

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

10383 Albion Rd, North Royalton, OH

August 4, 2024

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

His Eminence Metropolitan SABA
Archbishop of New York and Antiochian Metropolitan of all North America

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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 FATHER FRED SHAHEEN, KHOURIE MICHELLE, AND THEIR CHILDREN! Today is Father Fred's first Sunday as our new pastor—may God bless him and us as we work together for the Lord! You may contact him at his email: shaheen@hotmail.com or cell phone: (319) 651-6452.

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 parish of St. Matthew for the health & salvation of Father Fred, Khourie Michelle, and their family; and by Maria Simescu for the health & salvation of her brothers Ioan & Mikhail; and by Subdeacon Samuel and Anna Harmon for the health & salvation of their daughter, Solomia on her saint's day; and by Deacon Basil & Joanne for the health & salvation of their son-on-law, Joel Gazal; and by Eleanore Parker, the Hannas, the Ivkovics, the Campbells, Ralph Jr., & Jean Fadil in memory of Ralph Parker.

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

Justin Mosier	Julie Dunn	Josephine Katzbach	Roy
Tony Burhen	Ed Haddad	Father John Henry	Elias Karam
Lucy Kinkaid	Jean Fadil	Charles & Judy Burhen	Jared
Marc Balke	Victoria Thorp	Constantine & Maria Kornea	Christina Bossart
Christopher Samuel	Paraschiva Blaz	Danielle	Ann Ghianni
Peter George	Argie Katsaros	Sara Scordos and baby	Don Heatwole
Pauline Hanna	Theodore Bunevich	Dana	Tony Branson
Frank Popovich	Donald Glaser	George & Christine Simon	Teresa Pye
Issa Zaboura	Mary Violanti	Charlotte Shaheen	
Corrine George	Jerry Morrison	Michael & Marilyn Francu	
Nancy Yanik	James Padzerski	Tamara Derosset	

And for the newly departed servants of God: Yianni Devorack, Mary Malaniak

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 12: 6-14

EPISTLE READER: Reader Anthony Harmon

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 9: 1-8

HOMILY: Father Fred

USHERS: Theresa Popovich & Gloria Zabala

GREETER: Cindy George

ALTAR BOY TEAM 3—Josiah Blazek, captain; Gabriel Amer, Gregory Blazek, Adam Heatwole

PLEASE STAY FOR OUR SPECIAL COFFEETIME TODAY RIGHT AFTER LITURGY!

A parish potluck to welcome Father Fred, Khourie Michelle, and their family—all are welcome!

ST. MATTHEW'S ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS FOR LIFE:

Our parish's OCLife ministry is once again sponsoring a 2-week prayer vigil over the Dormition Fast to end abortion. If you are willing to participate in this, please pick up a booklet in the narthex after liturgy this Sunday. The booklet has a different prayer for every day of the Fast, along with suggestions on specific people, groups, and organizations for whom to pray. Please help us end abortion!

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2024
TONE 5 / EOTHINON 6; SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
& SIXTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

The Holy Seven Sleeping Youths of Ephesus;
Recovery of the relics of Martyr Eudokia of Persia

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FIVE (p. 13)

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

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 TRANSFIGURATION IN TONE SEVEN

On the mount Thou wast transfigured, and Thy disciples, as much as they could bear, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; that when they should see Thee crucified, they would know Thy Passion to be willing, and would preach to the world that Thou, in truth, art the Effulgence of the Father.

THE EPISTLE (For Sixth Sunday after Pentecost)

Thou, O Lord, wilt preserve us and keep us from this generation.

Save me, O Lord, for the Godly man hath disappeared.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (12:6-14)

Brethren, having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, and serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

THE GOSPEL (For Sixth Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (9:1-8)

At that time, Jesus got into a boat, crossed over and came to His own city. And behold, they brought to Him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith He said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—He then said to the paralytic—"Rise, take up your bed and go home." And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they marveled, and they glorified God, Who had given such authority to men.

UPCOMING SERVICES

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF CHRIST FEAST DAY IS AUGUST 6. Our schedule for it---

Mon, Aug 5- 6:30pm *Vespers*

Tues, Aug 6- 9am *Matins*; 10am *Liturgy*; Potluck lunch after the liturgy. The Dormition Fast is lessened on this day---fish is fine!

PARAKLESIS TO THE THEOTOKOS Wed, Aug 7 and Fri, Aug 9 6:30pm

SAT, AUG 10-5pm *Vespers*

SUN, AUG 11- 8:50am *Matins*, 10am *Divine Liturgy*; The Holy Bread of Oblation will be offered by Larry & Gail Malaniak in memory of Larry's mother, Mary (40 days); and will be offered by Leigh Frank in memory of her husband, Jeff (3 years), and of her parents, Bud & Rhea Oberlin.

THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS FEAST DAY IS AUGUST 15. Our schedule for it---

Wed, Aug 14- 6:30pm *Vespers*

Thurs, Aug 15- 9am *Matins*; 10am *Liturgy*; Potluck lunch after the liturgy.

ON SUNDAY AUGUST 18-Creative festival awards and ribbons will be presented to the students at the end of liturgy.

FEASTING AND FASTING:

We are now in the Dormition Fast, August 1-14. This 2 week fast is in preparation to celebrate the Dormition of the Theotokos on August 15. It is just like the fast of Great Lent. Strict Lenten fasting with wine and oil allowed on Saturdays and Sundays. And on Transfiguration Day, August 6, fish is allowed.

August 29th, the Beheading of St. John the Baptist, is a very strict one-day fast.

MEETINGS

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY— Sat, Aug 31, 6pm. Meets one Sat a month, 6pm at the church. Studying the Gospel of St. Mark. Bible, fellowship, food.....For more info, contact: Subdeacon Samuel Harmon, 216-598-9230, samuelharmon15@gmail.com or Colton Bose, 440-567-6101

SOUTH BIBLE STUDY--- Tuesday, Aug 6, 6:30pm at Craig & Cindy George's, house---4414 Brookhaven Drive, North Royalton. Meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. Studying the Servant Songs in book of Isaiah---all are welcome!

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP—Tues, Aug 20. 10:30am location change just this one time to: Alice Marantides' house: 21344 Oak Bark Trail, Strongsville, OH 44149. For info, call Sandy Tolbert, [440-773-9162](tel:440-773-9162).

HOMESCHOOL ENRICHMENT GROUP--- Will resume August 16th. 9:30-noon on Fridays for infants through Elementary. Contact Olivia Harmon for more information: oharmon15@gmail.com

CHESS CLUB--- Sun, Aug 18 in the hall after liturgy.

TEEN CLUB— next meeting date to be announced.

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN'S SISTERHOOD—Meeting Aug 11 after liturgy.

MINISTRY NEWS

STREET DELIVERY TO THE HOMELESS----- The next date is Sunday, Aug 25. One Sunday a month parishioners deliver food, clothing, etc. to homeless in downtown Cleveland. 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](tel:440-668-9831), for information.

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS- are being collected in the big wooden box under the coat rack. They will go to St. Mary of Egypt Food Pantry this month.

MEAL SERVING AT ST. HERMAN ORTHODOX HOMELESS SHELTER Sun, Aug 18 we will provide, cook, and serve a meal to the poor at St. Herman Orthodox Homeless Shelter in Cleveland. If you can help in any way, please talk with Deacon Basil, 440-665-3591

MARTHA MINISTRIES--- 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: [440-799-0838](tel:440-799-0838) Erin.musarra@gmail.com.

ST. MATTHEW'S PRISON MINISTRY---in conjunction with the national Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry. It is possible to help with prison ministry even without ever going inside a prison. *A big focus right now is writing letters to prisoners.* For more info, contact our local leader, Vincent Defilippo, 330-352-6678 vdefilippo@neo.rr.com

THE NEXT ST. JOHN THE ALMSGIVER OUTREACH TO THE HOMELESS will be the weekend of Aug 24. Donations and volunteers will be needed. Details in the image to the right. Please direct questions to Jack Palivoda at jack.palivoda@keyfactor.com or (216)235-2990

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS
BREAD OBLATION SIGN-UP— Please use the chart in the hall (chart is on the right wall by the counter) to sign up for which Sundays you wish to offer the oblation for the liturgy. *If you are not sure how oblations work, just check with Father Andrew.*

St. John the Almsgiver Quarterly Mission Dinner (Saturday August 24th)
(Serving Dinner for the Norma Rae's Women Shelter)

Opportunities to assist:

Friday	August 23	Food Preparation	06:00 – 08:00PM
Saturday	August 24	Food Preparation/Cooking	09:00 – Noon
Saturday	August 24	Serving Dinner	05:00 – 07:00PM

*** Sign-up Sheets available in the Church Hall.



Saint John the Almsgiver

HOSTING COFFEETIME AFTER SUNDAY LITURGY- If you can bring food please sign up on the chart to the left of the counter in the hall! Questions? Contact Electra Floasiu 216-671-0743.

VACUUMING VOLUNTEERS-Sign-up sheet is in the narthex to vacuum the nave after liturgy!

FIRST EVER ANCIENT FAITH MEN'S RETREAT- at Antiochian Village in Bolivar, PA Aug 22-25, 2024; Join us for engaging speakers, daily services, and fellowship with like-minded Orthodox men! Get more info and register at: <https://store.ancientfaith.com/2024-ancient-faith-mens-retreat/>

HELP ST. THEODOSIUS REBUILD:

As you are no doubt aware, St Theodosius Cathedral suffered a catastrophic fire. We are all too familiar with what that is like. We are also very familiar with the blessing experienced when others step forward to help.

We would like to be that kind of blessing for the priest and faithful of St Theodosius. If you would like to be part of this, you can donate through St Matthew's and be part of our gift to them. Just donate to St Matthew and earmark it for St Theodosius. We will then gift them as we were gifted in our time of need.

PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE- Do you have pictures or announcements you'd like to share on our public Facebook page? Contact Steve Morgan at (330) 524-0214, stevemorgx@pm.me or message the account directly.

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. The title of the course is "THE VIETNAM WAR, PART 2" It is a continuation of the course on Part 1 of the war taught last spring. It will cover 1968 to the war's end in 1975. You can take it without having taken part 1.

YOU MUST BECOME A MEMBER OF ILR TO TAKE A CLASS—Go to Institute For Learning In Retirement at Baldwin Wallace University. GO to "membership" and then to "Become a member". There is a fee to join the program and a separate fee of \$25 per class. No age restrictions. The class will be at Pleasant Hills United Methodist Church, 13206 Bagley Road, Middleburg Heights. Registration ends Sept 1.

FLOWER DONATIONS: If you would like to donate to the parish flower fund to decorate our church for one of our many feast days, please contact Lisa Amer 216-415-9126 or lisa.amer@att.net



Antiochian Charities

www.childrenrelieffund.org
email: childrensrelieffund@gmail.com

“Whoever receives one little child like this in my name receives me.” (Matthew 18:5)

August 1, 2024

TO BE READ FROM THE PULPIT AND DISTRIBUTED TO ALL PARISHIONERS

For over forty years the Children’s Relief Fund has provided financial support to help defray the cost of education for children in Lebanon and Palestine. Requests for such support have increased significantly in recent years. As a result of dire circumstances in Lebanon, many parents have become unable to pay tuition to send their children to Orthodox Christian schools. Our Orthodox schools are at risk of closing, and consequently many of our children will now have to attend a public school or to discontinue their schooling altogether.

With the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan SABA, we are seeking your help. We have approximately thirty Lebanese children from the Archdioceses of Beirut, Koura, Tripoli, and Zahle who need assistance to continue their education at an Orthodox Christian school this coming school year. The tuition cost per student varies from \$750 to \$1200 per school year, depending on the school and the student’s grade level.

Donated funds will be wired directly to the Orthodox school in the child’s name. The child and their family will receive a notice of your support, and you will receive contact information so that you can communicate directly with the child if you wish. Children receiving a tuition scholarship will not receive any other funding from the Children’s Relief Fund. Sponsorship in any amount will be appreciated.

School begins in a few weeks, so if you can help, please contact CFR Administrator Amy Stiffler at childrensrelieffund@gmail.com.

Children’s Relief Fund Scholarship Program

Antiochian Village
140 Church Camp Trail
Bolivar, PA 15923

God bless you for your consideration of this urgent request.

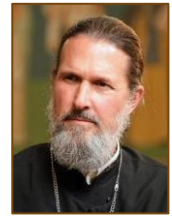
In Christ’s work,

Amy Stiffler, CRF Administrator & Executive Director
Anne Bourjaily Thomas, Charitable Outreach Chair

cc: His Eminence Metropolitan SABA



SAVE THE DATE FOR A WEEKEND



RETREAT WITH FATHER JOSIAH TRENHAM, PH.D.

“Godly Marriage and Virginity:
Paths to Holiness”

DATE: September 20 – 22, 2024

St. Matthew the Evangelist Orthodox Church
10383 Albion Road, North Royalton, OH 44133

- Friday, 9/20 7-9:00 pm 1st talk with Q & A
- Saturday, 9/21 9:30 am check in / continental breakfast
 10 – 12 2nd talk
 12 – 1 Lunch
 1 – 3 pm 3rd talk
 4:00 pm Vespers
- Sunday, 9/22 Join us for Sunday Liturgy with Father Josiah
 8:50 am Sunday Matins
 10:00 am Divine Liturgy with homily
 Luncheon after Liturgy

Father Josiah has published numerous articles and books and is also the founder of Patristic Nectar Publication, a non-profit ministry. His weekly homilies are entitled “The Arena Podcasts” and are available on Patristic Nectar Publications, Apple Podcasts, Spotify and Google Podcast. You can find links to his homilies at <https://www.saintandrew.net/arenapodcast>. His video reflections are available on YouTube under Patristic Nectar Films. His books will be available at the retreat at a wholesale discount. There will be a free-will offering to help cover expenses.

Registration deadline: September 8, 2024 – Register early. Seating is limited.

Contact: Cindy George at cindygeorge127@gmail.com

Steve Morgan at stevemorgx@pm.me

Leigh Frank at loberlinfrank@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE

October 18-20, 2024
Clergy: October 17-19

Midwest Diocese
FAMILY FALL
Gathering

ST. NICHOLAS - GRAND RAPIDS, MI

Look for
Registration
in Early
August!



Registration
\$50 - Adults
\$30 - Kids 12
& under



Highlight of Events

Welcoming our new Archbishopal Vicar, Archimandrite Jeremy Davis

Clergy Synaxis

John Maddex - "Difficult Conversations"

- Complimentary Outing for Clergy Wives & kids to Frederik Meijer Gardens

Family Fall Gathering

Speaker: Dn. Gabriel Otte - "Stillness in the Storm: Orthodoxy on Conquering Anxiety"

- Live Music & Pizza Party
- Activities for Teens & Youth
- Offsite Teen Service Project
- Midwest Diocese Information
- "Best Practice" Round Table Breakouts
- Cookout with Trivia & Game Night
- Young Adult Pickleball

"Best Practice" Round Table Breakouts

*SHARE IDEAS FROM YOUR PARISH
& LEARN FROM OTHERS IN THE MIDWEST!*

- Priest & Parish Council - Working Towards a Higher Partnership
- Motivating Parish Stewards in the 21st Century
- Surfing the Wave - Evangelism & Welcoming Visitors
- Works of Mercy - Connecting Parishioners to the Least of the Brethren
- Guiding Them In - Organizing a Catechesis Program for Your Parish
- Building a Men's Ministry



**Come & Join
the FUN!**

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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](tel:216-671-0743) **Gail Malaniak** [440-552-4586](tel:440-552-4586)

		August 2024		
		Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Thursday	1			
Friday	2			
Saturday	3			
Sunday	4			
Monday	5			
Tuesday	6			
Wednesday	7			
Thursday	8			
Friday	9			
Saturday	10		Roach Party 10-4	
Sunday	11			
Monday	12			
Tuesday	13			
Wednesday	14			
Thursday	15			
Friday	16	Homeschool Enrichment 9-1		
Saturday	17			
Sunday	18			
Monday	19			
Tuesday	20			
Wednesday	21			
Thursday	22			
Friday	23	Homeschool Enrichment 9-1		Kitchen in use 6-9, St. John mission
Saturday	24	Kitchen in use 8-12, St. John mission		
Sunday	25			

St. Matthew Orthodox Church

Homeschool Enrichment &
Infant/Toddler Play Group

Fridays 9:30am-11:45am Aug 16-Oct 25

Begin the day with prayers then break off into age groups for Catechism and other classes. There will be a mommy and me story time at 10am for kids up to 3 years old.

Contact Olivia Harmon to register

Oharmon15@gmail.com 440-220-2624

SAINT COSMAS THE AITOLIAN, EQUAL TO THE APOSTLES

St. Cosmas, whose memory we celebrate today, was born in Aitolia in Greece in 1714. He was tonsured as a monk on Mt. Athos but believed God wanted him to go back home to Aitolia to revive a very “dead” Orthodoxy among most people there. He traveled throughout the land preaching and teaching and urging people to fully return to their Orthodox Faith. He started 400 Orthodox schools and several charitable institutions and new churches. Crowds flocked to him. He had the gift of prophecy and was a great help to people in their personal struggles. The Turks, who then ruled Greece, saw him as a threat to their rule. In 1779, at the age of 65, he was arrested. The Turkish ruler told him he would be killed. St. Cosmas fell to his knees and thanked God for the opportunity to become a martyr. He was strangled and his body thrown into a river on August 4, 1779.

St Matthew Church can now accept donations online:

<https://giving.servantkeeper.com/stmatthewchurch>

