

# ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

## December 2024 Newsletter

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**SATURDAY VESPERS—5 p.m.**

**SUNDAY MATINS—8:50 a.m. SUNDAY LITURGY—10 a.m.**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** Sept-May 11:15 AM

**CONFESSION—after Saturday Vespers and by appointment**

### December Services Calendar

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<b>Dec 1</b> 8:50am Orthros, 10am Divine Liturgy				<b>5</b> 6:30pm Great Vespers	<b>6</b> St. Nicholas 9am Orthros, 10am Divine Liturgy	<b>7</b> 5pm Great Vespers
<b>8</b> 8:50am Orthros, 10am Divine Liturgy <b>Parish Meeting</b>						<b>14</b> 5pm Great Vespers
<b>15</b> 8:50am Orthros, 10am Divine Liturgy						<b>21</b> 5pm Great Vespers
<b>22</b> 8:50am Orthros, 10am Divine Liturgy		<b>24 Christmas Eve</b> 9am Royal Hours, Typica  4:30pm Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil the Great	<b>25 Christmas</b> 8:45am Festal Orthros, 10am Festal Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom			<b>28</b> 5pm Great Vespers
<b>29</b> 8:50am Orthros, 10am Divine Liturgy		<b>31 Circumcision and Feast of St. Basil</b> 5pm Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil the Great			<b>Jan 3</b> 9am Royal Hours of Theophany	<b>Jan 4</b> 5pm Great Vespers
<b>Jan 5</b> 8:50am Orthros, 10am Divine Liturgy 5pm Great Vespers and Lityia	<b>Jan 6 Theophany</b> 8:50am Orthros, 10am Divine Liturgy					

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOOP:**

### **Sunday School Nativity program rehearsal schedule**

Sunday December 1- No Class. Choir followed by play rehearsal.

Sunday December 8-No Class. Play rehearsal without music

Saturday December 14, 3:45- Full rehearsal with music

Sunday December 15- No Class. Full rehearsal with music

Saturday December 21, 3:45- Dress rehearsal

Sunday December 22- No Class- Final rehearsal

Sunday December 22- 4:30- Arrive at church. Program at 5:00.

**This year's theme verse:** "Behold the maidservant of the Lord. Let it be to me according to your word." (Luke 1:38)

## **MEETINGS**

**YOUNG ADULT GROUP**—December date to be announced.. Meets monthly to study the Gospel of St. Mark. Bible, fellowship, food....For more info, contact: Subdeacon Samuel Harmon, 216-598-9230, [samuelharmon15@gmail.com](mailto:samuelharmon15@gmail.com) or Colton Bose, 440-567-6101

**SOUTH BIBLE STUDY**--- Tuesday, Dec 3 and Tues, Dec 17, 6:30pm at Craig & Cindy George's, house--- 4414 Brookhaven Drive, North Royalton. Meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. Studying the Servant Songs in book of Isaiah---all are welcome!

**WEST BIBLE STUDY**---Dec 14, 6pm. They meet monthly at the church after Sat Vespers. They are studying the Book of Revelation. All are welcome!

**WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP**—Dec 17<sup>th</sup> 10:30am. They meet monthly at Tara Reidy's house (274 Elmwood Dr., Berea, OH 44017) For info, call Sandy Tolbert, [440-773-9162](tel:440-773-9162).

**ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN'S SISTERHOOD**—December 15<sup>th</sup> in the board room after liturgy.

**TODDLER TIME AND HOMESCHOOL ENRICHMENT GROUP**--- Is on a break for the holidays. Will resume in Jan. Contact Olivia Harmon for more information: [oharmon15@gmail.com](mailto:oharmon15@gmail.com)

**PATHWAYS TO PEACE**- Dec 23 at 7pm in the church conference room. The meetings will be held on the fourth Monday of each month. "A gathering place of Orthodox Christians who seek to live in the fullness of life as promised by Jesus Christ." Contact Deacon Basil for more information: 440-665-3591

**CHESS CLUB**- Dec date to be announced. If you don't know how to play, they will teach you!

**CATECHISM**— Meets every Sunday at 1pm alternating Scripture track and The Orthodox Faith. Scripture track will meet Dec 1 at 1pm in the meeting room at Church. These sessions are open to anyone, not just catechumens!

**TEEN SOYO CLUB**- next meeting 12/1 after liturgy; elections for 2025 officers 1/5 after liturgy.

## **MINISTRY NEWS**

**USHERING MINISTRY**--- Ushers rotate once every other month and are vital to the welcoming ministry of our Church. If you would like to be added to the rotation or have any questions about this, please let Cindy George know. [cindygeorge127@gmail.com](mailto:cindygeorge127@gmail.com)

**STREET DELIVERY TO THE HOMELESS**----- Dec 15. 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. Herman's Homeless Shelter this month.

**MEAL SERVING AT ST. HERMAN ORTHODOX HOMELESS SHELTER** Dec 15 is our next monthly date to provide, cook, & serve a meal to the poor at St. Herman Orthodox Homeless Shelter in Cleveland. If you can help in any way, please talk with Dcn Basil, 440-665-3591 or sign up in the hall

**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](mailto:Erin.musarra@gmail.com).

**ST. MATTHEW'S PRISON MINISTRY---** It is possible to help with prison ministry even without ever going inside a prison. For more info, contact our local leader, Vincent Defilippo, 330-352-6678 [vdefilippo@neo.rr.com](mailto:vdefilippo@neo.rr.com)

**IOCC REP NEEDED**—St. Matthew's needs a representative to the Cleveland chapter of the International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC). The group meets about four times a year to plan their two fundraising events. This is a wonderful opportunity to do something to help suffering people in Greece, Ukraine, Lebanon, Palestine, Uganda, Ethiopia, and elsewhere. For more information, please see Camille Patrick.

### **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**HOLY BREAD OBLATION SIGN-UP**—*If you would like to add an oblation for next Sunday, please contact Olivia Harmon ([oharmon15@gmail.com](mailto:oharmon15@gmail.com) 440-220-2624).* For all other Sundays, 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 Fred.*

**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!

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

**A REMINDER:** *Do not leave any items at the church to give away without permission from a Hall Committee Member:* **Electra Floasiu** [216-671-0743](tel:216-671-0743) **Gail Malaniak** [440-552-4586](tel:440-552-4586)

**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](mailto:stevemorgx@pm.me) or message the account directly.

**FATHER ANDREW WILL BE TEACHING A 2-QUARTER SERIES ON "THE HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY" IN THE UPCOMING WINTER AND SPRING QUARTERS IN THE ILR PROGRAM, THE ADULT ED. PROGRAM AT BALDWIN-WALLACE UNIVERSITY.** If you are interested, you sign up now for the first winter quarter classes. You need to both sign up to be a member of ILR and sign up for the course. To do so---go to [www.ilr@bw.org](http://www.ilr@bw.org); go to "Membership" to become a member; then (from December 1 to December 15) go to "Classes" and then to "Register Online" to sign up for a course. **THE WINTER COURSE WILL MEET AT PLEASANT HILLS METHODIST CHURCH IN MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS FROM 2:40-4 P.M. ON SIX MONDAYS IN A ROW BEGINNING ON JANUARY 6.**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION---**The 2 courses will cover the entire history of Christianity from the time of the Apostles into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. All time periods and all the varieties and denominations (at least the major ones!) will be covered. Both the glorious and not so glorious aspects of Christian history will be covered. The first course (winter quarter) will cover, among other topics---The early centuries of Roman persecution, doctrinal struggles and doctrinal development, the monastic movement, the medieval Church both East and West, the disagreements leading to the Great Schism in 1054 A.D. which resulted in separate Roman Catholic and Orthodox Churches, and the later part of the Middle Ages up until about 1500.



# UKRAINE RESPONSE

*IOCC has a long history of humanitarian and development programming in Eastern Europe, beginning in the early 1990s following the collapse of the Soviet Union. With strong partner relations across the region, particularly within the network of the Orthodox Church, and a portfolio of humanitarian response in Romania, Ukraine, and the western Balkans, IOCC was positioned to respond quickly, starting in March 2022. Programs are now addressing immediate and long-term needs in both Ukraine and neighboring countries.*



*Ukrainian refugees in Romania receive grocery vouchers from IOCC, ensuring they can get exactly what their families need.*

## BACKGROUND

Since it began in 2022, the conflict in Ukraine has forced millions of people to flee their homes seeking safety.

The global response strategy brings together the United Nations, nongovernmental organizations like IOCC, and local partners. Combined efforts are serving refugees fleeing Ukraine, providing humanitarian assistance in-country, and supporting host-nations across the region.

## KEY PRIORITIES

IOCC is providing aid in the following key areas of programmatic response:

- Humanitarian support for people in Ukraine, including emergency supplies and shelter.
- Assistance for refugees in neighboring countries and for the families and institutions hosting them.
- Leveraging IOCC's expertise in providing emotional care and counseling in crisis situations, plus other psychosocial support and protection for women and children.

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## IOCC RESPONSE

Initial programs began by meeting immediate needs and have shifted over time as conflict continued and circumstances changed. Programs (past and ongoing) include the following.

**In Ukraine, IOCC is working with local partners to serve people affected by the conflict.**

- Renovation of a community center to provide safe accommodation and support services (including social assistance and counseling) for women and children.
- Renovation of hundreds of houses and apartments to restore people to their residences.
- Complete renovation and repair of a home for men with disabilities, providing some 100 displaced men with safe shelter where they can receive specialized care.
- Distributions of food, water, medicine, household appliances, and essential supplies to displaced persons and to families, shelters, and resource centers assisting them.
- Training for clergy and social workers in self-care and counseling in crisis situations.



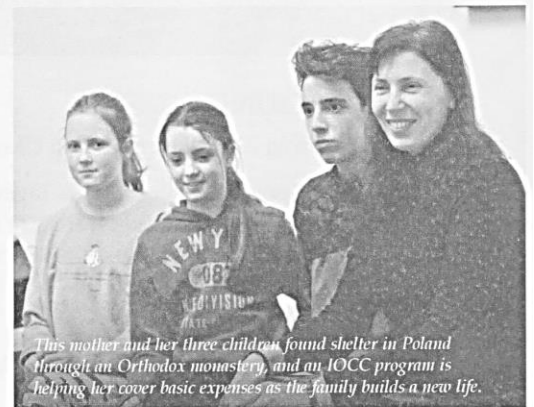
*This Ukrainian mother found the help she needed at an IOCC-supported distribution and information center in Ukraine serving people displaced by conflict. (Photo: Eleos)*

**In Romania, working with a long-time Church partner, IOCC is serving refugees and host communities.**

- Transportation: Getting refugees to safe accommodation, and providing transport for refugees staying with host families to essential shopping and services.
- Food and supplies: Providing grocery vouchers and essential items to refugees so they can shop independently for what they need.
- Host family support: Help for the numerous families the Romanian Orthodox Church has enlisted to provide temporary accommodation for Ukrainian refugees.
- Humanitarian protection and safeguarding training: IOCC is offering critical training and certification for all volunteers transporting refugees, helping keep particularly vulnerable women and children safe from harm and human trafficking.
- Aid in Moldova: Through our Romania partner, IOCC also worked with a Church partner in Moldova to provide food, hygiene items, household cleaning supplies, heaters, and other essentials to Ukrainian refugees there.

**In Poland, in coordination with Polish authorities and a local Church partner, IOCC is assisting refugees and host communities.**

- Supplies for shelters: Serving refugees in accommodation shelters in various cities with food, hygiene, and other humanitarian items.
- Educational assistance: IOCC purchased laptops to establish 26 online learning rooms in accommodation centers for school-age students so they can continue their education remotely.
- Host family support: Many families in Poland have provided accommodation for Ukrainian refugees at their own expense. IOCC is distributing household-support packages for 700 host families including food, toiletries, baby care products, and household cleaning items.



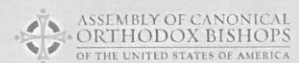
*This mother and her three children found shelter in Poland through an Orthodox monastery, and an IOCC program is helping her cover basic expenses as the family builds a new life.*

## INTERNATIONAL ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHARITIES

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Toll Free Donation Hotline: 877.803.IOCC (4622)



## OUR CHURCH FAMILY MEET-UP



Stevi McKena Lee was born on Feb 17, 1986. She had three older brothers. Her childhood was spent in Elkhart, Kansas, on a farm where her father raised cattle. She started riding horses when she was 2 and when she was 5, she rode her own horse along with the cowboys on the cattle drives. Stevi describes her family as being spiritually-minded, but did not go to a church. Stevi has believed in God for her entire life.

After she graduated from high school, Stevi moved out of her family home and got a job doing clerical work. In her spare time, she took part in a Wild West Show in Oklahoma, performing with a bull whip. (If you're interested in what that was all about, you can ask her sometime!) Stevi was also part of a historical society program that traveled around putting on historical fashion shows and giving "Gone with the Wind" type balls where Stevi would dance in a hoop skirt dress from that era.

In 2007, through mutual friends, Stevi met Adam James. He was a student at Oklahoma State University where he received a degree in finance the following year. Adam's family owned a large ranch—between 500 to 1,000 cows—in Boise City, Oklahoma. When Stevi met Adam, she said she felt so comfortable and at home with him. She told her brother afterwards that she was going to marry him, which she did in 2008.

Their first residence was in Wichita, Kansas. Adam worked in finance and Stevi was a receptionist for an airplane parts manufacturer. From there, they made several more moves. Some of the places they lived were Chicago, Fort Worth, Wisconsin, Oklahoma City, and Boise City in Oklahoma where they helped Adam's dad with his ranch. Stevi and Adam were searching for the right place to live, the right job to support themselves, and the right church to become part of. They decided to invest in a camper to make their search easier.

In 2014, they were living in Greenville, South Carolina. One day they were driving around when they came upon a Greek Orthodox church. They had never heard of the Orthodox church before, but seeing this building ignited a spark and they started researching. They read books, watched youtube videos, and learned all they could without ever visiting an Orthodox church.

They decided to go back to Boise City, Oklahoma. There, on August 11, 2018, their daughter, Liv Elodie, was born. This town was far from a big city and good hospitals. They had to drive 5 hours to Albuquerque, New Mexico, to give birth to their baby. Stevi describes the area in Oklahoma where they lived. It was in the panhandle of Oklahoma, a very isolated area with lots of cattle ranches. It was very flat with a big and beautiful sky, especially at night. You could see for many miles around.

After the baby was born, they thought they would give Idaho a try and find a church there. However, COVID happened and their search for a church was delayed. Because Idaho was a rather expensive place to live, they continued to search elsewhere. Ohio became a possibility. They wanted a place that had a large Orthodox community. Adam flew to Cleveland to check out this area. When he came back to Idaho, he told Stevi that it was beautiful here. They found a house in Boston Heights, packed their trailer and moved here in August of 2022. Liv was just turning 4 years old. They absolutely loved it here.

They put off finding a church until they were settled. Then in Mar of 2023, they became determined to find their church. They tried a church in Akron. Then one day they decided to try St. Matthew's. They drove into the parking lot to look at the outside of it. Afterwards they looked at our website and Stevi called Fr Andrew. The first time they came to the church, everyone was nice and welcoming and Stevi felt comfortable here. They soon became catechumens and were baptized and chrismated in Apr of 2024. Stevi took St. Elizabeth the New Martyr as her patron saint and Liv was given St. Melangell, an Irish princess, as her saint.

Stevi is a person with many talents. Her attitude is when she sees something interesting to do or make, she thinks, "I can do that." Then she researches and learns how it is done. She has become proficient in sewing and now makes many of Liv's beautiful dresses. She taught herself and Liv how to crochet. She makes very impressive rod puppets with which she and Liv enjoy acting out stories. Stevi and her family are avid readers and hikers. At this time in her life, all of her talents are used to enrich her time with her family.

Stevi has decided to homeschool her daughter, using the Waldorf Method. She felt that by homeschooling, she could slow down a little this hyper-paced world. She wants Liv to have a chance to enjoy learning and be connected with the beauty of nature along with learning about it. Before Stevi's dad died, he told her concerning Liv, "Keep her wonderment alive." These were words she holds dear in hopes of taking his advice.

Stevi shared with me her goal in her life. She wants to try to be a better version of herself. She says, "Since life throws us many curves, I feel like I have to just keep rolling along with it—being a mom and growing in Orthodoxy." What an interesting story Stevi has on her journey to Orthodoxy, to Cleveland, and to our family at St. Matthew's. We are blessed to have her and her family here!

## CHURCH FAMILY HAPPENINGS:

### ❖ OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO---

-Samer and Samantha Eadeh on the birth of their daughter, Zara on Oct 27, 2024.

### ❖ OUR CURRENT CATECHUMENS ARE:

Charles Bossart, Dean Albashani, Zachary Beltz, Nizam Jawhari, Andrew Richards

*We pray for them at every liturgy.....please also pray for them in your own prayers as they prepare to join the Orthodox Church.*

### ❖ Midwest Clergy Synaxis report submitted by Deacon Macarius

One might think that spending three days with three clergy of the Orthodox Church might be a little dry and too much to handle. Instead, the companionship conversation was lighthearted and lively. On Thursday Oct 17, Fr. Fred, Fr. Deacon Basil and Fr. Deacon Macarius traveled to Grand Rapids, Michigan for a gathering of the Midwest Clergy. This is an annual event to attend services to our God, foster friendship among the clergy, share information regarding what is happening in the archdiocese, and attend presentations regarding current topics faced by the clergy.

The trip takes around 4.5 hours one way and the three of us left around Noon on Thursday. The trip was interesting, enjoyable, and fun. The time went quickly and before we knew it, we were there.

The host church was St. Nicholas Grand Rapids. For my part, this was the first time I had been to St. Nicholas. The church is two to three times the size of St. Mathew and has a full complement of Icons on the walls and Iconostas. The hall where we attended presentations and had meals is also two to three times the size of St. Mathew's Hall. The facility also contained a small chapel, library, bookstore, numerous rooms and a courtyard. St. Nicholas is located in Kentwood, a suburb of Grand Rapids on 12.5 acres of land. The host priest was the Very Reverend Fr. Michael Nasser.

The host motel was Home2 near the airport. Most of the clergy stayed here and their off time from the Synaxis was spent here on the first floor where you could find numerous clergy getting reunited.

The gathering began Thursday night with Vespers, a Clergy Family Dinner and a welcome address by Father Jeremy Davis. He focused on the talks that were to take place on Friday and Saturday. Friday started with Matins and consisted of three talks with the main title *Navigating Difficult Conversations* and were given by the founder of Ancient Faith Radio John Maddex. The first talk focused on *Everybody Has an Opinion*, talk two Focused on *LBGTQ+ Issues*, and the final talk focused on *Let's Get Practical*. The first two talks were in a lecture format and the final talk was set up as a panel of priests that fielded question from SOYO Members that were relevant to the first two talks. The day finished with dinner that included the Clergy and Soyo together. Fr. Jeremy provided some introductory remarks for Soyo. Saturday consisted of Matins and a presentation by Speaker: Deacon Gabriel Otte presented in the church. His topic was *Stillness in the Storm – Orthodoxy on Conquering Anxiety*. This was an exceptional presentation and a fitting end to the Clergy Gathering.

For the clergy, the conference ended by noon and we began our way back. Just as the trip there, the trip home was lighthearted with some discussion on the events at the Synaxis.

The Synaxis was well worth the travel, the talks were very informational and well presented, the presentation topic was relevant to one of the main difficulties experienced in today's society, and the clergy companionship is well needed since in the Midwest we are spread out so much it is difficult to get to know each other.

### ❖ Over the summer we took a collection to help St. Theodosius Cathedral in Cleveland to rebuild after their church fire. They received our donation and sent the following letter of gratitude.



## St. Theodosius Orthodox Christian Cathedral & Cemetery

August 21, 2024

St. Matthew Orthodox Church  
Very Rev. Fred Shaheen .  
10383 Albion Rd.  
North Royalton, OH 44133

**Priest JÁN ČIŽMÁR,**  
Cathedral Dean  
Email: [St.TheodosiusCathedral@gmail.com](mailto:St.TheodosiusCathedral@gmail.com)

**DENISE POZDERAC,**  
Parish Council President

**JUDITH SCHWIND,**  
Parish Council Vice President

**NICHOLAS G. KOZAK,**  
Parish Council Treasurer

**NINA ANTONIK,**  
Parish Council Secretary

### Re: Donation to our Cathedral Fire Restoration Fund

Dear Fr. Shaheen and Faithful Members of  
St. Matthew the Evangelist Antiochian Orthodox Church,

It is with a heavy heart to have our Cathedral to be affected by this fire and sustain so much damage. Our Cathedral and its history has a strong connection with our parishioners, extended family, our community, and faithful friends near and far.

On behalf of our Parish Council and our entire Parish community, we thank you for your very generous donations of \$1,965 and \$3,750 to our Cathedral.

We greatly appreciate your support and this thoughtful gesture at this time, and we keep you all in our prayers. We also ask for your continued prayers for our wisdom and strength in this process of restoring our beloved St. Theodosius Orthodox Christian Cathedral.

#### Office and Mailing:

**Cathedral & Cemetery Office:**  
733 Starkweather Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio 44113  
Office Phone: 216-574-4886

**Cemetery Location:**  
8200 Biddulph Road  
Brooklyn, Ohio 44144  
Office Phone: 216-574-4886

In Christ,

Priest Ján Čížmár

**St. Theodosius Orthodox Christian Cathedral**  
Office Email: [StTheodosiusCathedral@protonmail.com](mailto:StTheodosiusCathedral@protonmail.com)  
Website: [www.sttheodosius.org](http://www.sttheodosius.org)

*In compliance with U.S. 26 CFR §170(f)(8), this receipt serves as verification that you received no goods or services from St. Theodosius Orthodox Christian Cathedral in consideration for your gift.*

**Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!**

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Please support  
our  
Antiochian Women's Sisterhood  
**CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE**

**Sunday, December 22, 2024**  
**Right After Liturgy!!**

We are asking everyone in our Parish Family  
to please donate to our Bake Sale!!!

You can bring anything you like!!!  
It can be any of your favorite and/or signature  
Christmas specialties....sweet or savory!!!

*Anyone* can donate and if you prefer, you can also price your bakery.

*We do ask that your donation is wrapped, labeled and ready  
to be placed on the table!!*

And remember.... Many items can be frozen for later!!

Please help us make this Bake Sale a great success!!

~~~ **THANK YOU!!!** ~~~





*Theotokos of Vladimir*

**EASTERN ORTHODOX WOMEN'S GUILD  
OF GREATER CLEVELAND**

**UNITY THROUGH PARTICIPATION**

**Saturday, December 14, 2024  
@ 10:00 A.M.**

**Archangel Michael Russian Orthodox Church  
5025 Mill Road  
Broadview Hts., OH 44147**

Matthew 25:35-36, 40

For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you welcomed me; I was naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you visited me; I was in prison and you came to me... as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.



- Fellowship and Advent Brunch
- **Presentation by Diane Hastings**
- **IOCC – Cleveland Chapter and domestic missions**

*Enjoy time with other EOWG members as Diane presents a power point showing the missions that the IOCC is providing here in the States.*

# 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)

|           |    | December 2024          |                        |                           |
|-----------|----|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
|           |    | Morning                | Afternoon              | Evening                   |
| Sunday    | 1  |                        |                        |                           |
| Monday    | 2  |                        |                        |                           |
| Tuesday   | 3  |                        |                        |                           |
| Wednesday | 4  |                        |                        |                           |
| Thursday  | 5  |                        |                        |                           |
| Friday    | 6  |                        |                        | Set up for St. Nick party |
| Saturday  | 7  | St. Nicholas Party 9-1 | St. Nicholas Party 9-1 |                           |
| Sunday    | 8  |                        |                        |                           |
| Monday    | 9  |                        |                        |                           |
| Tuesday   | 10 |                        |                        |                           |
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| Thursday  | 12 |                        |                        |                           |
| Friday    | 13 |                        |                        |                           |
| Saturday  | 14 |                        |                        |                           |
| Sunday    | 15 |                        |                        |                           |
| Monday    | 16 |                        |                        |                           |
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| Wednesday | 18 |                        |                        |                           |
| Thursday  | 19 |                        |                        |                           |
| Friday    | 20 |                        |                        |                           |
| Saturday  | 21 |                        |                        |                           |
| Sunday    | 22 |                        |                        | Christmas program 5-7     |
| Monday    | 23 |                        |                        |                           |
| Tuesday   | 24 |                        |                        |                           |
| Wednesday | 25 |                        |                        |                           |
| Thursday  | 26 |                        |                        |                           |
| Friday    | 27 |                        |                        |                           |
| Saturday  | 28 |                        |                        |                           |
| Sunday    | 29 |                        |                        |                           |
| Monday    | 30 |                        |                        |                           |
| Tuesday   | 31 |                        |                        |                           |

**Saint Matthew now has a YouTube channel! Please subscribe to stay on top of our videos**

<https://m.youtube.com/@saintmattheworthodoxchurch>

**Additionally, you can subscribe to Fr. Fred's own YouTube channel, *A Light to the Nations***

<https://tinyurl.com/ALight2> and his podcast is available to listen to on multiple platforms

<https://tinyurl.com/ALightpodcast>

**St Matthew Church can now accept donations online:**

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



Who will win this year's Golden Ladle???

**⚡ SAVE THE DATE! ⚡**  
4th annual

# CHILI COOK-OFF FOR CAMPERS!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2025  
6:00-8:00 PM

Bake Sale  
& Raffle!

FREE- WILL  
admission!  
Vote with  
Cash!

Invite  
Friends &  
Family!

All proceeds  
benefit our  
15  
Antiochian  
Village  
Campers!

Chili Chef and Bake Sale Sign-Ups coming soon...  
Contact Kendra Hunter or Lisa Amer with Questions

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