Tone 6 Troparion *(Resurrection)*
The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb;
the guards became as dead men.
Mary stood by Thy grave,
seeking Thy most pure body.
Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it.
Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life.
O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead,//
glory to Thee.

Tone 4 Troparion *(Founding)*
Thou hast revealed the beauty of the holy dwelling place of Thy glory on earth
to be like the splendor of the heavenly firmament, O Lord.
Through the prayers of the Theotokos,
strengthen it for ever and ever
and accept our supplication
which we ceaselessly offer Thee therein,//
the life and resurrection of all!

Tone 4 Troparion *(Forefeast)*
We offer in supplication
the life-creating Cross of Thy goodness, O Lord,
which Thou hast granted to us
although we are unworthy. //
Through the Theotokos, save all Orthodox Christians, O only Lover of man!

Glory... 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.

Now and Ever... Tone 6 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*
When Christ God, the Giver of Life,
raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand,
He bestowed resurrection on the human race.//
He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

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2 Corinthians 4:6–15 (Epistle)
Brethren, it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed—always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So then death is working in us, but life in you. And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak, knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you. For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

Matthew 22:35–46 (Gospel)
At that time, one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?" They said to Him, "The Son of David." He said to them, "How then does David in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying: 'The LORD said to my Lord, sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool'? If David then calls Him 'Lord,' how is He his Son?" →

Matthew 22:35–46, cont'd

And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore.

Parish News and Upcoming Events

- Sunday School begins today for all school-age children (PreK–12th grade). Please remember to let Sunday School students and their teachers go first in line for Communion so that they can leave to begin their classes!
- Catechism Class will be held upstairs today from 12–2 pm, and will cover the topic of Liturgy & the Sacramental Worldview.
- Congratulations to Ivy and Quyn Vakirtzis who welcomed their newborn son—August—into their home! There is a sign-up list to provide a meal for their family. Please see the link in the email, or speak with Chandler G.
- We mark the Exaltation of the Cross on September 14th. There will be Hours at 8:30 am and Divine Liturgy at 8:45 am tomorrow.
- We will be preparing bagged lunches for the homeless in Green Bay on Friday, September 18th, at 9:15 am. We will need at least 4 adults. Please let Melissa A. know if you can help!
- The Men's Group will next meet on Saturday, September 19th for a potluck and discussion from 9:30–11:30 am. The topic will be Navigating the Workplace and Friendships as Christians
- In preparation for the Fall Festival on October 17th, we will be distributing flyers this year! We will meet at St. Matthew at noon on Saturday, September 19th to organize and send people out to distribute flyers.
- There will be an Orthodox movie night on Friday, October 2nd! All are welcome to watch the film "El Tonto por Cristo" at 6:30 pm.

Liturgical Schedule
St Matthew Orthodox Church, Green Bay

Monday, September 14, 8:30 AM—Hours; 8:45 AM—Divine Liturgy (Exaltation of the Cross)

Wednesday, September 16, 6:00 PM—Daily Vespers

Saturday, September 19, 5:00 PM—Great Vespers

Sunday, September 20, 8:30 AM—Matins; 9:30 AM—Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, September 23, 6:00 PM—Daily Vespers

Saturday, September 26, 5:00 PM—Reader's Great Vespers

Sunday, September 27, 8:30 AM—Matins; 9:30 AM—Divine Liturgy

Saturday, October 3, 5:00 PM—Great Vespers

Sunday, October 4, 8:30 AM—Matins, 9:30 AM—Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, October 7, 6:00 PM—Daily Vespers

Saturday, October 10, 5:00 PM—Great Vespers

Sunday, October 11, 8:30 AM—Matins, 9:30 AM—Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, October 14, 6:00 PM—Daily Vespers

For a complete schedule of services, including the regular services taking place at our chapel locations in Waupaca, Sister Bay, and Washington Island, please visit the parish website.

Ministry Team

In September, support our seminarians! Our Diocese of Chicago asks every parish to fundraise in September toward the education of our future priests. Without this funding, few candidates would be able to afford seminary.

Church Cleaner

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