

ST. TIKHON OF ZADONSK

St. Tikhon of Zadonsk, whom we commemorate today, was born in 1724 near Novgorod, Russia. He first became a monk, then a priest, and eventually an auxiliary bishop for the Voronezh area. That was a tough assignment---much drunkenness in the area, the cathedral had recently burned down, the clergy were lax and quarrelsome and drank excessively. He served there for quite a while but his health suffered greatly and he was allowed to retire from his bishop duties and eventually entered Zadonsk Monastery where he lived in great simplicity and prayer as a special friend of the poor peasants and children. He became a greatly holy man and many came to him for prayer and guidance. He died peacefully on August 13, 1783 and was canonized on August 13, 1861.

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 for your continued generosity

IF YOU ARE GOING TO
USE THE HALL OR KITCHEN

for any purpose...

first see if it is available

by contacting

Hall Committee members:

Electra Floasiu or Gail Malaniak

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

10383 Albion Rd, North Royalton, OH

August 13, 2023

Leave-taking of the Transfiguration

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

V. Rev. Father Andrew Harmon

Rev. Deacon Macarius Tolbert • Rev. Deacon Basil Vazquez

Sub-Deacon Fred N. Bourjaily • Sub-Deacon Samuel Harmon

Sub-Deacon Mark Katzbach • Sub-Deacon Richard Sahley

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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 Tom & Judy George in thanksgiving to God on their 32nd wedding anniversary; and by the Palivodas for the health & salvation of their son-in-law, David Mlakar, on his birthday; and for the health & salvation of Anthonio Saadic; and by Colton & Veronica Bose in gratitude to God for the conception of their child; and by Marcella Simescu for the health & salvation of her brother, Valentin; and by Leigh Frank in memory of her husband, Jeff Frank, and of her mother, Rhea Hollar; and in memory of Jean Caldaroni by her children, Father Basil Caldaroni and Linda McPherson, and their families

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

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

And for the newly departed servants of God: Evelyn Johnson (Father Andrew's aunt), Johan Aramouni (Roger Aramouni's cousin), Robert Suchy (Dan Patrick's brother-in-law)

EPISTLE LESSON: I Corinthians 4: 9-16 **EPISTLE READER:** Reader Anthony Harmon
GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 17:14-23 **USHERS:** David & Rudylin Glaser
HOMILY: "Imitation" **ALTAR BOY TEAM THREE**—Josiah Blazek, captain;
 Gabriel Amer, Gregory Blazek, Adam Heatwole

NEW CATECHUMEN BLESSING---Tiara Robinson will receive the blessing to become a Catechumen at the end of the liturgy.

WEDDING CROWN REMOVAL PRAYERS will be done today for recently married Sam & Mariya Aude.

THE ONE-YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE is being offered today in memory of Jean Caldaroni by her children, Father Basil Caldaroni and Linda McPherson and their families; and by Leigh Frank in memory of her husband, Jeff Frank (two years) and in memory of her mother, Rhea Hollar (one year).

PLEASE STAY RIGHT AFTER LITURGY FOR COFFEETIME IN THE HALL!

THE ST. MATTHEW'S WOMEN'S GROUP WILL BE HAVING A MEETING SHORTLY AFTER THE LITURGY TODAY



St. Matthew the Evangelist
Orthodox Church

August 18 & 19, 2023

Father Sergius Bowyer
Abbot of St. Tikhon's Monastery

Friday, August 18
6:00 - Prayer service with icon of St. Anna
7:00-8:30 - First Session

Saturday, August 19
9:30 - Registration, Continental Breakfast
10:30-12:00 - Second Session
12:00 - 1:00 - Lunch Provided
1:00-2:00 - Personal prayer
2:00- 3:30 - Third Session
4:30 - Vespers

The miraculous icon of St. Anna, the Mother of the Holy Virgin Mary will be at St. Matthew's for veneration.

TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Email:
cindygeorge127@gmail.com or
cfullermorton@gmail.com
Call or Text:
(440) 220-2623

*Fr. Bowyer will speak on his book
Acquiring the Mind of Christ:
Embracing the Vision of the Orthodox Church*

Free Will Offering Will Be Accepted

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT FOR BRINGING KIDS TO CHURCH:

Practice hymns at home, so that children can sing along at church!

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

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, AFTER
LITURGY**

***ALL ARE WELCOME---FREE OF
CHARGE!***

GREAT FOOD, RECREATION, & FUN

Hosted by the Brotherhood Club

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2023
TONE 1 /EOTHINON 10; 10TH SUN AFTER PENTECOST & 10TH SUN OF MATTHEW
LEAVE-TAKING OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF JESUS CHRIST
Righteous Maximos the Confessor; Eudokia and Irene (Xenia) the empresses;
Venerable Dorotheos of Gaza and his disciple Dositheos

VERSES OF THE FIRST ANTIPHON

(Use Alt. #2 (p. 4) for the refrain)

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, in the city of our God, in His holy mountain. Who settest fast the mountains by Thy strength, Who art girded about with power.

Who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment. The mountains shall rejoice at the presence of the Lord, for He cometh; yea, He is come to judge the earth.

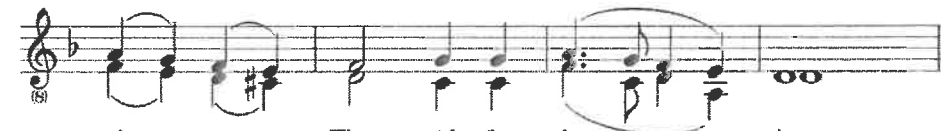
Glory... Both now...

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

His foundations are in the holy mountains. The Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.



O Son_ of_ God, Who wast trans - fig-ured on Mount Ta - bor, save us who



sing_ to_ Thee: Al - le - lu ia.

Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. *(Refrain)*

A man will say: Mother Sion; and: That man was born in her; and: The Most High Himself hath founded her. *(Refrain)*

Glory... Both now... O only begotten Son and Word of God... *(Use Alt. #2 (p. 7))*

THE THIRD ANTIPHON

Of Thy mercies, O Lord, will I sing forever. The heavens shall confess Thy wonders, O Lord, and Thy truth in the congregation of saints. Blessed is the people that knoweth jubilation. O Lord, in the light of Thy countenance shall they walk, and in Thy Name shall they rejoice all the day long. *(now sing the Apolytikion of the Transfiguration)*

THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF THE LEAVE-TAKING

For in Thee is the fountain of life, O Lord, and in Thy light shall we see light. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE ONE (p. 11)

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

APOLYTIKION OF THE TRANSFIGURATION IN TONE SEVEN

When, O Christ our God, Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, Thou didst reveal Thy glory to Thy Disciples in proportion as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light also enlighten us sinners, through the intercessions of the Theotokos. O Thou Bestower of light, glory to Thee.

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 the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost)

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (4:9-16)

Brethren, God has exhibited us Apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill clad and buffeted and homeless; and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

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 begins today, August 13 and 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.

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

NEXT QUARTERLY GIANT

HOMELESS MISSION---Fri & Sat, Sep 22 & 23---Hundreds of sack lunches and hygiene bags to be given to homeless on the streets and shelters. All details forthcoming... To get some info now contact a coordinator; Mike Musarra, Jack Palivoda, Jim & Cathy Sage.

GOD WILL BLESS YOU FOR BEING A BLESSING TO HIS NEEDY ONES!

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 (and leave a voicemail) Sondra Palivoda (216) 973-7537 if you need info

LIFE IN MODERN RUSSIA--- Alina Skrygin, our parishioner who lives most of the year in St. Petersburg, Russia, will tell us about life in Russia today—daily life, children, schools, churches, etc. And answer your questions! The session will be this *Monday, August 14, 7:30pm*, in the hall right after the 6:30pm Dormition Vespers service.

Alina will be returning to Russia as the school year approaches—this is a good opportunity to learn from her!

THE GOSPEL (For the Tenth Sunday of Matthew)**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (17:14-23)**

At that time, a man came up to Jesus and kneeling before Him said, “Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to Thy disciples, and they could not heal him.” And Jesus answered, “O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me.” And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?” Jesus said to them, “Because you have no faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. This kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting.” As they were traveling together through Galilee, Jesus said to them, “The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and He will rise on the third day.”

MEGALYNARION FOR THE LEAVE-TAKING IN TONE FOUR

Magnify, O my soul, the Lord Who was transfigured on Mount Tabor.

Thy childbirth was undefiled, for God hath come forth from thy loins, O Theotokos. Bearing flesh, He appeared upon the earth, and with mankind did He make His dwelling. Thus, for this reason, with hymns, thee do we all magnify.

KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) FOR THE TRANSFIGURATION (Psalm 88(89))

In the light of Thy face, O Lord, shall we walk, and we shall rejoice in Thy name forever.

Alleluia.

Instead of singing “We have seen the true light”, sing the apolytikion of the Transfiguration.

UPCOMING SERVICES

THE FEAST OF THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS IS AUGUST 15TH. OUR SCHEDULE:

Monday, August 14th—Vespers with Artoklasia, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 15th—Festal Matins, 9 a.m.; Liturgy, 10 a.m. (it is customary to bring flowers and greenery into the church on this day); Potluck celebration after the liturgy.

SAT, AUG 19- 5pm Vespers

SUN, AUG 20- 8:50am Matins, 10am Liturgy. The Holy Bread of Oblation will be offered by Eleanore Parker, the Hanna family, the Ivkovic family, and the Campbell family in memory of Ralph Parker; and by Florentina Popa in memory of her father, Mitica; and by David & Rudylin Glaser for their daughter, Regina’s birthday; and by Marcella Simescu for her brother, Valentin. ALSO, the one-year memorial for Ralph Parker will be held; and the 6-month memorial for Mitica Popa will be held.

MEETINGS

PATHWAYS TO PEACE— NO MEETING THIS MONDAY DUE TO VESPERS

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--- Aug meeting has already taken place. Sept date to be announced. (meets monthly at church after Vespers) Studying I Corinthians

SOUTH BIBLE STUDY--- Tues, Aug 15, 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.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY---Aug 26, 6pm. 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--- Aug meeting has already taken place. Sept date to be announced. Meets monthly at Tara Reidy’s (274 Elmwood, Berea). For info, call Sandy Tolbert, 440-773-9162.

TEEN CLUB--- meeting Sun, Aug 20 after liturgy. Question & answer session with Deacon Macarius

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 26, 3:30pm Do you knit or crochet? Would you like to learn how? Hope to see you there! Contact Lisa Bowden at 440-667-2767 if you have any questions.

CHESS CLUB- Aug 20 after liturgy. If you don’t know how to play, they will teach you!

MINISTRY NEWS

STREET DELIVERY TO THE HOMELESS----- The next day is Sunday, August 20 ---parishioners delivering 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, for information.

MEAL SERVING AT ST. HERMAN ORTHODOX HOMELESS SHELTER--- Our next monthly serving day is Sunday, August 20 . If you can help in any of 3 ways: serving the meal, cooking the meal, providing the food---- please see Deacon Basil after the liturgy.

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.

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.

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| Volunteers Needed: | |
| <p>COFFETIME HOSTING---Coffeetime 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 coffeetime host group. Questions? Speak to or call, coordinator, Electra Floasiu---216-671-0743</p> | <p>VACUUMING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED--- <i>A SIGN-UP SHEET FOR VACUUMING THE CHURCH (just the temple) IS IN THE NARTHEX. CAN YOU TAKE A SUNDAY?</i> <i>Please see the back side of the sign up sheet in the Narthex for Fall dates that need volunteers.</i></p> |

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| <p>SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR ST MARY OF EGYPT IN AUGUST: Cereals Ketchup Wide noodles Mustard Rice A Roni Mayo Cup of soup Jelly Crackers Peanut Butter Cake mix Ravioli in a can (Chef Boy R Dee) PUT ITEMS IN WOOD BOX BY COAT RACK</p> | <p>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.</p> |
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SUNDAY SCHOOL FIELD TRIP- TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE!
All parishioners are welcome! Biblewalk Wax Museum, 500 Tingley Avenue, Mansfield, Ohio. Wed, Aug 16 10:30am-2:00pm. The cost for 2 exhibits: Adults \$10.50, Ages 9-18 \$8, Ages 8 and under are free. Parking is free. Meet at the church at 9am to carpool or meet at the museum at 10:30. Bring a picnic lunch . There is no food available at the museum. Contact Gail Malaniak if you plan to attend. Gailmeen@gmail.com 440-552-4586