

**ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST
ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**

10383 Albion Rd, North Royalton, OH

August 18, 2024

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

**His Eminence Metropolitan SABA
Archbishop of New York and Antiochian Metropolitan of all North America**

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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 Tom and Judy George for their 33rd wedding anniversary; and by Sam Snyder on his name day; and by Veronica Bose for the health & salvation of her husband, Colton on his birthday; and by Dave and Rudilyn Glaser for the health & salvation of their daughter, Regina on her birthday and in memory of Rudilyn's father, Rodrigo Bacus; and by Chadi Abouhaidar in memory of his father, George (3 years).

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	
James Padzerski	Jerry Morrison	Roy	
Josephine Katzbach	Danielle	Elias Karam	

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

EPISTLE LESSON: I Corinthians 10-17

EPISTLE READER: Reader Anthony Harmon

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 14:14-22

HOMILY: "The Carpenter's Son"

USHERS: Marianne Nader & Richard Sahley

ALTAR BOY TEAM 2—Samir Amer, captain; Sebastian Blazek, Miles Hunter, Isaac Kash

THE MEMORIAL SERVICE will take place at the end of liturgy for George Abouhaidar (Chadi's father) and for Rodrigo Bacus (Rudylin's father).

CREATIVE FESTIVAL AWARDS and ribbons will be presented to the students at the end of liturgy.

PLEASE STAY FOR COFFEETIME TODAY RIGHT AFTER LITURGY!

Thank you to Chadi Abouhaidar and his family for hosting today!

CHESS CLUB--- today in the hall after liturgy. If you don't know how to play, they will teach you!

Author William Weber is here today with copies of his just published book, *Dying To Reach God*. It's a translation of letters of St. Ignatius and St. Polycarp. Please see him in the hall to purchase a signed copy!

FUNERAL NOTICE: Richard (Tony) Burhen fell asleep in the Lord on August 14. His funeral will be at St. Matthew on Tuesday, August 20 at 11:00am with a visitation beginning at 10:00am. A mercy meal will follow at the church. May his memory be eternal.

INFANT CHANGING TABLES ARE NOW AVAILABLE in all bathrooms.

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2024
TONE 7 / EOTHINON 8; EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
& EIGHTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

After-feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos

Martyrs Floros and Lauros of Illyria; Venerable Sophronios of St. Anne Skete on Athos

VERSES OF THE FIRST ANTIPHON

Shout with joy to God, all the earth, give thanks unto the Lord and call upon His Name. Declare His works among the nations.

In the city of our God, in His holy mountain, 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 loves 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 foundation 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 SEVEN (*p. 15*)

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

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 unflinching 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 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost)

The Lord will give strength to His people.

Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God, ascribe to the Lord honor and glory.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (1:10-17)

Brethren, I appeal to you, by the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissension among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius; lest anyone should say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the Gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

THE GOSPEL (For the Eighth Sunday of Matthew)

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

At that time, when Jesus went ashore he saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to Him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to Him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And He said, "Bring them here to Me." Then He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish He looked up to Heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds.

Saint Matthew now has a YouTube channel! Please subscribe to stay on top of our videos

<https://m.youtube.com/@saintmattheworthodoxchurch>

Father Fred's sermons will be posted regularly, as well as some other things in the future.

Additionally, you can subscribe to Fr. Fred's own YouTube channel, *A Light to the*

***Nations* <https://tinyurl.com/ALight2>**

His sermons at St. Matthew will be cross-posted there. You can also access 200+ past sermons and episodes of his podcast (also called *A Light to the Nations*).

The podcast is available to listen to on multiple platforms **<https://tinyurl.com/ALightpodcast>**

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 or Colton Bose, 440-567-6101

SOUTH BIBLE STUDY--- Tuesday, Aug 20, 6:30pm at Craig & Cindy George's, house---4414 Brookhaven Drive, North Royalton. Meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. Studying the Servant Songs in book of Isaiah---all are welcome!

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP—*Will reschedule the meeting planned for* Tues, Aug 20. 10:30am due to a funeral. New date to be announced. Location change just this one time to: Alice Marantides' house: 21344 Oak Bark Trail, Strongsville, OH 44149. For info, call Sandy Tolbert, [440-773-9162](tel:440-773-9162).

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

HOMESCHOOL ENRICHMENT GROUP--- Meets from 9:30-noon on Fridays for infants through Elementary. Contact Olivia Harmon for more information: oharmon15@gmail.com

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

MINISTRY NEWS

STREET DELIVERY TO THE HOMELESS----- The next date is Sunday, Aug 25. 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 TODAY we will 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.

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

THE NEXT ST. JOHN THE ALMSGIVER OUTREACH TO THE HOMELESS will be next

weekend. Donations and volunteers will be needed. Details in the image above.

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)

St. John the Almsgiver Quarterly Mission Dinner (Saturday August 24th)

(Serving Dinner for the Norma Rae's Women Shelter)

Opportunities to assist:

Friday	August 23	Food Preparation	06:00 – 08:00PM
Saturday	August 24	Food Preparation/Cooking	09:00 – Noon
Saturday	August 24	Serving Dinner	05:00 – 07:00PM

*** Sign-up Sheets available in the Church Hall.



Saint John the Almsgiver

Please direct questions to Jack Palivoda at jack.palivoda@keyfactor.com or (216)235-2990

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

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.

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 or message the account directly.

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.

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

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.

Also, Hannah Valentine will be visiting St. Matthew on August 25 to tell us about her missionary work in Albania. We are looking for someone to transport Hannah from Columbus to North Royalton on Saturday August 24, and to host her that evening. Please let Fr. Fred know if you can do one of these or both.

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

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.

Electra Floasiu [216-671-0743](tel:216-671-0743) **Gail Malaniak** [440-552-4586](tel:440-552-4586)

August 2024				
		Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Saturday	17			
Sunday	18			
Monday	19			
Tuesday	20		Mercy meal- Burhen 1-3	
Wednesday	21			
Thursday	22			
Friday	23	Homeschool Enrichment 9-1		Kitchen in use 6-9, St. John mission
Saturday	24	Kitchen in use 8-12, St. John mission		
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>

