

**ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST ANTIOCHIAN
ORTHODOX CHURCH
MAY, 2017 NEWSLETTER**

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**SATURDAY VESPERS—5 p.m. (except 7:30 p.m., 5/13)
SUNDAY SCHOOL—September-May, 9 a.m.
CONFESSION—after Vespers and 9:45 a.m., Sunday
SUNDAY MATINS—9 a.m.
DIVINE LITURGY—10 a.m.
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DEACONS---Rev. Deacon Macarius Tolbert; Rev. Deacon Basil Vazquez

***CHRIST IS RISEN!
TRULY HE IS RISEN!***

HOLY DAY SERVICES IN MAY

VESPERS WITH ARTOKLASIA----For the eve of Saints Cyril & Methodius Day, 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 10. Saints Cyril & Methodius were the great medieval missionaries to the Slavs.
ASCENSION DAY IS THURSDAY, MAY 25—We will celebrate it with a Vespers Liturgy on the eve, Wednesday, May 24. Prior to the liturgy, we will have the brief Leave-Taking of Pascha service, a beautiful time when we light our Pascha candles one last time and sing and pray for the last time this year the glorious Pascha hymns. **WE WILL BEGIN AT 6 P.M.** After the Leave-Taking, we will go directly into the liturgy and celebrate Christ's return to heaven 40 days after His Resurrection. And then we will continue our celebration with a potluck meal in the hall (not a fasting meal). Please join us for a beautiful evening!

ALSO—WEEKDAY VESPERS: 6:30 p.m, Wednesday, May 31

ANNUAL MOTHERS DAY BREAKFAST

ON MOTHERS DAY, MAY 14, RIGHT AFTER LITURGY

Hosted by the Brotherhood----free of charge. We hope all will come to honor the mothers, grandmothers, and godmothers in our parish!

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS, STUDY GROUPS, & MINISTRY TEAMS

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP---Tuesday, May 16, 10 a.m. at Jean Fadi's, 477 Cranston Drive, Berea. All women are welcome! Call Joanne Vazquez, 440-239-9464, for more info.

WEST BIBLE STUDY—5:45 p.m., Saturday, May 6 (right after Vespers at 5)

We are studying the book of Daniel---all welcome!

“PATHWAY TO SANITY: ORTHODOX SPIRITUALITY” DISCUSSION MEETING---

Restarting after a break for Lent & Pascha----Sundays, 6 p.m., beginning June 4

At the Vazquez's, 542 Lindberg, Berea. Call Deacon Basil, 440-665-3591 for more info.

You are invited!

SOUTH BIBLE STUDY—6:30 p.m., Tuesdays, May 2 & 16, at Dr. Craig & Cindy George's, 9451 Sherwood Trail, Brecksville. We are studying the book of Romans—all are welcome!

NORTH BIBLE STUDY---Tuesday, May 23, 6:30 p.m., at Ralph & Elle Parkers, 1350 Elmwood Court, Rocky River. We are studying the book of Revelation----please come!

TEEN GROUP -----Teen/Parent Bible Study/Lunch---after church, Sunday, May 21---Location to be announced.
YOUNG ADULT GROUP---Tentative outing to “Escape”---date not yet known, but you will be notified. Lots of fun!
Contact the leaders for more info---Wesam Alsaifi, 440-502-7780 or Samuel Harmon, 216-598-9230.
CHAT AND CHEW DISCUSSION PARTY---Friday, May 12, 6:30 p.m. Come enjoy snacks, fellowship, and discussion—our Divine Liturgy will be the topic of discussion for the next few meetings. Which home the May 12 meeting will be in is not yet known-----to be announced soon.....

MINISTRY TO THE HOMELESS----Some of our parishioners will be delivering personal necessity bags, sandwiches, clothes, water, socks, etc. to the homeless on the streets of Cleveland after church on **Sunday, May 21** If you can help by donating items, let Josie Katzbach 440-668-9831. **ESPECIALLY NEEDED NOW**---- **SOCKS** (see big box on table in hall) **AND WATER**. *And please remember the need for cash funding*----*please put your donations in the alms box in church narthex*. And a new need---we are “adopting” some folks in need of tents. Can you donate a tent?---any size is fine. Either new or used but in good shape and ready to use...Just let Josie know.

ST. HERMAN’S MINISTRY TEAM---Our monthly cooking and serving of a meal to the poor at St. Herman Orthodox Homeless Shelter will be on Sunday, May 21. Elie & Christine Zogheib will be preparing the meal. We will need volunteers to help with the 5:30 p.m. serving of the meal. If you can help, please contact Deacon Basil, 440-665-3591.

CAN YOU HELP MAKE SANDWICHES FOR THE POOR? Come to the church at 8:30 a.m. (or as early as you can if you can’t make 8:30) on Saturday, May 13 to help. A new avenue for our ministry to the needy.....

HOLY BREAD BAKING MINISTRY TEAM-- We have a rotation of bakers who prepare the bread for the Divine Liturgy. If you would like to be one of them and bake about once every 5 weeks or so, contact Joanne Vazquez, 440-239-9464 Training available!

PARISH FOOD PANTRY----Nine homes were helped by Holy Week deliveries to the needy. We now need to build the pantry back up. It is in metal cabinet in first room after kitchen. Please bring in non-perishable food---you can leave it on table near room entrance.

CHANTING CLASS ----It will resume on May 20. It meets on Saturdays at 4 p.m. (before 5 p.m. Vespers). Speak with Anthony [Harmon---anthonysharmon@gmail.com](mailto:anthonysharmon@gmail.com) 440-228-8765 for more info.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING---Monday, May 22, 7 p.m.

MONTHLY COMMUNITY LUNCH

After liturgy on Sunday, May 28-----hosted by Craig & Cindy George. Come enjoy some good food and good fellowship!

E-MAIL ADDRESSES NEEDED We are now e-mailing most of our parish newsletters to save on paper, copying, and mailing. If you received this copy by regular mail, but **do** have e-mail, please get your address to us. Just send a quick e-mail to fatherharmon@wowway.com or call 440-582-5673 **THANK YOU!**

DONATIONS NEEDED----

---copy paper, either 8 x11 or 8 x 14
---stamps for church mailings

A NEW CATECHUMEN---Sara Phillips received the blessing to become a catechumen on Sunday, April 30. May God bless her as she prepares to be received into the Orthodox Faith!

MORE MEMORIAL WHEAT PREPARERS NEEDED—We have several preparers who make the wheat for memorial services, but we need some more... If you would like to be a wheat preparer, contact Joanne Vazquez, 440-239-9464 Training available!

FIRST CONFESSIONS---Five of our young children recently made their First Confession---4 of them on Lazarus Saturday and on Thomas Sunday. Many thanks to Joanne Vazquez and Gail Malaniak for preparing them. The five children are: Marina Amer, Brooke Brady, Chloe Kash, Joseph Mozden, and Emad Zoghaib.

NEW PARISH MEMBER

John Scordos
17599 Whitney Road
Strongsville, OH 44136
440-258-1588

JonInChrist888@gmail.com

Please add him to your phone list and welcome him to our parish family!

OUR CONDOLENCES---to the Borgman family on the falling asleep in Christ of parishioner Arline Borgman.
---to Andrea Serafino on the falling asleep in Christ of her father, Frank
---to Khourie Bonnie on the falling asleep in Christ of her brother, Duane Weckwerth.

Memory eternal! Christ is risen!

MAY ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE

<u>TEAM A, 5/14</u>	<u>TEAM B, 5/21</u>	<u>TEAM C 5/28</u>	<u>TEAM D, 5/7</u>
Gregory Tolbert, captain Jacob Kash Joseph Mozden Saba Saada	Fuad Zogheib, captain Samir Amer Ricky Farris	Justin Nassif, captain Estephan Saada Grant Johnson Jed Zogheib	Shadi Zogheib, captain Eli Haddad Nicholas Katsaros Emad Zogheib

MAY GREETERS SCHEDULE

5/14---Fred Bourjaily, Susie Harmon
5/21---Penny Sent, Rachael Palmer, Alexandria Palmer
5/28---Scott & Simona Palmer
5/7---Georgette Dye, Judy Yanik

MAY USHERS SCHEDULE

<u>May 28</u>	<u>May 7</u>	<u>May 14</u>	<u>May 21</u>
Sam Daher Gail Malaniak Cody Krakowski	Anthony Yanik George Nassif Nicholas Katsaros	Jeff & Susan Joseph Gail Malaniak	The Handmaidens

MAY EPISTLE READERS SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS--- **May 7**---Susan Joseph
May 14---Michael Lieberman
May 21---Jasmine Zogheib
May 28---Katie George
Ascension Vespers Liturgy, Wednesday, May 24---Rose Sahley, Lisa Palivoda, Xenia Amer, Judy Yanik

PARISH PRAYER GARDEN

Spring has come and so has the time for the next phase of the development of our parish prayer garden. Needed plants if you can donate-----trumpet vines (all colors), honeysuckle (all colors), lavender trees/shrubs (all colors), azaleas, full size roses. Please do not bring miniature roses or tea roses. Grapes, plum & peach trees are needed.

The Prayer Garden is taking donations of money and specific flowers & fruit trees in memory of departed loved ones. The names will be published in Sunday bulletin and newsletter. Checks for donations should be written out to St. Matthew's with "Prayer Garden" in the memo.

For more information and to volunteer to help, please contact our Prayer Garden Ministry Team chairman, Hani Saddic, 216-712-9591.

THANK YOU -----to Kristen Johnson for heading up our annual mailing of "care packages" to our parish's college students---and thank you to all who donated items for the packages.....

**THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED MAKE OUR HOLY WEEK A BEAUTIFUL
OFFERING OF LOVE TO OUR RISEN JESUS!**

Special thanks to all who helped in innumerable ways---Deacon Macarius, Deacon Basil, the subdeacons, the chanters and singers, the readers, the altar boys, Judy Yanik and the other Sisterhood members for dying the eggs, Beth Snyder and her helpers who decorated the tomb, those who cleaned and help set up, take down, and decorate from day to day, the coordinators for the Pascha Feast: Marijana Kornea, Jeannette Roma, Rose Sahley, & Joanne Vazquez, the Brotherhood who did the cleaning that night, Jack Palivoda for coordinating the Friday night prayer vigil, Michael Farris for heading up the delivery of Easter baskets to our shut-ins (and to all who made & delivered baskets). And to all the others who helped in various ways. *And thanks to everyone for increasing our joy by attending so many services---attendance at almost all of the more than 20 services in the week went up significantly since last year, the second year in a row this has happened.*

SOME HOLY WEEK DONATION “THANK YOUS”—Our thanks to the following:

- Eggs**—George & Christina Nassif **Large Pascha Candles**---Michael & Kelly Lieberman
Dye, Bay Leaves, Wheat, Rosewater---the Harmons
Carnations---Livia Dinu, Deacon Macarius & Sandy Tolbert, Craig & Cindy George, Jean Fadil, Richard & Rose Sahley, Florentina Popa, Anthony & Judy Yanik, George & Christina Nassif, Sam & LeeAnn Daher
Lilies—Larry & Gail Malaniak (2 plants)—for the health & safety of the Malaniak & Meena families; in beloved memory of Eugene Malaniak and Albert & Mary Assad
---Rachid & Nouhad Zoghaib—for the health & safety of their family
---Doug & Beth Snyder (2 plants)—for the health & safety of the Farage families; in beloved memory of Edward & Laura Farage
---Walid & Mahua Jammal---for the health & safety of the Jammal & Azzam families; and in beloved memory of their departed parents, grandparents, and loved ones.
----Renee Katzbach—in beloved memory of Rosario & Carmela Amata
---Mark, Karen, & Justin Hoyt—in beloved memory of Lew & Evelyn Adamany
---Jean Fadil---in beloved memory of Elias, Amelia, Nazha, & Norman Fadil
---The Borgman family---for the health & safety of Arline Borgman; and in beloved memory of Harold, Howard, Barbara, Donald, & Margaret
---The Palivoda family (3 plants)---for the health & safety of Jack, Lisa, Justine, & John, Alicia & David, Sondra, and Johnny; and in beloved memory of Alfred & Connie DelTor, and John Palivoda

Thank you to Beth Snyder for coordinating the flower donations; and to Richard Sahley for coordinating all other donations.

MAY BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday & Many Years to-----

- 1—Matthew Nemes
- 2—Cristian Kornea
- 3—Olivia Harmon, Jill Morinec, Shadi Zogheib
- 4---Dan Patrick
- 9—Richard Hakaim
- 12—Manar Yared
- 13—Savu Dragos, Maria Farris
- 14—Abdullah Ibrahim
- 16—Penny Sent
- 18---Arlene Glaser
- 20---Corrine Farris, Olivia Ibrahim
- 22—Wesam Alsaifi
- 23---George Nassif
- 24---Besan Kash, Jessica Yanik
- 27---Helen Yanik
- 28---Rabih Haddad
- 30---Bud Linder

Wedding Anniversaries

- 5—Ramzi & Jackie Jammal
- 13—Gary & Donna Wakeland
- 15—Subdeacon Mark & Josie Katzbach
- 16—Sam & LeeAnn Daher
- 18—Deacon Macarius & Sandy Tolbert
- 24—Butch & Mouna Drozdowski,
Peter & Sarah Kash
- 30—Gary & Laura Gasbarro

Send a card or make a call and make someone's special day a little more special!

IF YOU ARE NOT ON THE PARISHIONER BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY LIST, CALL FR. ANDREW!

NEWS FROM OUTSIDE THE PARISH---

Diocese Parish Life Conference----June 21-25 in Chicago. See bulletin board for the details....

St. Theodosius Cathedral Golf Outing---Saturday, June 10 , at Dorlon Golf Club,, 18000 Station Road, Columbia Station. See flyer on bulletin board for all the details.

CAN YOU SPONSOR A MEAL FOR THE POOR? It costs about \$100 for us to serve our monthly meal to the poor at St. Herman's. Would you like to help in a very special way by sponsoring one meal by donating \$100? You can do this either by yourself or together with another family or families. Please mark your donation clearly!

NORTH ROYALTON MINISTERS' ASSOCIATION---COMMUNITY MONTHLY MEAL

This ministry has been organized with Orthodox (2 parishes), Catholic, Lutheran, Baptist, Nazarene, & Methodist participation. The basic plan is for the parishes to go together to serve a hot meal to all who can come----the target group originally was the needy, but all are welcome! The next meal will be Sunday, May 28, 3-5 p.m., at St. Albert Catholic Church on Wallings Road. If you can help in any way, contact Father Andrew.

SAINTS DAY PRAYERS---Children whose Saints Days fall in May will be honored and prayed for after the liturgy on Sunday, May 23.

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LIFE LINE SCREENING IS RETURNING TO ST. MATTHEW'S HALL ON MAY 26----

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at St. Matthew's hall on 5/26/17. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening form \$149 (\$139) with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word circle to 797979**

NEXT PARISH NEWSLETTER will be printed the week of May 28. Please give any info for it to Father Andrew by then.

