

ST. POEMEN THE GREAT

St. Poemen was born in Egypt in the 400s A.D. He and 6 younger brothers all headed together to the desert wishing to become monks at early age (Poemen was the oldest and only 15). For much of their lives they lived together in solitude and harmony and constant prayer. Others joined them and a full-fledge monastery developed. Poemen was made the abbot. Poemen was known as a mild father. One monk complained that some young novices were falling asleep in the night-time vigil services and asked for permission to shake them awake. Poemen replied, "Don't do that. When I see the poor fellows so sleepy I put their head on my lap so they can get some good sleep." He was also known for his great love for the Bible. A monk told him he could not rid of a "hard heart". Poemen advised, "Read the word of God. The drip of a fountain pierces stone and the gentle word of God falling softly day by day on a dead hard heart will melt it eventually." He died in a peace at a great old age.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER!!!

OPEN HOUSE- Sept 10.

Classes begin-- Sept 17.

"All things work together for good to those who love God and are called to His purpose." Romans 8:28

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

10383 Albion Rd, North Royalton, OH

August 27, 2023

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

His Eminence Metropolitan SABA

Archbishop of New York and Antiochian Metropolitan of all North America

His Grace Bishop ANTHONY

Auxiliary Bishop of the Antiochian Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest

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Saturday Vespers 5:00 PM

Saturday Confessions 5:30 PM

Sunday Confessions during Matins

Sunday Matins 8:50 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

Sunday School 11:15 AM

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS! We are glad to have you praying with us. *The reception of the Sacrament of Holy Communion* is limited to members of the Orthodox Church who are in good sacramental standing & have made proper preparation to receive. All are welcome to receive the blessed antidoron bread at the end of the service.

THE HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION is offered by the Amer family for the health & salvation of Jay on his Saint's Day (St. John the Baptist); and by Maria Simescu for the health & salvation of her brother, Mihail, on his birthday; and is being offered by the Tolbert family for the health & salvation of Sandy and Greg on their birthdays; and by Florentina Popa in memory of her sister-in-law, Maria, on the 6th anniversary of her falling asleep in Christ.

During today's liturgy we will pray for the health & safety of:

Josephine Katzbach	Jerry Morrison	Val & Al
Justin Mosier	Iliana Radivoj	Erin Musarra & child
Tony Burhen	Lena Batina	Julie Dunn
Lucy Kinkaid	James Padzerski	David Wacholtz
Marc Balke	Mary Malaniak	Elias Nader
Christopher Samuel	Bob & Adrienne Andrews	Corrine George
Peter George	Charles & Judy Burhen	Veronica & child
Pauline Hanna	Ed Haddad	Christian
Frank Popovich	Michael Francu	Charles Cunningham
Issa Zaboura	Jean Fadil	Father Basil Caldaroni
Argie Katsaros	Dolores Kaleal	Barb Carlin
Joseph Watson	Danielle	Lola
Faye Farris	Victoria Thorp	Gerald Rogers
Paraschiva Blaz	Constantine & Maria Kornea	Jerry Soukal
Nancy Yanik	Deacon Macarius	

And for the newly departed servants of God: Vasilios, Father Paul Eyler (founder of St. Michael Church in Las Vegas), Rodrigo Bacus (Rudylin Glaser's father), Emile Aramouni (father of Roger and mitri Aramouni), Evelyn Johnson (Father Andrew's aunt), Johan Aramouni (Roger Aramouni's cousin), Robert Suchy (Dan Patrick's brother-in-law)

EPISTLE LESSON: I Corinthians 15: 1-11 **EPISTLE READER:** Reader Anthony Harmon

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 19: 16-26 **USHERS:** Louise Bouhasin, Anthony Yanik

HOMILY: "Camels and Needles"

ALTAR BOY TEAM TWO—Samir Amer, captain; Sebastian Blazek, Miles Hunter, Isaac Kash

PLEASE STAY RIGHT AFTER LITURGY FOR OUR ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC----

***FOOD, RECREATION, GOOD FELLOWSHIP
FREE OF CHARGE FOR ALL!***

THANK YOU TO OUR BROTHERHOOD CLUB FOR HOSTING!

SISTERHOOD MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

To all the Ladies of St. Matthew..... Please join us!!

September is our annual Membership Drive!! We would love for you all to become a member of the St. Matthew Antiochian Women's Sisterhood. The Membership Drive will be held every Sunday in September and the yearly dues donation is still at only \$3.00 per year!!

Being a member of our organization promotes fellowship among our Ladies and helps our church in many different ways through our fundraisers. You can give your \$3.00 to Electra Floasiu, (Membership Chairman) Camille Patrick, (Treasurer) or Georgette Dye, (President) and we will put your name on our roster along with your email address so you can receive reminder emails of all our meetings and activities. We would also LOVE to see some new faces at our meetings which are held periodically on Sunday's after Liturgy. Please consider joining!!

Thank you!!!

Electra, Camille and Georgette

It requires \$750/day to operate our Church. Through your commitment and generosity, we *almost* meet that requirement. But we find ourselves with a budget shortfall of \$100/day. We ask that you consider adopting a day (or more) to help relieve this deficit.

Payments can be spread out over weeks or months.

If you are willing to do this, just cross through the day (or days) you wish to sponsor on the calendar in the hall, so we can begin to get an idea of our progress.

We have always been such a generous and giving Parish. Thank you for your continued generosity

Hall Use Calendar:

(The hall and kitchen will be unavailable on the shaded days)

IF YOU ARE GOING TO
USE THE HALL OR KITCHEN

for any purpose...

you must first contact a

Hall Committee member

to make sure it is still available.

Electra Floasiu 216-671-0743

Gail Malaniak 440-552-4586

September 2023

		Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Friday	1	Homeschool 9-1		Job Brooks rehearsal dinner 6-9
Saturday	2			
Sunday	3			
Monday	4			
Tuesday	5			
Wednesday	6			
Thursday	7			
Friday	8			
Saturday	9		Malaniak family reunion 12-4	
Sunday	10			
Monday	11			
Tuesday	12			
Wednesday	13			
Thursday	14			
Friday	15	Homeschool 9-1		
Saturday	16	EOWG- Gloria 10-1	EOWG-Gloria 10-1	
Sunday	17			
Monday	18			
Tuesday	19			
Wednesday	20			
Thursday	21			
Friday	22	Homeschool 9-1		St John The Alms Giver 5-8
Saturday	23	St John The Alms Giver 8-11		
Sunday	24		Bouhasin Family reunion 2-6	
Monday	25			
Tuesday	26			
Wednesday	27			
Thursday	28			
Friday	29	Homeschool 9-1		
Saturday	30			

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023

TONE 3 / EOTHINON 1; TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

& TWELFTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

Righteous Father Pimen the Great of Egypt; Hosius the Confessor, Bishop of Cordova; Newly-revealed Martyr Phanourios of Rhodes

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE THREE (p. 12)

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST IN TONE THREE (p. 16)

With zeal you followed Christ the Master, Who in His goodness appeared to men on earth. He called you from the custom house, revealing you to be a chosen apostle, a trumpet proclaiming the Gospel to the whole world! Therefore, divinely eloquent Matthew, we honor your precious memory. Entreat the merciful God, that He may grant us remission of our sins.

KONTAKION OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR

Joachim and Anna were freed from the reproach of childlessness, and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death, O immaculate one, by thy holy Nativity, which thy people, redeemed from the guilt of offenses, celebrate by crying to thee: The barren woman giveth birth to the Theotokos, the nourisher of our life.

THE EPISTLE (For the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost)

Sing praises to our God, sing praises. Clap your hands, all ye nations.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (15:1-11)

Brethren, I would remind you in what terms I preached to you the Gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He rose on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. Then He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then He appeared to James, then to all the Apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me. For I am the least of the Apostles, unfit to be called an Apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God, which is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

THE GOSPEL (For the Twelfth Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (19:16-26)

At that time, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, "Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" And He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." He said to Him, "Which?" And Jesus said, "You shall not kill, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not bear false witness, honor your father and mother, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself." The young man said to Him, "All these I have observed; what do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." When the young man heard this, he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

UPCOMING SERVICES

THE BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST DAY IS TUESDAY, AUGUST 29:

Our schedule---- Monday, August 28th---Vespers with Artoklasia, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 29th---Matins, 9; Liturgy, 10 Potluck lunch after liturgy. This day is a very strict fast day, so only strict fasting food, please.

SAT, SEP 2- 5pm Vespers

SUN, SEP 3- 8:50am Matins, 10am Liturgy. The Holy Bread of Oblation will be offered by the Vazquez for their son, Joseph's birthday; and by David Glaser for his wife, Rudylin's birthday; and by Florentina for her granddaughters Elizabeth & Elena Maria on their Saints' Days; and by Marcella Simescu for her brother, Valentin; and in memory of Norman Fadil on his birthday by Jean Fadil (aunt) and Elle Parker (godmother); and by Larry and Gail Malaniak in memory of Gail's mother, Mary Assad.

THE NATIVITY (Birthday) OF THE THEOTOKOS IS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8.

Our schedule-

Thursday, September 7----Vespers with Artoklasia, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, September 8----Matins, 9; Liturgy, 10 a.m.; Potluck meal after liturgy (It is a fast day, so no meat or dairy, please. Fish, wine, and oil are allowed.)

MEETINGS

PATHWAYS TO PEACE— Mondays at 7:15pm, at church & by Zoom. "A gathering place of Orthodox Christians who seek to live in the fullness of life as promised by Jesus Christ." Call Dcn Basil, 440-665-3591, for zoom info.

WEST BIBLE STUDY--- Sep. 9, 6pm (meets monthly at church after Vespers) Studying I Corinthians

SOUTH BIBLE STUDY--- Tues, Sept 5, at 6:30pm at Craig & Cindy George's, 9451 Sherwood Trl, Brecksville. Regularly meets the 1st & 3rd Tues of the month. Studying Creation and the Fall in Genesis.

IN CASE YOU'RE INTERESTED----Father Andrew will be teaching a 6 week course through the Baldwin Wallace University ILR adult education program this fall. Here is a synopsis of the course:

THE LAST THINGS: WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT LIFE AFTER DEATH, HEAVEN & HELL, AND THE END OF THE WORLD

This class will examine Christian beliefs concerning "the last things" as mentioned in the title. The Bible will be the main source book, but we will also look at various teachings by various Christians over the centuries---from ancient Saints to more recent best-sellers. There is a lot of variety on such topics among Christian denominations and movements; the instructor is an Orthodox Christian priest, but we will certainly examine many different viewpoints---Catholic, Protestant, and Orthodox.

Some topics that will be covered: Can we know when the world will end? What about Purgatory and Limbo? What is "666" all about? What happens the day Christ returns? Will Christ come back more than once? What is meant by "the rapture". What are Heaven and Hell like? What is the Millenium? What will the final Resurrection be? What about praying for the dead? What about the belief many have that the Saints in heaven pray for us? There are lots of varying beliefs on many of these topics, which makes for interesting class time!

YOU MUST BECOME A MEMBER OF ILR TO TAKE A CLASS---Go to Institute for Learning in Retirement at Baldwin Wallace University. Then go to "membership". Then go to "Become a member" to see how. There is a fee to join and a separate fee of \$25 per class. There are no age restrictions. Father Andrew's class will be held at Pleasant Hills United Methodist Church, 13206 Bagley Road, Middleburg Heights. It will be at 1:30 p.m. on the following Tuesday dates: September 12, 26; October 3, 10, 17, 24. No class on September 19.

Class registration closes August 27. You can register on-line or in person---go to the Institute for Learning at Baldwin Wallace University website to get the details about registering.



Amelia Tatalovic, Director

Twice-monthly rehearsals on Thursday evenings | 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Saint Innocent Orthodox Church
8526 Usher Road | Olmsted Township, Ohio 44138

For information: tulevski@gmail.com

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY—Aug meeting already held, Sept date to be announced. Meets monthly at church. Studying the book of Daniel----Bible, fellowship, food...For more info, contact: Sbdcn Samuel Harmon, 216-598-9230, samuelharmon15@gmail.com or Colton Bose, 440-567-6101

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP— Tues, Sept 12, 1pm. Meets monthly at Tara Reidy's (274 Elmwood, Berea). For info, call Sandy Tolbert, 440-773-9162.

TEEN CLUB--- next meeting is Sun, Sep 10. Also helping with parish landscaping day on Sun, Sep 24.

HOMESCHOOL ENRICHMENT GROUP--- Every Fri from 9:30-1:30 (Aug-May) here at St. Matthew's! Includes special classes for preschoolers and a social hour for *Moms and Tots at 10:45am*. For more info contact Olivia: oharmon15@gmail.com, 440-220-2624

KNIT/CROCHET GROUP---Aug meeting already held, Sept meeting date to be announced. Contact Lisa Bowden at 440-667-2767 for more info.

CHESS CLUB---Aug meeting already held, Sep meeting date to be announced.

MINISTRY NEWS

STREET DELIVERY TO THE HOMELESS----- Sunday, Sept 17 ---parishioners delivering food, clothing, etc. to homeless in downtown Cleveland once a month. The alms box to help fund the lunches is near main hall doors. **WHITE SOCKS NEEDED**—box is by main hall entry doors. Call Josie Katzbach, 440-668-9831, for information. *(The August meal handed out was barbecued chicken!)*

MEAL SERVING AT ST. HERMAN ORTHODOX HOMELESS SHELTER--- Sunday, September 17, is our next monthly meal You can help by either donating, cooking, or serving: If you can help--- please see Deacon Basil after the liturgy or call him at 440-665-3591

MARTHA MINISTRIES---*We are almost out of meals...A one time donation of frozen meals (can be store bought) or grocery gift cards is needed!* We are a group of parishioners who cook or deliver some freezer meals to families in time of need (new babies, recovering from illness/surgery, grieving a loss...). Can you help by cooking or delivering? Please see/email/call Erin Musarra at 440-799-0838 or Erin.musarra@gmail.com.

OCLife ST. MATTHEW CHURCH--- We all have 'stuff' from which God has redeemed us: bad decisions, questionable life choices, crisis pregnancies, hurts, and wounds. We may have caused hurts and wounds ourselves. These are the scars through which we can minister to others.

OCLife St Matthews is making a confidential referral list for women (sometimes men) in need and is looking for those who are willing to allow God to minister to others through their own weaknesses. If you have been or are being healed from sexual brokenness, depression, anxiety, the pain of abortion, or have experienced an unplanned pregnancy (the list could go on and on...) please email cindygeorge127@gmail.com, text or call 330-309-9491 or just talk with Cindy George OR email ldpal1703@outlook.com, text or call 216-235-2991 or just talk with Lisa Palivoda

Christ Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—*by whose stripes you were healed.* (1 Peter 2:24)

Fri, Oct 6, plan to march with us in Columbus for the Ohio March for Life. Sign up with Colton Bose or Cindy George.

ST JOHN THE ALMS GIVER MISSION- Formerly the “Quarterly Giant Homeless Mission” aims to provide 250 lunches and 250 hygiene bags for the Norma Herr’s Woman’s Shelter in downtown Cleveland on Sat, Sept, 23. There are 3 ways to give to this effort:

1. Go to the Amazon Registry at <https://bit.ly/StJohnTheAlmsGiverMission> to purchase needed items. At checkout select the option to send to the registry address (The Sages).
2. Give a financial donation directly to St. matthew’s with a memo designation of “St John the Alms Giver” on the envelope or in the Memo section of a check.
3. Donate time to assemble lunches and hygiene bags during the time slots: Fri 9/22 5-7pm & 7-9pm, Sat 9/23 8-11am

For more info contact Mike Musarra, Jack Palivoda, Jim Sage, or Cathy Sage

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY BREAD OBLATIONS SIGN-UP for 2023 is in the hall to the right of the sink area. Please sign up for what Sundays you wish to offer an oblation.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR ST MARY OF EGYPT IN AUGUST:

Cereals	Ketchup, Mustard, Mayo
Wide noodles	Jelly
Rice A Roni	Peanut Butter
Cup of soup	Cake mix
Crackers	Ravioli in a can (Chef Boy R Dee)

PUT ITEMS IN WOOD BOX BY COAT RACK

TRIP TO TRANSFIGURATION MONASTERY- for ladies over 50.

Oct 11, We will arrive in time for 9:15am liturgy. Following which there will be a light coffee hour, a tour, talk with Mother Christophora, shopping, lunch, and then departure. Hope you can join us! To register or as questions contact Lisa Bowden 440-667-2767.

PARISH WORK DAY--- SEPT 24. Meet outside between noon and 12:30 by the prayer garden.

A Landscape Committee leader will be there to divvy out work. We will have an assortment of tools to borrow, however we highly encourage all volunteers to bring whatever tools they have. Text or Call Sondra Palivoda (216) 973-7537 if you need info

Volunteers Needed:

COFFETIME HOSTING---Coffetime after liturgy is an important part of our parish life! We rely on parishioners to volunteer to take a turn to host. A chart is in hall on east side. Light refreshments is fine. Sign up by yourself, together with some one else, or as part of a coffetime host group. Questions? Speak to or call, coordinator, Electra Floasiu---216-671-0743

VACUUMING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED---
A SIGN-UP SHEET FOR VACUUMING THE CHURCH (just the temple) IS IN THE NARTHEX. CAN YOU TAKE A SUNDAY?
Please see the back side of the sign up sheet in the Narthex for Fall dates that need volunteers.

HELP NEEDED: Colton & Veronica Bose are moving into the church’s rental house at the beginning of October. Can you help them move? If so, please check with them for details.

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT FOR BRINGING KIDS TO CHURCH:

“Do not reproach a child or dismiss him. Whatever he does, do not reject his commitment to the Church. Be kind to them, be nice to them, and teach them with patience, compassion and wisdom. Smile to them. Give them gifts. Hug them kindly. Encourage them and make them feel how we rejoice that they are present with us. Today they connect emotionally with the Church, tomorrow they will connect spiritually.

Of all that we have, children are the most precious. Our Lord Jesus Christ blessed children, hugged them, and had them stand in the midst, in front of everyone, to show that they should get the most attention and care.

Anba Macarius
 General bishop of Al Menia and Abu Koras