

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

10383 Albion Rd, North Royalton, OH

February 25, 2024

Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee

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

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 Blazek family for the health & salvation of Gregory on his 15th birthday; and is offered by the Bokjanc family for their living and departed family members; and is offered by Maria Simescu for the health & salvation of her brothers Ioan and Mihail.

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

Justin Mosier	Jerry Morriston	Nancy Yanik	Dolores Kaleal
Tony Burhen	Iliana Radivoj	Becca Aboumrad & child	Corrine George
Lucy Kinkaid	James Padzinski	Veronica & child	Danielle
Marc Balke	Mary Malaniak	Father Basil Caldaroni	Joseph Hollis
Christopher Samuel	Julie Dunn	Charles & Judy Burhen	Elie Zogheib
Peter George	Ed Haddad	Constantine & Maria Kornea	C.J. Tolly
Pauline Hanna	Michael Francu	Christine Simon	Mary Violanti
Frank Popovich	Jean Fadil	Deacon Macarius Tolbert	Alice Marantides
Issa Zaboura	Victoria Thorp	Father John Henry	
Argie Katsaros	Paraschiva Blaz	Christopher Bokjanc	
Josephine Katzbach	Elias Karam	Presvytera Rosy Tanveer	

And for the newly departed servants of God: Father Costica Popa, Faye Farris, Bud Linder, Adrienne Andrews (sister of Jean Fadil & Elle Parker), Joseph Petro (Lisa Bowden's father-in-law), Gina (Christopher Bokjanc's fiancée)

EPISTLE LESSON: II Timothy 3: 10-15 **EPISTLE READER:** Reader Anthony Harmon

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 18: 10-15

HOMILY: "Two Types of Prayer"

USHERS: Louise Bouhasin & Kosta Bokjanc

ALTAR BOY TEAM 1---Caleb Blazek, captain; Christos Allen, Cosby Hunter, Phillip Roach

THE WEDDING CROWN REMOVAL CEREMONY will be done for the newly-weds, Ryan & Samantha Cobb. Congratulations!

PLEASE STAY FOR COFFEETIME RIGHT AFTER THE LITURGY!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES RIGHT AFTER COMMUNION---for ages 3
through 19**

PARENTS---PLEASE HAVE YOUR CHILDREN ATTEND TODAY!

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024
TONE 5 / EOTHINON 5; SUNDAY OF THE PHARISEE AND PUBLICAN

Tarasios the confessor, archbishop of Constantinople;
Hieromartyr Markellos, bishop of Apamea in Syria

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FIVE (p. 13)

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

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 FOR THE PHARISEE AND PUBLICAN IN TONE FOUR

(Special melody "On this day Thou hast appeared")

Let us flee the Pharisee's * conceited vaunting; * let us learn the Publican's * humility, and cry with groans * unto the Savior: Thou Who alone * art swiftly reconciled, be gracious unto us.

THE EPISTLE (For Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican)

Thou, O Lord, shalt preserve us and keep us from this generation.

Save me, O Lord, for the godly man hath disappeared.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (3:10-15)

My son Timothy, you have followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, patience, persecutions, sufferings, what things befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra. What persecutions I endured! And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Indeed all who would live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. But people who are wicked and deceivers will proceed from worse to worse, deceiving and being deceived. But as for you, continue in the things which you have learned and have been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and how from infancy you have known the sacred temple writings which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

THE GOSPEL (For Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (18:10-14)

The Lord spoke this parable: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank Thee that I am not like other men, extortionists, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS: **Today-** Gallery Walk **Mar 3-**regular classes **Mar 10-** regular classes

UPCOMING SERVICES

SAT, MAR 2-5pm Vespers

SUN, MAR 3- 8:50am *Matins*, 10am *Divine Liturgy*; The Holy Bread of Oblation will be offered by Cindy George for her goddaughter, Peggy Latina, on her Saint's Day (St. Photini); and will be offered by Deacon Basil & Joanne for the 3rd birthday of their grandson, Elijah; and will be offered by Maria Simescu for her son, Cornell, and her grandchildren Brian, Zaharia, Emma, and Cristian (his birthday).
SOUL SATURDAY LITURGY & MEMORIAL SERVICE—*Saturday, March 9, 10 a.m. (Matins at 9).* You may turn in names of departed loved ones to be prayed for—either ahead of that time or that morning.

MEETINGS

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY—Sat, Mar 9. 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---Sat, Mar 16, 6pm. Meets at the church one Sat a month at 6pm (after 5pm Vespers). We are studying the book of Revelation.

SOUTH BIBLE STUDY--- Next meeting Tues, Mar 5, 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--- 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---Mar date to be announced. 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--- Mar 10 after liturgy. Meets monthly at church.

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN'S SISTERHOOD MEETING---After liturgy, Sunday, March 10th

MINISTRY NEWS

STREET DELIVERY TO THE HOMELESS----- Today 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. Mary of Egypt Food Pantry for the month of Feb.

MEAL SERVING AT ST. HERMAN ORTHODOX HOMELESS SHELTER Mar 17 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--- will once again be hosting a Booth at the “Bringing America Back to Life” conference at Embassy Suites in Independence. The dates are March 8 & 9 from 8:00-6:30 each day. If you are interested in helping with this, please use the sign-up sheet in the Hall or see Lisa Palivoda or Cindy George. This is always a fun event with a great opportunity to talk to others about the Orthodox faith.

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.

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 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 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.

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

Baptism Invitation

Everyone is invited to the baptism
of baby Eleni Musarra!
Today Sunday, February 25, 2024 1:00pm
Reception to follow in the church hall.

A THANK YOU--- TO ALL OF THE PEOPLE OF ST. MATTHEW’S FROM CATECHUMEN TIARA ROBINSON

She wishes to thank you for all your prayers—
she just got approved for Social Security
Disability!



What does it mean to live
in a secular world as
Orthodox Christians?

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Retreat

Schedule:
10:00 Arrival and Icebreaker
10:30 Panel / Small Groups
12:00 Lunch
12:45 Service Project
1:30 Ask Abouna
2:15 Midday Prayers
2:30 Open Gym



Hosted at St George Orthodox Church
3204 Ridgewood Rd / Akron / 44333

MARCH 2ND | 10A - 3:30P

RVSP <http://tinyurl.com/retreatohio>
Register by February 29!
FREE!





- New groups have been arranged •
- See sign-up board in Fellowship Hall •
- Fill in dates to provide snacks, a meal, or to clean up •

Check your email for



Next available date is April 7 - (Strict) Fasting Food Only, Please!

Antiochian Village Summer Camp

Julianna Amer Camper Spotlight



How many years have you been to camp?

This will be my third year!

What is a favorite activity at camp?

Canoeing, archery, evening program, and the Gimme Shop.

What are you looking forward to about camp?

I love the food at camp and the bookstore as well. I also love making friends in my cabin.



ANNUAL PARISH RETREAT

Led by Fr. Josiah Trenham of St. Andrew Parish in Riverside, California

Weekend of September 22

**Please mark your calendars!
More details later**

The WORD Magazine

Are you receiving "The Word" – the magazine published by our Archdiocese? If you are new to our parish, have recently moved, or never subscribed, please consider subscribing to this very informative, enlightening, and educational publication by our Archdiocese.

Here are the links:
For new subscriptions, go to this site and submit this form <https://forms.gle/ZcYq1HD1tPp7SXHT9>. There is no charge for members of our parish.

Do you need to update your address? Go to this site and submit this form <https://forms.gle/jRhJSiA111W2S8vV6>

Non-member of an Antiochian Orthodox Parish? Go to this site and submit this form <https://forms.gle/bmKPLHkRv3ycjZ4P8>. Make check or money order made payable to **The Antiochian Archdiocese** and mail to **PO Box 5238, Englewood, NJ 07631-5238**. Subscription Rates: US & Canada - \$40.00, single copies are also available for \$3.00.

Don't have access to go online? Contact Gloria Zabala with your name and address. She will make sure that you are added to receive "The Word".

**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

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? _____



GREATER CLEVELAND COUNCIL OF
Orthodox Clergy

31 January 2024

Beloved Friends in the Lord,

Greetings! The Orthodox Christian Community of Greater Cleveland and Lorain will soon be honoring the Sunday of Orthodoxy, the first Sunday of the Great Fast. A celebration of this triumph of our Faith will take place on the evening of 24 March 2024, at 4:00pm. This service of Great Vespers will be hosted by Saint Theodosius Orthodox Cathedral (OCA), located at 733 Starkweather Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44113. His Eminence, the Most Reverend Nicolae, Metropolitan of the Romanian Orthodox Archdiocese of the Americas, will preside as well as offer the homily.

Each year, the Greater Cleveland Council of Orthodox Clergy (GCCOC) solicits donations to help underwrite this celebration of our Faith, and this year, donations will be given to International Orthodox Christian Charities for humanitarian relief in Gaza. We humbly ask that you consider providing a contribution to the GCCOC; in return, you will be listed as a "Patron" within the handout at this special service.

If you wish to donate, we ask that you make checks payable to the "Greater Cleveland Council of Orthodox Clergy," or simply the "GCCOC." Checks can either be given to your parish priest, or they can be mailed to the address below no later than 12 March 2024.

In Christ,
>>>Father Peter Simko
GCCOC Treasurer

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2024 SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY | PATRON DONATION

YOUR NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

YOUR PARISH NAME _____

DONATION AMOUNT _____

GCCOC, c/o St. Innocent Orthodox Church, PO Box 38208, Olmsted Falls, Ohio 44138

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: *The Poor in Spirit. Those Who Mourn.*

February 7, 2024: *The Meek. Hunger & Thirst for Righteousness*

February 21, 2024: *The Merciful. The Pure in Heart*

March 6, 2024: *The Peacemakers. The Persecuted.*

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

SUMMER ENRICHMENT DAY CAMP

2024 Theme: ORTHODOXY AROUND THE WORLD



Join us as we explore the lives of saints,
sacred arts, sports, and international foods!



June 3-7, 2024 9:30am-12:30pm

At St. Matthew's Antiochian Church

10383 Albion Rd., North Royalton, OH

Free! (Donations Accepted)

To register children ages 3-10 or to volunteer:

call, text, or email Olivia Harmon

440-220-2624, oharmon15@gmail.com

By May 20th

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
Sunday	25		Musarra Baptism 1:30-5:00	
Monday	26			
Tuesday	27			
Wednesday	28			
Thursday	29			Set up for chili cook off 5-8

March 2024				
		Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Friday	1	Homeschool 9-2		Chili cook off 5-9
Saturday	2			
Sunday	3			
Monday	4			
Tuesday	5			
Wednesday	6			
Thursday	7			
Friday	8	Homeschool 9-2		
Saturday	9			
Sunday	10			
Monday	11			
Tuesday	12			
Wednesday	13			
Thursday	14			
Friday	15	Homeschool 9-2		
Saturday	16			
Sunday	17			
Monday	18			
Tuesday	19			
Wednesday	20			
Thursday	21			
Friday	22	Homeschool 9-2		
Saturday	23			
Sunday	24			
Monday	25			
Tuesday	26			
Wednesday	27			
Thursday	28			
Friday	29	Homeschool 9-2		
Saturday	30			
Sunday	31			

ST. TARASIOUS, PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE

St. Tarasius, whose memory we celebrate today, was made the Ecumenical Patriarch in 784. His first order of business was to attempt to end the Iconoclast heresy by convening an Ecumenical Council. This 7th Ecumenical Council, over which he presided, rebuked Iconoclasm and carefully explained the Orthodox practice of venerating icons. As patriarch, Tarasius lived a very austere life and often took food from his own table to distribute to the poor himself. After some years, he fell into disfavor with the emperor because he refused to give his blessing for the emperor to divorce his wife in order to marry another woman. The emperor found a priest willing to do the wedding. St. Tarasius excommunicated both the emperor and the priest. He refused to give in to all the pressure upon him and then soon fell seriously ill. He died peacefully on February 25, with his face shining radiantly.

THE PRE-LENTEN PERIOD BEGINS TODAY

Today, the Sunday of the Pharisee and the Publican, is the beginning of the 3-week pre-Lenten time----to help us prepare for Great Lent which begins this year on Monday, March 18th. This week, the first of the three weeks, is free from all fasting, including the usual Wednesday and Friday fasting. This is to give us a “break” from fasting as we draw near to the Lenten fast.....and also to remind us of what we learn from today’s Gospel reading-----that fasting does not justify us before God. It is a tool for spiritual growth, not a way to earn salvation.

PASCHA THIS YEAR IS MAY 5TH