

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

10383 Albion Rd, North Royalton, OH

August 22, 2021

After Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos

**His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH
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 9:45 AM**

**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 the Blazeks for the health & salvation of their son, Josiah, on his 16th birthday, and of Al's mother, Rita, on her 93rd birthday; and is offered by Cindy George for the health & salvation of Tony Latina on his Saint Day (St. Jude); and is offered by Daniel & Maria Simescu for the health & salvation of their grandchildren Brian, Zack, & Emma, for Mihail on his birthday, for Florentina for safe travels, and in beloved memory of Luminita & Mioara, Uncle Cosiel, & Aunt Elena; and is offered by Miheala Delsinicu in memory of her departed relatives and friends.

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

Josephine Katzbach	Joseph Watson	Subdeacon George Simon
Justin Mosier	Lena Batina	Ted Geletka
Tony Burhen	Jean Caldaroni	Father John Loejos
Lucy Kinkaid	Paraschiva Blaz	Maryann Byndas
Marc Balke	Phyllis Simmons	Claire
Christopher Samuel	Nancy Yanik	Iliana Radivoj
Peter George	Dolores Kaleal	Jeffrey Cignisko
Pauline Hanna	William	Aurela Jay
Frank Popovich	Joelle Rogers	Alexandra Frone
Issa Zaboura	Catherine Morton	Khourie Helen Ashie
Argie Katsaros	Ron & Donna Teaman	The Musarra Family
Alex Mardini	Jerry Morriston	
Archdeacon Joseph Harb	Danielle	

And for the newly departed servants of God:

Stan (Florentina Popa's uncle), Jeff Frank, Nun Barbara and her mother Nada, Oksana Lutyi (Marianne Feuerstein's friend), Virginia Rines, Nabib Nasser (Emile Nasser's cousin), Olga Ayau (friend of Catherine Morton), Bruce Cragin (Khourie Bonnie's nephew), Robert Hess (Victoria Thorp's uncle)

EPISTLE LESSON: I Corinthians 3:9-17 **EPISTLE READER:** Reader Anthony Harmon

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 14:22-34 **HOMILY:** "Gold or Straw?"

USHERS: Larry & Gail Malaniak

THE MEMORIAL SERVICE is being offered today by Mihaela Delsinicu in beloved memory of her departed relatives and friends.

Please stay for coffeetime right after the service!

Hosted today by the Teen Club. *Thank you!*

The monthly (everyone's a) teen meeting is today after liturgy in or near the teen room. All ages welcomed and encouraged to attend!

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2021

TONE 8 / EOTHINON 9; NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

& NINTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

After-feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos

Martyr Agathonikos of Nicomedia and those with him

VERSES OF THE FIRST ANTIPHON

Shout with jubilation unto the Lord, all the earth. O give thanks unto the Lord and call upon His Name.

In the city of our God, in His holy mountain, and His place hath been made in peace, and His dwelling in Zion.

Glory... Both now...

VERSES OF THE SECOND ANTIPHON (*Normal Sunday Refrain*)

The Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwelling of Jacob. Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God.

God hath laid her foundations unto eternity. We have thought, O God, of Thy mercy in the midst of Thy people.

The Most-high hath hallowed His tabernacle.

Glory... Both now... O only begotten Son and Word of God...

THE THIRD ANTIPHON

Ready is my heart, O God, ready is my heart; I will sing and chant in my glory. What shall I render to the Lord for all that He hath given me? I will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord. (*now sing the Apolytikion of the Dormition*)

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE EIGHT (p. 15)

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF THE DORMITION IN TONE ONE

In giving birth, thou didst preserve thy virginity; in thy Dormition, thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos. Thou wast translated unto life, since thou art the Mother of Life; and by thine intercessions dost thou redeem our souls from death.

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 DORMITION IN TONE TWO

The grave and death could not hold the Theotokos, who is unsleeping in her intercessions and an unfailing hope in her mediations. For as the Mother of Life she was translated to life by Him Who dwelt within her ever-Virgin womb.

THE EPISTLE (For the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost)

Make your vows and pay them to the Lord our God.

God is known in Judaea; His Name is great in Israel.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (3:9-17)

Brethren, we are God's fellow workers; you are God's husbandry, God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise architect I laid a foundation, and another builds upon it. Let each one take heed how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; everyone's work will become manifest; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire itself will test each one's work of what sort it is. If anyone's work which was built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, but he himself will be saved, yet so as by fire. Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone corrupts the temple of God, God will corrupt him. For the temple of God is holy, whose temple you are.

THE GOSPEL (For the Ninth Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (14:22-34)

At that time, Jesus made the Disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds. And after He had dismissed the crowds, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone, but the Disciples' boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea. But when the Disciples saw Jesus walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately He spoke to them, saying, "Take heart, it is I; have no fear." And Peter answered Him, "Lord, if it is Thee, bid me come to Thee on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out His hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped Him, saying, "Truly, Thou art the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

UPCOMING SERVICES

SAT, AUG 27- Vespers 5pm

SUN, AUG 28- *Matins 8:50am, and Divine Liturgy, 10am.* The Holy Bread of Oblation will be offered by the Blazek family on the 6th anniversary of their entrance into the Orthodox Church by Holy Baptism; and will be offered by Father Andrew & Khourie Bonnie in memory of their nephew, Bruce Cragin. The 40 day memorial service will be held for Bruce Cragin.

THE BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, AUGUST 29, HAPPENS TO FALL ON A SUNDAY THIS YEAR---so the services for it will be the usual Saturday Vespers and Sunday liturgy. This holy day is a very strict fast day.

ECCLESIASTICAL NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION—Tues, Aug 31, 5:30pm food and children's activities, 6:30pm Vespers for the church new year (which begins Sept 1). Pizza will be provided. Please bring "New Year's Eve" snacks, or any side dish, dessert, or beverage. Everyone is welcome!

MEETINGS

PATHWAYS TO PEACE—Mondays, 7:15 p.m., either at the church or by Zoom. A gathering place for those who are broken from hurts, hangups, or habits. Join us as we renew our minds and encourage each other through the love of Christ." Call Deacon Basil, 440-665-3591, for zoom info. See more info elsewhere in this bulletin.

SISTERHOOD- meeting after liturgy next Sun, Aug 29.

SOUTH BIBLE STUDY--- Tues, Sept 7, 6:30pm at Craig & Cindy George's, 9451 Sherwood Trl, Brecksville. Meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. Now studying the book of Jude.

NORTH BIBLE STUDY IS RESUMING THIS MONTH!--- Thursday, August 26, 6:30 p.m., at the Parkers', 1350 Elmwood Court, Rocky River. We will resume our study of the book of Isaiah.

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP—Friday, August 27, 1 p.m. At Tara Reidy's, 274 Elmwood, Berea. For more info, call Sandy Tolbert, 440-773-9162.

WEST BIBLE STUDY--- August meeting already held...September date to be announced. (Meets 1 Saturday a month at church after 5pm Vespers). We are studying the book, "The Wisdom of Sirach."

ICON CLASSES TAKING SUMMER BREAK---Iconography classes at St. Matthew's, being taught by iconographer Dennis Bell who painted our own beautiful iconostas, are taking a summer break---- they will resume in the fall.

MINISTRY NEWS

ST. HERMAN'S MINISTRY TEAM— SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, IS OUR MONTHLY TURN TO SERVE A MEAL TO THE POOR AT St. Herman Orthodox Homeless Shelter. Can you help by donating for the food, or preparing the meal, or helping serve the meal? If so, contact Deacon Basil at 440-665-3591.

OUR PARISH'S MINISTRY OF DELIVERY OF FOOD, CLOTHING, ETC. TO THE HOMELESS ON THE STREETS OF CLEVELAND has been suspended for a long time due to the virus. It will resume in August, but which Sunday not yet known...

PARISH FOOD PANTRY is still well-stocked right now, so no additional food currently needed. Grocery gift cards can always be used!

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFETIME HOSTS NEEDED---sign up in the hall by the bulletin board!

HOLY BREAD OBLATIONS SIGN-UP for 2021 is in the hall to the right of the sink area. Please sign up for what Sundays you wish to offer an oblation.

DONATE BY TEXT- You can now donate to St. Matthew's via text message. It's secure, quick, and free to sign up and takes seconds to make a donation. Send a text message to 440-390-4330 to get started. Reach out to Al Blazek (440-799-2487 by text or phone) if you'd like help or further info.

VACUUMING VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEET is on a little table in the narthex.

What volunteers do is, either after Sun liturgy or later Sun or Mon, is vacuum the church----nave & narthex entry area. Also, they clean up any stray bulletins or other papers left behind. It is fine for two people to do it together (we have enough vacuum cleaners). They do not do any cleaning in the hall, kitchen, rooms, etc. Please consider signing up to do it one week.

LANDSCAPING HELP NEEDED---Anyone interested in weeding or other care of the church grounds, please contact Olivia Harmon. Could be one time or ongoing, at your convenience. 440-220-2624 oharmon15@gmail.com

FALL CHURCH CLEAN UP—We need all hands on deck to clean up the temple inside and out. There will be jobs for all ages and ability levels. Please mark your calendars: **Sat, Oct 2, 9am-?** Light refreshments provided. Bring your own lunch. Come and do what you can to help our beautiful temple shine!

Jobs include window washing, dusting, wax removal, HVAC filter replacement, kitchen cleaning, weeding, and bush trimming. It will help if you can bring any tools you may have for the job. The following items will definitely be needed: rags, gloves, buckets, rakes, hedge clippers, step ladders, dusters.

If you have questions, contact Olivia Harmon (440-220-2624), Lisa Palivoda, David Glaser, or Tony Latina.

A WEEKEND WITH BISHOP ANTHONY

Our diocesan bishop, His Grace Bishop ANTHONY, will be with us the entire weekend of October 17. Details not yet known but please keep the weekend open so you can participate.

MISSION TO HELP THE POOR---is being led by parishioner John Scordos and will culminate on Saturday, October 2 with the distribution to the needy in inner-city Cleveland of food, clothing, gift cards, etc. Please donate generously to this good work! To donate, contact John at 216-618-8007 or joninchrist888@gmail.com You can also contact him to volunteer to help with preparation, distribution, etc.

St. John Chrysostom compares the church to a hospital...
a place of healing.

Come and Experience

"Pathway to Peace"

A gathering-place for those who are broken
from hurt, hangups or habits.

Pathway to Peace
is a group of Orthodox Christians
that meets for support in seeking practical solutions
for problems and healthy spiritual fellowship.

*Join us, as we renew our minds
and encourage each other through the love of Christ.*

Mondays, 7:15 PM
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Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest

Fall Gathering 2021

Hosted by St. James Antiochian Orthodox Church

6577 Branch Hill Miamiville Rd, Loveland, Ohio 45140

October 21-22: Clergy Retreat

October 22-24: Fall Gathering YAM, SOYO & Antiochian Women



PLC June 2019

Hotel Information

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**DoubleTree Suites by Hilton Hotel,
Cincinnati - Blue Ash**

Address: 6300 E Kemper Rd, Sharonville, OH 45241

Phone: (513) 489-3636

All of rooms are two room suites. Every suite has a double sized sleeper sofa in the living room area, a microwave, a small refrigerator and an in-room safe. Group Code: JAO

Copy or Click on the link below for reservation:

https://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/C/CVGKRDT-JAO-20211021/index.ihtml?WT.mc_id=POG

Registration Information

Registration fee is \$50. For clergy retreat and fall gathering -this includes dinner on Friday, breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday and a farewell lunch on Sunday!

Click here to register <https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/3957214>

SAINTS OF THE DAY:

THE HOLY MARTYRS AGATHONICUS & ZOTICUS

St. Agathonicus was a Christian from Nicomedia and St. Zoticus was a Christian from Carpe (both in what is now Turkey). Both were arrested and imprisoned together in Nicomedia where they were tortured in attempt to get them to deny Christ. They refused to do so and then were taken to Europe. Zoticus died from his wounds enroute. Agothonicus was taken to Thrace. There he was tortured more and finally killed. Their deaths for Christ took place in August of 305 A.D.

Sisterhood Membership Drive 2022

Dear Ladies of St. Matthew.....

The Sisterhood will be holding their annual Membership Drive for 2022 in September. You can send your \$3.00 dues donation to church or just give it to Georgette Dye anytime you see her at church. Actually, our Treasurer, Camille Patrick will be happy to take your \$3.00, too!! You will then be added to the roster and receive emails on all the Sisterhood activities!! Make sure we have your email address and phone number, too!! Also, we are bringing back the Coffee Hour to "wrap-up" the Membership Drive!! This year it will be held on October 3rd.

2021 Blessed us with 40 members, but Ladies.....there are still more of you out there and we have plenty of room for you!! *We would LOVE for you to join us!!* Please give it some thought.....
Your new faces and new ideas are most welcome!!!

Checks should be made out to: St. Matthew Sisterhood.

Please send your dues donation to:

St. Matthew Orthodox Church
10383 Albion Road —OR— P.O.Box 33183
North Royalton, OH. 44133 North Royalton, OH. 44133

ATTEN: SISTERHOOD —OR— ATTEN: GEORGETTE DYE

We are so looking forward to a successful Membership Drive!!

Sincerely,
The Sisterhood Officers,
Elle Parker, President
Georgette Dye, Vice-President
Camille Patrick, Treasurer
Susan Joseph, Secretary

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT FOR BRINGING KIDS TO CHURCH:

Take a walk to the hall or outside at established times to reward good behavior.
(See the kids liturgy book in the narthex to find good times for leaving the service)
