

**ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST  
ANTIOCHIAN  
ORTHODOX CHURCH  
JULY, 2024, NEWSLETTER  
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**SATURDAY VESPERS—5 p.m.  
SUNDAY MATINS—8:50 a.m. SUNDAY LITURGY—10 a.m.  
CONFESSION—after Vespers and during Sunday Matins & by  
appointment.**

**WELCOME, FATHER FRED AND FAMILY**

Our new pastor, Father Fred Shaheen, will begin his ministry at St. Matthew's on August 1, the date of Father Andrew's retirement. Please welcome him and his family---Khourie Michelle, William, Raphael, Eirene, Zoe, & Harry---as they become part of our parish family! May God bless Father Fred's ministry and bless our whole parish!

**EXTRA SERVICES COMING UP**

**ST. ELIAS (ELIJAH) DAY IS SATURDAY, JULY 20---**We will have Vespers with Artoklasia prayers on the eve of this holy day---Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m And after the service we will have the traditional blessing of vehicles in the parking lot.

**THERE ARE SEVERAL IMPORTANT HOLY DAYS IN AUGUST, SO THERE WILL BE EXTRA SERVICES. Details later!**

**PARISH ORGANIZATIONS, STUDY GROUPS, MINISTRY  
TEAMS**

**WEST BIBLE STUDY—Saturday, July 13, 6 pm at the church.  
Studying Revelation.**

**WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP**—Tuesday, July 16, 10:30 a.m. All women welcome! The location is at Tara Reidy's, 274 Elmwood, Berea. For more info, call Sandy Tolbert, 440-773-9162. We're reading and discussing the book, "The Way of the Ascetics."

**SOUTH BIBLE STUDY**—Tuesday, July 16, 6:30. At Craig & Cindy George's, 4414 Brookhaven Dr., N. Royalton. All are welcome.

**YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY**—Saturday, July 20, 6 p.m., at the church. Bible, food, fellowship—Studying the Gospel of St. Mark.

**TEEN CLUB**—Monthly meeting—Sunday, July 7, after church.

**MARTHA MINISTRIES IS NOW UNDERWAY**—This is a ministry to provide meals for families in need of some help—new babies, illness, grieving, etc. If you can help, see/email/call Erin Musarra at 440-799-0838.

**ST. HERMAN'S MINISTRY TEAM**—Contact Deacon Basil, 440-665-3591 to help with our monthly meal serving at the shelter on Sunday, July 21.

**MONTHLY DELIVERY OF FOOD, CLOTHING, ETC. TO HOMELESS ON STREETS OF DOWNTOWN CLEVELAND**—Sunday, July 21. Alms box to help this outreach is near hall entrance.

**HOMESCHOOL ENRICHMENT GROUP**—Will resume in the fall. It meets every Friday from 9:30-1:30 at St. Matthew's. For more info, contact Olivia at [oharmon15@gmail.com](mailto:oharmon15@gmail.com) or call (440)220-2624,

**CHESS CLUB**—After liturgy on Sunday, July 14.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL IS OUT FOR THE SUMMER—IT WILL RESUME IN THE FALL.**

**SPECIAL CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICES**—After liturgy on July 14 and 21.

**PRISON MINISTRY**

This new ministry will be in conjunction with the national Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry. It is possible to help with prison ministry even without ever going inside a prison. For more info, contact our local prison ministry leader, Vincent Defilippo at 330-352-6678, [vdefilippo@neo.rr.com](mailto:vdefilippo@neo.rr.com).

**MEETING—AFTER LITURGY, SUNDAY, JULY 14.**

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY MEET-UP

On May 14, 1959, Lori Mae Goldfuss was born in Cincinnati, joining two sisters and one brother. Her dad served during World War II in the Air Force, dropping bombs on the Nazis in Germany. After the war he had a plumbing company. Lori's mother was a homemaker.

One day after she had graduated from high school, Lori told her father she was going to a disco that evening at the University of Cincinnati. Her dad forbade her to go, saying, "What if Jesus comes tonight? Do you want Him finding you at a disco?" Lori went anyway. While sitting down at a table, Lori and her girlfriend noticed a young man coming into the dancehall who was carrying an umbrella. The man approached them and asked her friend to dance. She refused but told him that her friend Lori would dance with him. Lori kicked her friend under the table, but when the man asked Lori to dance, she gladly accepted. This man turned out to be Norman Fadil. (For those who didn't know Norm, he was Jean Fadil and Elle Parker's nephew.) One of the things that Lori loved about her husband was he never gossiped or said anything bad about anybody.

Lori grew up in the Lutheran church. There she was baptized as a baby and was confirmed when she was 14. Both of her parents were very religious and never missed church on Sunday. Lori taught Sunday School when she was in high school.

In 1979, Lori and Norm were married at her Lutheran church in Cincinnati. The next month they had an Orthodox wedding at St. George Orthodox Church in Cleveland. That was to be their home parish. The couple had two daughters—Julie born in 1981 and Jamie born in 1983. They made their home in Berea.

In 2004, Lori started attending Grace Church in Middleburg Heights. This church had lots of classes and fellowship groups. She was thirsting for knowledge about God and His Word. Grace seemed to be what she was looking for.

Norm and Lori were blessed with two grandchildren (from Julie). Lorionna was born in 2017 and Jackson was born in 2018. These two children became the joy of their life. They were baptized into the Orthodox church with Norm serving as Lorionna's godfather, and at this time they are faithful attenders of St. Matthew's and our Sunday School.

One day in 2020, Lori was at Grace Church participating in a group, when suddenly she strongly felt God telling her that He did not want her to continue at Grace Church. She felt Him urging her to go to St. Matthew's.

Shortly after that experience, her aunt, Elle Parker, called her and asked if she could bring a fruit tray to the next coffee time at St. Matthew's. She agreed and felt like this was a confirmation for her to switch churches. On Sunday morning, she got ready to go, carrying her tray and taking Lorionna with her when Jackson started begging her to take him too. She didn't know how she could handle both kids, but didn't want to refuse her grandson, so she brought him along. Lori said that as soon as she entered the hall, Gail Malaniak swooped down on her, giving the kids worship bags and taking the whole family under her wing. This deeply touched Lori, along with noticing how the other members helped those with small children. She felt it was just like a family.

Meanwhile, around this time, Norm had been having problems with his knees. This forced him to take an early retirement and then get in line for knee replacement surgery. In June of 2021 Norm was vaccinated for COVID. The following month he developed A fib. In October he got very sick with COVID. The knee replacement was delayed until they could get the A fib and reoccurring congestive heart failure under control. He was finally able to have the knee replacement surgery in January of 2023. However, he developed sepsis and passed away on May 1, 2023.

His death was unexpected and Lori had a hard time. But her faith in Jesus has gotten her through, although it is still not easy. She loved going to Pathways to Peace and found solace in her shared pain with others. Lori says, "I know God was looking out for me when he moved me from Grace to St. Matthew's because He knew what was ahead and that I would need the love and support of people who really cared."

Lori loves to read, walk in the park and take care of her grandchildren. I have come to know her as an upbeat person who is quick to share her kindness and love with others. Her goal in life is to see her two grandchildren grow up at St. Matthew's and be good and faithful followers of Jesus Christ.



### ***ST. MATTHEW'S MESSAGE BOARD***

**RIDE NEEDED TO AUGUST 22 MEN'S RETREAT AT THE VILLAGE:** Will Parker would like to attend, but he cannot drive in the U.S. yet. He is looking for someone who is going to the retreat that he can ride with. He can be dropped off at the driver's house and will also help with gas expense. (234) 803-4932 or [wjp3030@gmail.com](mailto:wjp3030@gmail.com)

**ORTHODOX FAMILY CAMP OUT---**Join us for 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual St. Matthew's Family Camp, Saturday, August 31- Sunday, September 1. All are welcome; come for part of the day or stay and camp overnight! Enjoy our beautiful camp grounds, fun, and fellowship. If you can, please bring a side dish to the Saturday night cookout. But if you can't, don't worry, we just want YOU there! Contact Al Blazek 440-799-2487 [al.blazek@gmail.com](mailto:al.blazek@gmail.com) if you have questions.

**NEW PARISH MEMBER---***received by Holy Chrismation on July 7<sup>th</sup>*

**D'Iorenzo Thomas**

9836 Pleasant Lake Boulevard

Apt. U-19

Parma 44130

216-903-8320

[Thomasdlorenzo@gmail.com](mailto:Thomasdlorenzo@gmail.com)

**PLEASE WELCOME HIM TO OUR PARISH FAMILY AND ADD HIM TO YOUR PARISH DIRECTORY**

**NEW CATECHUMEN---**Dean Albashani on June 16<sup>th</sup> received the blessing to become a Catechumen in preparation for entering the Orthodox Faith at a later date.

July 15, 2024

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# GOLF CLASSIC & AUCTION

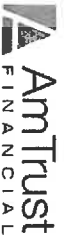
# FOCUS

ST. HERMAN HOUSE - CLEVELAND

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

<b>GRAND BENEFACTOR</b> Signage at Registration/Dinner Sign on Tee or Green Reserved Table at Dinner Event/Program Recognition One Foursome	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>BENEFACTOR</b> Sign on Tee or Green Event/Program Recognition One Foursome	<b>\$1,750</b>
<b>DINNER SPONSOR</b> Signage at Dinner Event/Program Recognition One Foursome	<b>\$2,500</b>
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<b>HOLE SPONSOR</b> Sign on Tee or Green	<b>\$350</b>
<b>PROGRAM AD SPONSORSHIPS</b> Full Page Ad 1/2 Page Ad 1/3 Page Ad	<b>\$250 \$125 \$75</b>
<b>DINNER TICKET ONLY</b>	<b>\$75</b>

All proceeds benefit the daily operations of St. Herman House - FOCUS Cleveland. St. Herman House provides on average 200 hot meals a day to the community and houses up to 40 men per night between the Main House & Transitional House. Thank you in advance for your support of St. Herman House!



## GOLF

### 4-PERSON SCRAMBLE

- 18 Holes of Golf w/Cart, Lunch, Beverages & Dinner

### SINGLE GOLFER

- \$195, Regular Registration
- Save \$20/golfer by registering an Early Bird Foursome

### FOURSUME

- \$700, Early Bird, Prior to June 25th.
- \$780, Regular Registration

## ONLINE AUCTION

### AUCTION IS OPEN TO EVERYONE!

- Begins: Sunday, July 7th at 8AM
- Ends: Monday, July 15th at 9:00PM
- Link to Auction Site:  
<https://www.32auctions.com/Sainthermans2024>

## MORE INFORMATION

### CONTACT & REGISTRATION

- Email: [golfshermans@focusna.org](mailto:golfshermans@focusna.org)
- Call Kirk Ries: 216-973-9391
- Register online: [www.sainthermans.org/golf](http://www.sainthermans.org/golf)

## NEW LOCATION!

41625 OBERLIN  
ELYRIA RD.  
ELYRIA, OH 44035



## SAVE THE DATE

## FOR A WEEKEND RETREAT WITH

FATHER JOSIAH TRENHAM, PH.D.



“Godly Marriage and Virginity:  
Paths to Holiness”

DATE: September 20 – 22, 2024

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o Friday, 9/20	7-9:00 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> talk with Q & A
o Saturday, 9/21	9:30 am	check in / continental breakfast
	10 - 12	2 <sup>nd</sup> talk
	12 - 1	Lunch
	1 - 3 pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> talk
	4:00 pm	Vespers
o Sunday, 9/22	Join us for Sunday Liturgy with Father Josiah	
	8:50 am	Sunday Mass
	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy with homily
		Luncheon after Liturgy

Father Josiah has published numerous articles and books and is also the founder of Patristic Nectar Publication, a non-profit ministry. His weekly homilies are entitled “The Arena Podcasts” and are available on Patristic Nectar Publications, Apple Podcasts, Spotify and Google Podcast. You can find links to his homilies at <https://www.saintandrew.net/arenapodcast>. His video reflections are available on YouTube under Patristic Nectar Films. His books will be available at the retreat at a wholesale discount.

Registration deadline: **September 8, 2024** - Register early. Seating is limited.

Contact: Cindy George at [cindygeorge127@gmail.com](mailto:cindygeorge127@gmail.com)  
Steve Morgan at [stevemorgx@pm.me](mailto:stevemorgx@pm.me)  
Leigh Frank at [loberlinfrank@gmail.com](mailto:loberlinfrank@gmail.com)

There will be a free-will offering to help cover expenses.

# RETIREMENT *dinner party*

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**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A RETIREMENT DINNER**  
*to celebrate thirty-four years with our beloved*

**V. REV. FR. ANDREW HARMON**

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SUNDAY • AUGUST 18TH • 5:00PM  
ST. SAVA SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH  
2151 W. WALLINGS RD.  
BROADVIEW HEIGHTS, OH 44147

**ADULTS & CHILDREN OVER 5 YEARS: \$30.00 PER PERSON**  
**CHILDREN 5 YEARS AND UNDER: \$15.00 PER PERSON**

*Ticket prices include dinner, dessert, coffee or tea, soft drinks, or beer. Bring your own wine if you choose. Gluten free & vegan meals available by request only.*

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**TICKETS AVAILABLE JUNE 1 - JULY 21**

*To purchase, please contact*  
*Leigh Frank (330) 685-1764 / [loberlinfrank@gmail.com](mailto:loberlinfrank@gmail.com) or*  
*Peggy Latina (216) 401-1062 / [peggyschmidt1@hotmail.com](mailto:peggyschmidt1@hotmail.com)*



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June 7, 2024

Dear St. Matthew's parishioners,

Plans for Father Andrew's retirement dinner party on August 18 are shaping up nicely, so we thought we'd take this opportunity to give you an update. Your response to our request for assistance with the dinner has been most generous. God bless you for that. If you would still like to contribute, we will always take additional donations for help with the costs for special, invited guests. Please see Lisa Palivoda if you are interested.

Ticket sales have been steady. Please remember that the deadline for ticket purchase is **July 21**, and please, don't be shy about asking Lisa confidentially for ticket assistance if you need it. We are a family, and we want as much of our family to share in this once in a lifetime event. Your request will remain confidential.

If you have any questions about the event or if you would like to help in anyway, please let Lisa or me know.

Yours in Christ,

Lisa Palivoda            Camille Patrick  
Banquet Celebration Co-chairs

Dr. Craig George  
Parish Council President

**OUR 4 CURRENT CATECHUMENS ARE:**

Dean Albashani

Michael Asta

Zachary Beltz

Nizam Jawhari

*We pray for them at every liturgy.....please also pray for them in your own prayers as they prepare to join the Orthodox Church.*

**OUR CONDOLENCES**----to the family of parishioner Mary Malaniak who fell asleep in Christ on June 24<sup>th</sup>

----to parishioner Linda McPherson on the falling asleep in Christ of her brother, Father Basil Caldaroni (assistant priest at St. Ignatius parish in Arizona), on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

*May their memories be eternal!*

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