

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

10383 Albion Rd, North Royalton, OH

January 28, 2024

Righteous Father Ephraim the Syrian

His Eminence Metropolitan SABA

Archbishop of New York and Antiochian Metropolitan of all North America

His Grace Bishop ANTHONY

Auxiliary Bishop of the Antiochian Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest

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Saturday Vespers 5:00 PM

Saturday Confessions 5:30 PM

Sunday Confessions during Matins

Sunday Matins 8:50 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

Sunday School 11:15 AM

FATHER ANDREW & KHOURIE BONNIE will be gone to Taiwan (to visit their son, Christopher, and his family) tomorrow, January 29th through February 20th. On the 3 Sundays he is gone, Father Alexander Garklavs from Holy Trinity parish in Parma, will serve here. There will be Saturday Vespers at normal time. 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 Florentina Popa for the health & salvation of her goddaughter, Mary Harmon, on her birthday, and in memory of Jeneta Marcus (3 years); and is offered by Maria Simescu for the health & salvation of her grandson, Bogdan, on his birthday, and of her other grandchildren, Brian, Zack, and Emma; and is offered by Father Andrew & Khourie Bonnie for the health & salvation of their son, Reader Anthony, on his Saint Day (Jan. 17), and for their grandchildren, Mary & Luke, on their birthdays; and for their granddaughter, Xenia, on her Saint Day (Feb. 6).

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

Justin Mosier	Nancy Yanik	Becca Aboumrad & child	Baby Nora Shadid
Tony Burhen	Jerry Morriston	Veronica & child	Paraschiva Blaz
Lucy Kinkaid	Iliana Radivoj	Father Basil Caldaroni	Elias Karam
Marc Balke	James Padzerski	Charles & Judy Burhen	Bud Linder
Christopher Samuel	Mary Malaniak	Constantine & Maria Kornea	William Ford
Peter George	Julie Dunn	Christine Simon	Dolores Kaleal
Pauline Hanna	Ed Haddad	Adrienne Andrews	Corrine George
Frank Popovich	Michael Francu	Deacon Macarius Tolbert	Danielle
Issa Zaboura	Faye Farris	Mary Violanti	Joseph Hollis
Argie Katsaros	Jean Fadir	Father John Henry	Elie Zogheib
Josephine Katzbach	Victoria Thorp	Christopher Bokjanc	John Brown

And for the newly departed servants of God: Metropolitan Pavel of Leviski, Archbishop Anthony Kuznetsov, Bishop Irinarch of Ramenskoye, Dan Castle, Bruce Mock, Gina (Christopher Bokjanc's fiancée)

EPISTLE LESSON: I Timothy 1:15-17

EPISTLE READER: Reader Anthony Harmon

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 18: 36-43 **HOMILY:** "Be Like Bartimaeus" **USHERS:** Larry & Gail Malaniak

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

THE 40-DAY CHURCHING for Erin Musarra & her daughter, Eleni, will take place at the end of the liturgy.

THE 2024 OFFICERS, COMMITTEE CHAIRS, & MEMBERS OF THE ST. MATTHEW

WOMEN'S SISTERHOOD will be blessed after today's liturgy.

PLEASE STAY FOR COFFEETIME RIGHT AFTER THE LITURGY!

Hosted today by the Women's Sisterhood to mark the end of their annual January Diaper Drive for the need. Thank you very much, ladies, for hosting!

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

2023 GIVING STATEMENTS are available in the narthex to be picked up thru Sun, Jan 28, 2024.

Statements will be mailed if not picked up. Please let the treasurer, Lisa Palivoda, know if you prefer your statement to be emailed. Text or email Lisa at 216.235.2991; ldpal1703@outlook.com.

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024

Our Righteous Father Ephraim the Syrian

Venerable Palladios of Antioch; Venerable Theodosios of Totma

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 ST. EPHRAIM THE SYRIAN IN TONE THREE

(Special melody "Thy confession")

Out of Paradise, a river floweth, * flooding all the earth with joy unending, * cheering souls with compunction and saving fear: * Ephraim, the wine bowl of gladness inspired of God, * from all eternity chosen to light the Church * with his sacred hymns, his sermons, his shining canticles, * whereby he filleth faithful souls with godliness.

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 PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE

Thou Who didst sanctify the Virgin's womb by Thy birth, and didst bless Symeon's hands as was meet, by anticipation hast even now saved us, O Christ God. But grant peace in the midst of wars unto Thy commonwealth and strengthen the hierarchs whom Thou hast loved, O only Friend of man.

THE EPISTLE (For the Thirty-first 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 St. Timothy. (1:15-17)

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. And I am the foremost of sinners; but I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display His perfect patience for an example to those who were to believe in Him for eternal life. To the King of Ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory to the ages of ages. Amen.

THE GOSPEL (For the Fourteenth Sunday of Luke)

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (18:35-43)

At that time, as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to Him; and when he came near, Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS: Today- choir Feb 4- regular classes Feb 11- regular classes

UPCOMING SERVICES

THE FEAST OF THE 3 HOLY HIERARCHS, Tues, Jan 30, 6:30 p.m.---*Compline service with Akathist prayers* (lay-led service)

THE GREAT FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE IS FEB 2. It will not be possible to have services here as Fr Andrew & Kh Bonnie will be in Taiwan visiting their son, Christopher, and his family---please check what time Orthodox parishes near you have services and attend there. Some could be the evening of Feb. 1; some in the morning of Feb. 2; some both.

SAT, FEB 5-5pm Vespers

SUN, FEB 4- 8:50am Matins, 10am Divine Liturgy; The Holy Bread of Oblation will be offered by The holy oblation will be offered by the Vazquez family for the health & salvation of Joanne's mother, Mary Violanti; and by Jeb & Irene Brooks for their health & salvation; and by Marcella Simescu for the health & salvation of her brothers, Ioan & Mihail.

MEETINGS

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY—Jan meeting already held, Feb date to be announced. 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 6, 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--- Will not meet on Feb 2. Regularly 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--- Feb 18th 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. Herman's Homeless Shelter for the month of Jan. and St. Mary of Egypt Food Pantry for the month of Feb.

MEAL SERVING AT ST. HERMAN ORTHODOX HOMELESS SHELTER FEB 18 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--- is going to begin quarterly meetings, would those who have an interest in participating in these meetings please contact Cindy George at cindygeorge127@gamil.com

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.

THE NEXT PROJECT OF OUR ST. JOHN THE ALMSGIVER MISSION WILL BE ON FEB 3rd. We will be delivering a hot dinner to Norma Herr's women's shelter with Chili & Lunches to the surrounding area. Here is what is needed:

- Donations are needed to cover the cost of the food---please clearly mark for "St. John Mission"
- We need volunteers to make 360 brownies (sign up sheet will be posted in hall)
- We need help preparing food from 10am to noon on Sat 2/3 (sign up sheet will be posted in hall)
- We could use one more cook to assist in the kitchen from noon to 3pm for final prep and cooking.

-----For more info please contact Mike Musarra, Jack Palivoda, or Cathy Sage.

*The teen group will be assisting with food prep, brownies, and serving the meal.

** Colton and team will be delivering the lunches prior to dinner time.

We will make 220 portions for the shelter (ham, green bean casserole, potato wedges, brownies), 40 portions for street delivery (chili, ham sandwich, chips, piece of fruit and brownie), 100 portions for February commitment to St Herman's (ham, green bean casserole, potato wedges, and brownies)

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 FIRST 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 SECOND 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.

VILLAGE SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION---begins Jan 7. This is a great opportunity for our children to grow in the Orthodox Faith. (Ages 8-17) Spots fill up very quickly so be sure to register early. If you have any questions contact Kendra Hunter or Gail Malaniak.

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT--- For ages 21+ will be held at St. George in Cleveland Feb 23-25. Early bird pricing until Feb 1! 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 hafle (music and dancing). Find more info on Instagram @stgeorgeyamcle. Register at <https://www.eventcreate.com/e/pre-lenten-yam>

VACUUMING VOLUNTEERS---Can you vacuum the church one Sunday after liturgy? A new sign up sheet for 2024 is in the narthex.

**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

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN'S SISTERHOOD VALENTINE'S DAY SOCIAL 2024

FEBRUARY 13TH – 6:00 P.M.

(Please RSVP to Susan Joseph @ kmusikwsj@aol.com or
at St. Matthew's before or after Liturgy)



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CROWNE PLAZA CLEVELAND
AIRPORT

7230 ENGLE ROAD – MIDDLEBURG
HEIGHTS - 44134

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? _____

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:	<i>The Poor in Spirit. Those Who Mourn.</i>
February 7, 2024:	<i>The Meek. Hunger & Thirst for Righteousness</i>
February 21, 2024:	<i>The Merciful. The Pure in Heart</i>
March 6, 2024:	<i>The Peacemakers. The Persecuted.</i>

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

THE ZOE FOR LIFE
DIAPER DRIVE
JANUARY/2024

The St. Matthew Sisterhood will be holding our annual

Zoe for Life Diaper Drive

all Sunday's in January!!

Please bring a package of disposable diapers and place them in the decorated boxes which will be located in the hall.

The smaller sized diapers may be more useful, although any size will be appreciated!!

If you wish to make a monetary donation,
it would also be much appreciated.

Please make your check out to

"Zoe for Life"

and place it in the box or give it to Georgette Dye.

Thank you for your generosity and for helping those in great need!!

ST MATTHEW SUMMER CAMP 2024

Now accepting donations (please put “summer camp” in the memo)

Save the dates! June 3-7 9:30-12:30

We will explore Orthodoxy around the world by studying the life of a saint, learning sacred arts, practicing sports, and tasting international food!

To register, volunteer, or get more information, contact Olivia Harmon
oharmon15@gmail.com

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
1			
2			Hall in use for mission ministry 6-9 PM
3	Kitchen in use for Mission Ministry 10-3	Kitchen in use 10-3	
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9	Homeschool 9-2		
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16	Homeschool 9-2		
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23	Homeschool 9-2		
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25		Musarra Baptism 1:30-5:00	
26			
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29			Set up for chili cook off 5-8

ST. EPHRAIM THE SYRIAN & ST. ISAAC THE SYRIAN

These 2 Church Fathers are commemorated together on January 28th although they lived about 330 years apart. They did both live in the area now called Iraq. There were similarities between them. Both of them are remembered most for their teaching on prayer, worship, and holiness. St. Ephraim is perhaps best remembered for the many hymns that he wrote---hymns that taught much. St. Isaac is perhaps best remembered for his sermons on the spiritual life and on prayer. They lived far apart in time but are one in their standing now before God's throne praying for us.

NEW PARISH FAMILY DIRECTORIES ARE READY FOR YOU TO TAKE

They are on the table in the breezeway near narthex.

Many thanks to Craig George for the enormous amount of work on this project.

And our apologies to parishioner Michael Palmer and to the Adam Palmer family who were accidentally omitted due to some strange glitch in the computer program we used. Here is their contact info so you can write them into your copy---

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Adam & Susie Palmer
Lily, August
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Adam 330-802-5612
Susie 216-678-6373 STPalmer85@hotmail.com

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).