

# ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

10383 Albion Rd, North Royalton, OH

**August 25, 2024**

*Ninth Sunday After Pentecost*

**His Eminence Metropolitan SABA**

**Archbishop of New York and Antiochian Metropolitan of all North America**

**Rt. Rev. Archimandrite Jeremy Davis**

**Archepiscopal Vicar for the Diocese of Toledo and Midwest**

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**V. Rev. Father Andrew Harmon, Retired**

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**Saturday Vespers 5:00 PM; Confessions after Saturday Vespers or by appointment**

**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 Amer family for the health & salvation of Jay on his saint's day; and by the Blazek family for the health & salvation of Josiah on his 19<sup>th</sup> birthday; and by Cindy George in memory of her friend Lena Batina (1 year); and by Eleanore Parker, the Hannas, the Ivkovichs, Jean Fadil, the Campbells, & Ralph & Maria Parker in memory of Adrienne Andrews.

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

Justin Mosier	Nancy Yanik	Father John Henry	Jared Johnston
Lucy Kinkaid	Julie Dunn	Charles & Judy Burhen	Christina Bossart
Marc Balke	Ed Haddad	Constantine & Maria Kornea	Ann Ghianni
Christopher Samuel	Jean Fadil	Sara Scordos and baby	Don Heatwole
Peter George	Victoria Thorp	George & Christine Simon	Tony Branson
Pauline Hanna	Argie Katsaros	Michael & Marilyn Francu	Teresa Pye
Frank Popovich	Theodore Bunevich	Tamara Derosset	Jemma Whorley
Issa Zaboura	Donald Glaser	Dana	Metropolitan LONGIN
Corrine George	Mary Violanti	Charlotte Shaheen	Sharon Mack
James Padzerski	Jerry Morrison	Roy	
Josephine Katzbach	Danielle	Elias Karam	

**And for the newly departed servants of God:** Tony Burhen, Igumen Pitirim, Robert Speck, Paraschiva Blaz, Yianni Devorack

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**EPISTLE LESSON:** I Corinthians 3:9-17

**EPISTLE READER:** Reader Anthony Harmon

**GOSPEL LESSON:** Matthew 14:22-34

**HOMILY:** Fr. Fred: "Singled Out"

**USHERS:** Louise Bouhasin & Kosta Bokjanc

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

**THE ONE YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE** will take place at the end of liturgy for Lena Batina (Cindy George's friend).

**WEDDING CROWN REMOVAL-** Vincent and Ginger DeFilippo will have the removal of their wedding crowns after the dismissal from liturgy.

**TRAVEL PRAYERS-** for William and Raphael Shaheen (both leaving for school) and for anyone else traveling this week.

**MISSIONARY PRESENTATION-** Hannah Valentine will address us in Church regarding her work in Albania following the dismissal. There will be a basket for anyone who would like to make a contribution to her missionary work. Please make checks payable directly to Hannah.

***PLEASE STAY FOR COFFEETIME TODAY RIGHT AFTER LITURGY!***

*Thank you to Group U (Craig & Cindy George, Richard & Catherine Morton, Richard & Rabiha Betor, Mary & Anthony Fazio, Constantine & Lindsey Katsaros) for hosting today!*

**The Sunday School teachers** will meet during coffee hour.

**INFANT CHANGING TABLES ARE NOW AVAILABLE in all bathrooms.**

**DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2024**  
**TONE 8 / EOTHINON 9; NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**& NINTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**

Return of the relics of the Apostle Bartholomew; the Holy Apostle Titus of the Seventy

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 FOR SS. BARTHOLOMEW & TITUS IN TONE THREE

O Holy Apostles, intercede with the merciful God that He grant unto our souls forgiveness of offences.

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 NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR

Joachim and Anna were freed from the reproach of childlessness, and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death, O immaculate one, by thy holy Nativity, which thy people, redeemed from the guilt of offenses, celebrate by crying to thee: The barren woman giveth birth to the Theotokos, the nourisher of our life.

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**

**Wed, Aug 28** Eve of the Beheading of St. John the Forerunner:

*6:30 pm Great Vespers with Litya*

**Thurs, Aug 29** Beheading of St. John the Forerunner:

*9:00 am Orthros, 10 am Liturgy* \*This is a strict one-day fast.

**Sat, Aug 31** *5pm Reader's Vespers*

**Sun, Sept 1** *8:50am Orthros, 10am Divine Liturgy*; The Holy Bread of Oblation will be offered by Dave Glaser for his wife, Rudylin, on her birthday; and by Deacon Basil & Joanne for their son Joe on his birthday; and by Larry & Gail Malaniak in memory of Gail's mother, Mary Assad (8 years).

**Sat, Sept 7** Eve of the Nativity of the Theotokos:

*5pm Great Vespers with Litya*

**Sun, Sept 8** Nativity of the Theotokos:

*8:50am Orthros, 10am Divine Liturgy* The annual Parish Picnic and Sunday School Open House will be after liturgy.

**Fri, Sept 13** Eve of the Elevation of the Holy Cross:

*6:30 pm Great Vespers with Litya*

**Sat, Sept 14** Elevation of the Holy Cross:

*9:00 am Orthros, 10 am Liturgy* *5pm Great Vespers* \*This is a strict one-day fast.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE & PARISH PICNIC IS SUN SEPT 8!**

Sept 15 is the first day of Sunday School classes.

(If you are interested in leading the children's choir or Christmas program, please see Dawn Heatwole)

## MEETINGS

**YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY**— Sat, Aug 31, 6pm. Meets one Sat a month, 6pm at the church. Studying 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, Sept 3, 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!

**WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP**—Tues, Sept 17, 10:30 am at Tara Reidy's house (274 Elmwood Dr., Berea, OH 44017) For info, call Sandy Tolbert, [440-773-9162](tel:440-773-9162).

**TODDLER STORY TIME AND HOMESCHOOL ENRICHMENT GROUP**--- Meets from 9:30-noon on Fridays for infants through Elementary. Contact Olivia Harmon for more information: [oharmon15@gmail.com](mailto:oharmon15@gmail.com)

**TEEN CLUB**—Upcoming picnic details for teens & their families are in the image above.

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

**PATHWAYS TO PEACE**- will resume on Mon Aug 26 at 7pm in the church conference room. The meetings will be held monthly 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

**ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN'S SISTERHOOD**—Meeting Sun Sept 8 after liturgy.

## MINISTRY NEWS

**STREET DELIVERY TO THE HOMELESS**----- TODAY. 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. Mary of Egypt Food Pantry this month.

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

## Teen Club Family Picnic

SUN **25** AUGUST  
5PM

**2804 Walnut Ridge Rd.  
Akron, OH 44333**

Join fellow St. Matthew teens and parents to welcome Fr. Fred and his family to the parish. Bring your whole fam, dish to share, and a lawn chair or blankets. Generously hosted by The Hunters.

Activities include : Spikeball  
Volleyball, Cornhole and more!



**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---**in conjunction with the national Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry. It is possible to help with prison ministry even without ever going inside a prison. *A big focus right now is writing letters to prisoners.* For more info, contact our local leader, Vincent Defilippo, 330-352-6678 [vdefilippo@neo.rr.com](mailto:vdefilippo@neo.rr.com)

## **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**RETREAT HELP NEEDED:** We are busy planning our September Retreat with Fr Josiah Trenham. If you have ever asked yourself, "I wonder how I might be able to help with this?" Here is the answer to that question.

The following are specific areas of need and the people you may contact if you can help:

<u>Need</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>	
Babysitting	Cindy George	<a href="mailto:cindygeorge127@gmail.com">cindygeorge127@gmail.com</a>
Parking	Sam Harmon	<a href="mailto:samuelharmon15@gmail.com">samuelharmon15@gmail.com</a>
Host/House out-of-towners	Cindy George	<a href="mailto:cindygeorge127@gmail.com">cindygeorge127@gmail.com</a>
Kitchen Help	Gloria Zabala	<a href="mailto:gzabala104@gmail.com">gzabala104@gmail.com</a>

**BREAD OBLATION SIGN-UP**—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!

**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.

### **HELP ST. THEODOSIUS REBUILD:**

As you are no doubt aware, St Theodosius Cathedral suffered a catastrophic fire. We are all too familiar with what that is like. We are also very familiar with the blessing experienced when others step forward to help. We would like to be that kind of blessing for the priest and faithful of St Theodosius. If you would like to be part of this, you can donate through St Matthew's and be part of our gift to them. Just donate to St Matthew and earmark it for St Theodosius. We will then gift them as we were gifted in our time of need.

**FLOWER DONATIONS:** If you would like to donate to the parish flower fund 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)

### **HELP NEEDED WITH TRANSPORTATION**

If anyone would be willing to provide lodging for out-of-towners attending of the retreat in September (with Fr. Josiah Trenham), please let Cindy George, Leigh Frank or Steve Morgan know.

**DESK AND SHELVING UNITS NEEDED:** Colton and Veronica Bose are looking for anyone who may be able to donate a desk or shelving to them for their new apartment. You can contact Colton on his cell phone: 440-567-6101

**A REMINDER ABOUT LEAVING ITEMS AT CHURCH:**

*Do not leave any items 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)

We often have weekday events and hall rentals. Piles and boxes get in the way and are sometimes taken to the dumpster. **Please help us to keep our hall presentable!**

You may drop off donation items at the local Goodwill: 6068 Royalton Rd, North Royalton  
Or contact Olivia Harmon to list items in the monthly newsletter: [oharmon15@gmail.com](mailto:oharmon15@gmail.com)

**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. The title of the course is "THE VIETNAM WAR, PART 2" It is a continuation of the course on Part 1 of the war taught last spring. It will cover 1968 to the war's end in 1975. You can take it without having taken part 1. **YOU MUST BECOME A MEMBER OF ILR TO TAKE A CLASS**—Go to Institute For Learning In Retirement at Baldwin Wallace University. GO to "membership" and then to "Become a member". There is a fee to

join the program and a separate fee of \$25 per class. No age restrictions. The class will be at Pleasant Hills United Methodist Church, 13206 Bagley Road, Middleburg Heights. Registration ends Sept 1.

SISTERHOOD MEMBERSHIP  
DRIVE 2024-25

To all the Ladies of St. Matthew..... [Please join us!!](#)

September is our annual [Membership Drive for 2025!!](#) 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 [\\$5.00 per year.](#)

Being a member of our organization promote's fellowship among our Ladies and helps our church in many different ways through our fundraisers. Plus, we love to see new faces and listen to new ideas!! You can give your [\\$5.00 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 almost monthly on a Sunday after Liturgy. Please consider joining!! It's a great way to see how we plan and put on our activities and fundraisers!! If you have any questions at all, please let us know!!

Thank you!!!

Electra, Camille and Georgette







**EASTERN ORTHODOX WOMEN'S GUILD  
OF GREATER CLEVELAND  
Unity Through Participation**

**BLESSINGS FOR THE  
NEW CHURCH YEAR**

*Theotokos of Vladimir*

**Saturday, September 7, 2024 @ 10:00a.m.**  
**St. Matthew the Evangelist Church**  
10383 Albion Road  
North Royalton, OH 44133

- Father Fred Shaheen, Pastor of St. Matthew's – blessings for the New Church Year
- Fellowship and refreshments – visitors welcome
- Updates on events planned for the year
  - Transfiguration Monastery
  - Annual fundraising dinner – distribute tickets
  - Election of Officers in June
- Assembly of IOCC School Bags – Service Project



SAVE THE DATE

October 18-20, 2024  
Clergy: October 17-19

Midwest Diocese  
**FAMILY FALL**  
*Gathering*

ST. NICHOLAS - GRAND RAPIDS, MI

Look for  
Registration  
in Early  
August!



Registration  
\$50 - Adults  
\$30 - Kids 12  
& under



# Highlight of Events

Welcoming our new Archbishopal Vicar, Archimandrite Jeremy Davis

## Clergy Synaxis

John Maddex - "Difficult Conversations"

- Complimentary Outing for Clergy Wives & kids to Frederik Meijer Gardens

## Family Fall Gathering

Speaker: Dn. Gabriel Otte - "Stillness in the Storm: Orthodoxy on Conquering Anxiety"

- Live Music & Pizza Party
- Activities for Teens & Youth
- Offsite Teen Service Project
- Midwest Diocese Information
- "Best Practice" Round Table Breakouts
- Cookout with Trivia & Game Night
- Young Adult Pickleball

## "Best Practice" Round Table Breakouts

*SHARE IDEAS FROM YOUR PARISH  
& LEARN FROM OTHERS IN THE MIDWEST!*

- Priest & Parish Council - Working Towards a Higher Partnership
- Motivating Parish Stewards in the 21st Century
- Surfing the Wave - Evangelism & Welcoming Visitors
- Works of Mercy - Connecting Parishioners to the Least of the Brethren
- Guiding Them In - Organizing a Catechesis Program for Your Parish
- Building a Men's Ministry



Come & Join  
the FUN!

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# 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.

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August 2024			
	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Sunday	25		
Monday	26		
Tuesday	27		
Wednesday	28		
Thursday	29		
Friday	30	Homeschool Enrichment 9-1	
Saturday	31		
September 2024			
	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Sunday	1	Rachid Zoghaib-graduation party 2-10PM	Zoghaib grad party 2-10
Monday	2		
Tuesday	3		
Wednesday	4		
Thursday	5		
Friday	6	Homeschool Enrichment 9-1	
Saturday	7		EOWG meeting (Gloria Z.) 9-12
Sunday	8		
Monday	9		
Tuesday	10		
Wednesday	11		
Thursday	12		
Friday	13	Homeschool Enrichment 9-1	
Saturday	14		
Sunday	15		
Monday	16		

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

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



**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>