

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 4 Troparion (New Martyrs)

Today Alaska rejoices and America celebrates,
for the New World has been sanctified by martyrdom.
Kodiak echoes with songs of thanksgiving,
Iliamna and Kenai observe the festival of faith.
The apostle and martyr Juvenaly is glorified,
and Peter the Aleut is exalted by his voluntary sacrifice.
In their devotion and love for the Lord
they willingly endured persecution and death for the truth.//
Now in the kingdom of heaven they intercede for our souls.

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 4 Kontakion (New Martyrs)

Today Valaam joins Alaska in celebrating this joyous feast,
as her spiritual son Juvenaly embraces the New-Martyr Peter with love.
Together they suffered for the Lord in America
and united the Old World with the New by their voluntary sacrifice.//
Now forever they stand before the King of glory and intercede for our
souls.

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16th Sunday After Pentecost

2 Corinthians 6:1-10 (Epistle)

Brethren, we then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says: “In an acceptable time I have heard You, and in the day of salvation I have helped You.” Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

Luke 5:1-11 (Gospel)

At that time, it happened, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets. Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat. When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, “Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” But Simon answered and said to Him, “Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net.” And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!” For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men.” So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.

SMOC News and Events Schedule

- There is **No Bible Study this Tuesday, September 26** as Fr. John will be at a liturgy in Milwaukee.
- There is **No Adult Education class this Wednesday, Sept. 27.**
- **Adult Choir practice** will be **today, Sunday, September 24.**
- **October 2 - 4 Diocesan Assembly in Chicago:** Fr. John will be at the Diocesan Assembly in Chicago from October 2 - 4. This is the annual meeting for the entire Diocese of the Midwest of the Orthodox Church in America.
- On **Saturday, October 7**, will be our annual gathering at the Chapel in Sister Bay. The entire parish is welcomed to come up to **Holy Transfiguration Chapel in Sister Bay, on Saturday, October 7**, to do a deep clean of the Chapel, have a potluck picnic, and have Great Vespers. There will be no Great Vespers at St. Matthew's this day. **The cleaning will start at 10:00 AM, with Lunch around 12:30 or 1:00 PM, and Great Vespers at 3:00 PM.**
- **Parish Council** will be meeting via Zoom on **Tuesday, October 10 at 6:00 pm**. If you would like to attend as a guest, please let President, Paul Novak, know at [**paulnovak11@gmail.com**](mailto:paulnovak11@gmail.com)
- **Annual Fall Festival and Bake Sale** will be held on **Saturday October 21**. This one-day event is on the Church grounds. It is made up of two major areas. The Gyro and Cabbage Roll stand is outside and sells these two traditional items along with cold drinks. The bake sale is in Herrick Hall and showcases the wonderful baked goods that members of our parish bring to the event. Do you want to help out at this year's event? We need someone to lead the bake sale on that Saturday. Workers are always needed at the food stand. Be on the lookout for the sign up sheet in Herrick Hall or just let me know how you want to help out.

Parish T-Shirts!

For the first time in many years, we are ordering "St. Matthew Orthodox Church" t-shirts. There are three options to choose from, **so please sign up on the order form in Herrick Hall if you would like a t-shirt!**

Liturgical Schedule

Wednesday, September 27, NO Daily Vespers

Saturday, September 30, 5:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, October 1, 8:30 Matins, 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, October 4, (NO Daily Vespers)

Thursday, October 5, 6:00 PM Vesperal Divine Liturgy (Saint Innocent of Alaska)

Saturday, October 7, **3:00 PM Great Vespers in Sister Bay (no Great Vespers service at St. Matthew's)**

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

Sunday, October 8, 9:30 Hours, 9:50 Typika (in Waupaca)

A Note From the Ministry Team: SEPTEMBER FOCUS

Our September focus is on benevolence. Benevolence: an act of kindness / a generous gift. Your act of kindness to our Benevolence Fund helps those who are in our church family and our community. Please consider giving a generous gift to help out someone in need. Cash or a check made out to St. Matthew with Benevolence Fund on the outer envelope will be greatly appreciated.

Iconography Project

Please support our fundraising campaign as we raise \$49,000 for Phase III of our Iconography Project. This phase will focus on the large wall spaces on each side of the church directly above the Iconography of the Saints. Once completed we will have Iconography of our Lord's Resurrection on one side with the Lord's Nativity adorning the other side of the church. In addition, large icons of the Feeding of the Five Thousand and of the Sermon on the Mount will grace the balcony spaces of the Church. Other Icons are also being prepared allowing us to finish the iconography inside our church building. Your donation will help make this possible.

40 Day Walk for Life : September 27- November 5

Our parish will once again be participating in the National 40 Day Walk for Life this fall. Our usual time slot is on Tuesdays from 8:00 to 9:00 am. Please consider joining us as we peacefully and prayerfully walk and pray for the unborn, for their mothers and for families who are considering abortion. More information to come. See Mary, Nana, or Melissa.



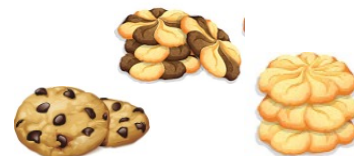
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FALL FESTIVAL!!

Saturday, October 21

10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Baked goods, gyros and stuffed cabbage will be for sale!



Activities for Kids:

Pumpkin carving and painting, and s'mores!

(Pumpkin Carving and Painting from 1 PM to 3 PM and S'mores at 3 PM!)

Come to the Fall Festival!
Bring your family and friends!