

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

10383 Albion Rd, North Royalton, OH

February 18, 2024

Saint Leo the Great

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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Reader Anthony Harmon

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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

FATHER ANDREW & KHOURIE BONNIE are gone to Taiwan (to visit their son, Christopher, and his family) through February 20th. There will be Saturday Vespers at normal time. On the Sundays he is gone, Father Alexander Garklavs from Holy Trinity parish in Parma, will serve here. **WELCOME FATHER ALEXANDER!** In case of an emergency need for a priest, please call Father Matthew Thurman of St. Luke Church in Bainbridge---440-591-1030. And you may contact our deacons.....

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 Vazquez family for the health & salvation of Fr. John, Hannah, and Josiah Vazquez on their birthdays; and by Kosta & Dijana Bokjanc for the health and salvation of their family members and in memory of their departed family members; and by Maria Simescu in memory of her grandmother Olimpya and her uncle Constantin, and her aunt Elena.

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

Justin Mosier	Jerry Morriston	Becca Aboumrad & child	Bud Linder
Tony Burhen	Iliana Radivoj	Veronica & child	William Ford
Lucy Kinkaid	James Padzerski	Father Basil Caldaroni	Dolores Kaleal
Marc Balke	Mary Malaniak	Charles & Judy Burhen	Corrine George
Christopher Samuel	Julie Dunn	Constantine & Maria Kornea	Danielle
Peter George	Ed Haddad	Christine Simon	Joseph Hollis
Pauline Hanna	Michael Francu	Deacon Macarius Tolbert	Elie Zogheib
Frank Popovich	Faye Farris	Father John Henry	Bob & Debbie Elias
Issa Zaboura	Jean Fadil	Christopher Bokjanc	Laurel & Matt
Argie Katsaros	Victoria Thorp	Hieroschemamonk Ambrose	C.J. Tolly
Josephine Katzbach	Paraschiva Blaz	Mary Violanti	Donnie Bryant-Huskey
Nancy Yanik	Elias Karam	David Yanik	Sadie Schumaker
Archbishop Nathanael	Emily	Mary Green	Winzell family
Fr Chris, Kh Sophia, baby Nora Marie Shadid	Carol Ann Butts		Darks family

And for the newly departed servants of God: Alexei, Lucille, Marty, Adrienne Andrews (sister of Jean Fadil & Elle Parker), Baby Albert, Joseph Petro (Lisa Bowden's father-in-law), Dan Castle, Bruce Mock, Gina (Christopher Bokjanc's fiancée)

EPISTLE LESSON: II Corinthians 6:16- 7:1

EPISTLE READER: Reader Anthony Harmon

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 15: 21-28

HOMILY: Father Alexander Garklavs

USHERS: Marianne Feuerstein & Richard Sahley

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

PLEASE STAY FOR COFFEETIME RIGHT AFTER THE LITURGY!

SUNDAY SCHOOL AFTER COMMUNION For ages 3-19 Parents, please have children attend!

CHESS CLUB-after liturgy today!

Bulletin Updates During Father's Absence

If you have information for the bulletin, prayer list, or Holy Bread Oblation, please notify Olivia Harmon (oharmon15@gmail.com, 440-220-2624).

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024

Leo the Great, pope of Rome;

Agapitos the Confessor, bishop of Synnada in Phrygia, and his companions

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FOUR (p. 13)

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world 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.

ORDINARY KONTAKION IN TONE TWO (p. 17)

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

THE EPISTLE (For the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost)

O Lord, how magnified are Thy works. In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (6:16-7:1)

Brethren, you are the temple of the living God; as God said, “I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Therefore, come out from them, and be separate from them,” says the Lord, “and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters,” says the Lord Almighty. Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

THE GOSPEL (For the Seventeenth Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (15:21-28)

At that time, Jesus went to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon.” But He did not answer her one word. And His disciples came and begged Him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before Him, saying, “Lord, help me.” And He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.” Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS: **Today**-regular classes **Feb 25-** Gallery Walk **Mar 3-**regular classes

UPCOMING SERVICES

THURS, FEB 22- 6:30pm *Vespers with the Orthros Canon for St. Polycarp of Smyrna*

SAT, FEB 24-5pm *Vespers*

SUN, FEB 25- 8:50am *Matins*, 10am *Divine Liturgy*; The Holy Bread of Oblation will be offered by the Blazek family for Gregory on his 15th birthday and will be offered by the Bokjanc family for their living and departed family members.

MEETINGS

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY—will not meet in Feb, but will resume Mar 9. Meets one Sat a month, 6pm at the church. Studying the Gospel of St. Mark. For more info, contact: Sbdcn Samuel Harmon, 216-598-9230, samuelharmon15@gmail.com or Colton Bose, 440-567-6101

WEST BIBLE STUDY--- at the church Sat, Feb 24 (after Vespers) at 6 p.m. We are studying the book of Revelation.

SOUTH BIBLE STUDY--- Next meeting Tues, Feb 20, 6:30pm; Regularly meets at 6:30pm on the 1st & 3rd Tues of the month at Craig & Cindy George's, 9451 Sherwood Trl, Brecksville. Studying Genesis.

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP— Tues, Feb 27, 10:30am. Meets monthly at Tara Reidy's (274 Elmwood, Berea). For info, call Sandy Tolbert, [440-773-9162](tel:440-773-9162).

HOMESCHOOL ENRICHMENT GROUP--- Meets at the church on Fridays from 9:30-1:30 (Aug-May). Includes classes for preschoolers & social time for moms. For info contact Olivia: oharmon15@gmail.com, [440-220-2624](tel:440-220-2624)

KNIT/CROCHET GROUP---Sat, Feb 24, 3:30pm. Meets monthly at the church. Do you knit or crochet? Would you like to learn? Please join us! Contact Lisa Bowden at [440-667-2767](tel:440-667-2767) for info.

CHESS CLUB--- today after liturgy. Meets monthly at church.

MINISTRY NEWS

STREET DELIVERY TO THE HOMELESS----- Feb 25 is the monthly day that 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 for the month of Feb.

MEAL SERVING AT ST. HERMAN ORTHODOX HOMELESS SHELTER TODAY is our next monthly date to serve a meal to the poor at St. Herman Orthodox Homeless Shelter in Cleveland. If you can help by providing food, cooking, or serving the meal, please contact Deacon Basil, 440-665-3591.

OCLife ST. MATTHEW CHURCH--- will once again be hosting a Booth at the “Bringing America Back to Life” conference at Embassy Suites in Independence. The dates are March 8 & 9 from 8:00-6:30 each day. If you are interested in helping with this, please use the sign-up sheet in the Hall or see Lisa Palivoda or Cindy George. This is always a fun event with a great opportunity to talk to others about the Orthodox faith.

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 IS NOW GETTING UNDERWAY. To participate or get info, please contact Vincent Defilippo---330-352-6678 vdefillipo@neo.rr.com

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

TWO NEW CHARTS ON HALL WALL BY COUNTER

THE CHART TO THE RIGHT, IS FOR HOLY BREAD OBLATION SIGN-UP—Please 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.*

THE CHART TO THE LEFT, IS FOR HOSTING COFFEETIME AFTER LITURGY ON SUNDAYS. Please take a turn! If you have questions, contact Electra Floasiu, 216-671-0743.

VACUUMING VOLUNTEERS---Can you vacuum the church one Sunday after liturgy? A sign up sheet is in the narthex.

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT- For ages 21+ will be held at St. George in Cleveland Feb 23-25. Join area young adults for presentations by Fr. John Chagan, Fr. Mark Hagan, and Fr. John Ojaimi, discussion, a service project, social events, and a haffle (music and dancing). Find more info on Instagram @stgeorgeyamcle. Register at <https://www.eventcreate.com/e/pre-lenten-yam>

NEW PARISH FAMILY DIRECTORIES

Are on the table in the narthex.

Many thanks to Craig George for the enormous amount of work.
And our apologies to parishioners accidentally omitted due to a glitch in the computer program. Here is their contact info so you can write them into your copy---

Michael Palmer
523 Front St. Apt #108, Berea, 44017
216-212-7436
mpalmer0924@hotmail.com

Adam & Susie Palmer
Lily, August
7318 Liberty Ave, Parma, 44129
Adam 330-802-5612
Susie 216-678-6373
STPalmer85@hotmail.com

Also, there was a misprint of Joseph Hollis' cell phone number. His correct cell number is 216-559-1728.



New groups have been arranged,
See sign-up board in Fellowship Hall,
Fill in dates to provide snacks, a meal, or to clean up

COMING SOON! →



SignUpGenius

**IMMEDIATE NEED – Sponsors for
Feb 18 & Feb 25 Fellowship Hour**

Please contact Lisa Palivoda
(216.235.2991-
cell/ldpal1703@outlook.com) or
Electra Floasiu (216.671.0743-
home/electra.floasiu@yahoo.com)

The WORD Magazine

Are you receiving "The Word" – the magazine published by our Archdiocese? If you are new to our parish, have recently moved, or never subscribed, please consider subscribing to this very informative, enlightening, and educational publication by our Archdiocese.

Here are the links:

For new subscriptions, go to this site and submit this form <https://forms.gle/ZcYq1HD1tPp7SXHT9>. There is no charge for members of our parish.

Do you need to update your address? Go to this site and submit this form <https://forms.gle/jRhJSiA111W2S8vV6>

Non-member of an Antiochian Orthodox Parish? Go to this site and submit this form <https://forms.gle/bmKPLHkRv3ycjZ4P8>. Make check or money order made payable to **The Antiochian Archdiocese** and mail to **PO Box 5238, Englewood, NJ 07631-5238**. Subscription Rates: US & Canada - \$40.00, single copies are also available for \$3.00.

Don't have access to go online? Contact Gloria Zabala with your name and address. She will make sure that you are added to receive "The Word".

OHIO DEANERY TEEN SOYO *Retreat*

What does it mean to live
in a secular world as
Orthodox Christians?

Schedule:

10:00 Arrival and Icebreaker
10:30 Panel / Small Groups
12:00 Lunch
12:45 Service Project
1:30 Ask Abouna
2:15 Midday Prayers
2:30 Open Gym



Hosted at St George Orthodox Church
3204 Ridgewood Rd / Akron / 44333

MARCH 2ND | 10A - 3:30P

RVSP <http://tinyurl.com/retreatohio>
Register by February 29!
FREE!

Antiochian Village Summer Camp

Ana Blazek Camper Spotlight



What session will you attend?

Session 1

What is your favorite camp memory?

Meeting new people

What is your favorite camp activity?

Church and swimming

What are you looking forward to about camp?

Seeing all my friends again and seeing the Bishop. It's my second year and I'm so excited.

**Please Save The Date For St.
Matthew's 3rd Annual**

Chili COOK OFF

***featuring a bake sale & silent
auction fundraiser for campers***

DATE: FRIDAY, MARCH 1ST, 2024

TIME: 6:00 PM

PLACE: ST. MATTHEW PARISH HALL

ADMISSION FEE: FREE WILL OFFERING

**GOAL: TO RAISE FUNDS FOR SUMMER CHURCH
CAMP TUITION* FOR ST. MATTHEW'S YOUTH**

****A 2-week Summer session at AV costs \$1,100 per camper***



**PLEASE BRING: FRIENDS + FAMILY, YOUR
APPETITE, CASH FOR CHILI VOTING + CHECKS +
CREDIT**

**Attendees will vote with \$\$ for their favorite (anonymous) chilis, and
the cooks that raise the most money in each category (white, red,
veggie) will each win the 2024 Golden Ladle (plus bragging rights)!
Chili sign ups coming soon.**

**THERE WILL BE DELICIOUS BAKED GOODS FOR SALE AS WELL AS EXCITING
SILENT AUCTION ITEMS. YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS YOUR CHANCE TO WIN!**

For more information contact Kendra Hunter or Gail Malaniak

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

Adopt a Camper

Here's how:

- CHOOSE A CAMPER YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR. (SEE KENDRA HUNTER OR GAIL MALANIAK FOR A LIST OF CAMPERS.)
- COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND TURN IT IN TO THE DONATION BOX WITH YOUR CHECK, IN AN ENVELOPE.

When:

- FROM NOW UNTIL APRIL 15, 2024.

Cost:

- TUITION IS \$1,100 BUT ANY AMOUNT TOWARDS THAT IS APPRECIATED.
- CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO "ST. MATTHEW CHURCH" WITH "CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND" IN THE MEMO.

ON A RECENT SURVEY DONE BY OUR ARCHDIOCESE, ANTIOCHIAN VILLAGE CAMP WAS FOUND TO BE THE LARGEST FACTOR THAT IMPACTED THE FAITH OF OUR YOUTH.

Thank you for your generosity!

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• CAMPER'S NAME: _____

• AMOUNT: _____

• SPONSOR'S NAME: _____

• DO YOU WISH TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS? _____



GREATER CLEVELAND COUNCIL OF
Orthodox Clergy

31 January 2024

Beloved Friends in the Lord,

Greetings! The Orthodox Christian Community of Greater Cleveland and Lorain will soon be honoring the Sunday of Orthodoxy, the first Sunday of the Great Fast. A celebration of this triumph of our Faith will take place on the evening of 24 March 2024, at 4:00pm. This service of Great Vespers will be hosted by Saint Theodosius Orthodox Cathedral (OCA), located at 733 Starkweather Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44113. His Eminence, the Most Reverend Nicolae, Metropolitan of the Romanian Orthodox Archdiocese of the Americas, will preside as well as offer the homily.

Each year, the Greater Cleveland Council of Orthodox Clergy (GCCOC) solicits donations to help underwrite this celebration of our Faith, and this year, donations will be given to International Orthodox Christian Charities for humanitarian relief in Gaza. We humbly ask that you consider providing a contribution to the GCCOC; in return, you will be listed as a "Patron" within the handout at this special service.

If you wish to donate, we ask that you make checks payable to the "Greater Cleveland Council of Orthodox Clergy," or simply the "GCCOC." Checks can either be given to your parish priest, or they can be mailed to the address below no later than 12 March 2024.

In Christ,
>>>Father Peter Simko
GCCOC Treasurer

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2024 SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY | PATRON DONATION

YOUR NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

YOUR PARISH NAME _____

DONATION AMOUNT _____

GCCOC, c/o St. Innocent Orthodox Church, PO Box 38208, Olmsted Falls, Ohio 44138

St. Luke the Evangelist Antiochian Orthodox Church

Presents a free public lecture series:

"Blessed Are Those..."

A series of four presentations that explore the Beatitudes given by Christ in Matthew 5:3-12 (**part of the Sermon on the Mount**).

All presentations will be done by Fr. Matthew.

Dates: Time: 7:00 p.m.

January 24, 2024: *The Poor in Spirit. Those Who Mourn.*

February 7, 2024: *The Meek. Hunger & Thirst for Righteousness*

February 21, 2024: *The Merciful. The Pure in Heart*

March 6, 2024: *The Peacemakers. The Persecuted.*

All sessions are in person at:

St. Luke the Evangelist Antiochian Orthodox Church
18046 Chillicothe Rd
Bainbridge, OH 44023

For more information:

Email: info@stluke.us or call (440) 384-3285

SUMMER ENRICHMENT DAY CAMP

2024 Theme: ORTHODOXY AROUND THE WORLD



Join us as we explore the lives of saints,
sacred arts, sports, and international foods!



June 3-7, 2024 9:30am-12:30pm

At St. Matthew's Antiochian Church

10383 Albion Rd., North Royalton, OH

Free! (Donations Accepted)

To register children ages 3-10 or to volunteer:

call, text, or email Olivia Harmon

440-220-2624, oharmon15@gmail.com

By May 20th

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)

February 2024				
		Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Thursday	1			
Friday	2			Hall in use for mission ministry 6-9 PM
Saturday	3	Kitchen in use for Mission Ministry 10-3	Kitchen in use 10-3	
Sunday	4			
Monday	5			
Tuesday	6			
Wednesday	7			
Thursday	8			
Friday	9	Homeschool 9-2		
Saturday	10			
Sunday	11			Teens super bowl party 6-10
Monday	12			
Tuesday	13			
Wednesday	14			
Thursday	15			
Friday	16	Homeschool 9-2		
Saturday	17			
Sunday	18			
Monday	19			
Tuesday	20			
Wednesday	21			
Thursday	22			
Friday	23	Homeschool 9-2		
Saturday	24			
Sunday	25		Musarra Baptism 1:30-5:00	
Monday	26			
Tuesday	27			
Wednesday	28			
Thursday	29			Set up for chili cook off 5-8

Baptism Invitation
Everyone is invited to the baptism of baby Eleni Musarra!
Sunday, February 25, 2024 1:00pm
Reception to follow in the church hall.