, from approximately 11:45am–12:30pm. All experience levels are welcome! See Noah Becker or Matthew Hanson with questions.
- Every year, the weekend before Forgiveness Sunday, there is prescribed a general memorial service, where we remember all the departed. This year, we are moving this memorial from Friday night to Wednesday night (2/11) due to the Valentine's Day holiday. Please provide Fr. John with a list of your departed family members if you would like them remembered at this service.
- If you would still like a home blessing, please schedule it by this Friday, February 13th!
- The next meal we serve at St. John's Men's Shelter will be this Saturday, February 14th! Please see the sign-up sheet on the blue ministry table if you would like to help cook, donate cash or a side, or serve the meal at the shelter!
- The fourth Group Catechism Class will be next Sunday, February 15th, from 12:00–2:00 pm.
- There will be choir practice next Sunday, February 15th. If you sing in the choir, please plan to attend!
- The next Women's Group Luncheon & Discussion will be on Saturday, February 21st.

Liturgical Schedule

St. Matthew Orthodox Church, Green Bay

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

- Wednesday, February 11, 6:00 PM—Vespers for the Departed
(Memorial for the Departed)
- Saturday, February 14, 5:00 PM—Great Vespers
- Sunday, February 15, 8:30 AM—Matins; 9:30 AM—Divine Liturgy
(Sunday of the Last Judgment)
- Wednesday, February 18, 6:00 PM—Daily Vespers
- Saturday, February 21, 5:00 PM—Great Vespers
- Sunday, February 22, 8:30 AM—Matins; 9:30 AM—Divine Liturgy,
Rite of Forgiveness (The Expulsion of Adam from Paradise)
- Monday, February 23, 11:30 AM—Lenten Hours; 6:00 PM—
Great Canon
- Tuesday, February 24, 11:30 AM—Lenten Hours; 6:00 PM—
Great Canon
- Wednesday, February 25, 11:30 AM—Lenten Hours; 6:00 PM—
Presanctified Gifts
- Thursday, February 26, 11:30 AM—Lenten Hours; 6:00 PM—
Great Canon
- Saturday, February 28, 5:00 PM—Great Vespers

St. Macrina Chapel, Waupaca

(All services in Waupaca)

- Saturday, February 21, 6:00 PM—Great Vespers
- Sunday, February 22, 9:30 AM—Hours; 9:50 AM—Typika

Ministry Team:

This February, please consider purchasing items for the Help for the Homeless Hygiene drive, to benefit the homeless & indigent in Green Bay.