

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

JUNE, 2017 NEWSLETTER

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SATURDAY VESPERS—5 p.m. (except 6:30 p.m., 6/24)

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

HOLY DAY SERVICES IN JUNE

PENTECOST IS SUNDAY, JUNE 4---On this great and holy day, we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Christ's followers, and the birthday of the Church. The Pentecost Kneeling Prayers will be done at the end of the regular Sunday Liturgy. *VESPERS AND ARTOKLASIA FOR EVE OF PENTECOST*----5 p.m., Saturday, June 3.

VESPERS FOR ST. ELISHA DAY---6:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 13. Come to worship the Lord and venerate his great prophet Elisha.

VESPERS FOR SAINTS PETER & PAUL DAY----Wednesday, June 28, 6:30 p.m. No liturgy on the holy day itself (June 29) as Father Andrew will be out of town.

ANNUAL FATHERS DAY BRUNCH

ON FATHERS DAY, JUNE 18, RIGHT AFTER LITURGY

Hosted by the Sisterhood----free of charge. We hope all will come to honor the fathers, grandfathers, and godfathers in our parish!

Offered by the Joseph family in beloved memory of Abraham E. Issa, Joseph Joseph, V. Rev. Fr. James C. Meena, Fr. Elias A. Meena, and the newly departed James F. Khouri

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS, STUDY GROUPS, & MINISTRY TEAMS

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP---Tuesday, June 20, noon, at Jean Fadil's, 477 Cranston

Drive, Berea. All women are welcome! Call Joanne Vazquez, 440-239-9464, for more info.

WEST BIBLE STUDY—at the church, 5:45 p.m., Saturday, June 17 (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, June 6 & 20, at Dr. Craig & Cindy George's,

9451 Sherwood Trail, Brecksville. We are beginning the book of Hebrews—all are welcome!

NORTH BIBLE STUDY---Tuesday, June 20, 6:30 p.m., at Ralph & Elle Parkers, 1350 Elmwood Court, Rocky

River. We are studying the book of Revelation---please come!

TEEN SOYO-----Teen/Parent Bible Study/Lunch---after church, Sunday, June 11---at the church

YOUNG ADULT GROUP---Restaurant dinner meeting later this month---details TBA. Contact the leaders for more info---Wesam Alsaifi, 440-502-7780 or Samuel Harmon, 216-598-9230.

CHAT AND CHEW DISCUSSION PARTY---Friday, June 16, 6:30 p.m., at Jean Fadil's, 477 Cranston Drive, Berea. Come enjoy snacks, fellowship, and discussion. The topic will be "The Mysteries of the Liturgy" and the discussion will be led by Cindy George.

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, June 18**. 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 another 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. *Thank you, Josie and Mark Katzbach and Barb Aboid for your ongoing wonderful faithfulness to this good work for God!*

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, June 18. Kosta & Dijana Bokjanc 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. *Thank you to those who took care of the meal in May----our cooks Elie & Christine Zogheib, Christina Saada, & Nawar Yared and also Michael & Kelly Lieberman and Florentina Popa.*

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 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, June 26, 7 p.m.

MONTHLY COMMUNITY LUNCH

After liturgy on Sunday, June 25----hosted by Jay & Lisa Amer, Michael Lieberman, and Deacon Basil & Joanne Vazquez. 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

NEW PARISH MEMBERS

Katarina Zaboura
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son-Andrew
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Emilia Spirescu
22517 Christopher Court
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Please add them to your phone list and welcome them to our parish family!

CONGRATULATIONS TO----

---Katarina Zaboura on her entering the Orthodox Church by Holy Baptism on May 16

---Issa & Katarina Zaboura for their wedding on May 21

JUNE ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE

<u>TEAM A, 6/11</u>	<u>TEAM B, 6/18</u>	<u>TEAM C 6/25</u>	<u>TEAM D, 6/4</u>
Gregory Tolbert, captain	Fuad Zogheib, captain	Justin Nassif, captain	Shadi Zogheib, captain
Jacob Kash	Samir Amer	Estephan Saada	Eli Haddad
Joseph Mozden	Ricky Farris	Grant Johnson	Nicholas Katsaros
Saba Saada		Jed Zogheib	Emad Zogheib

JUNE GREETERS SCHEDULE—

6/11---Fred Bourjaily, Susie Harmon

6/18---Penny Sent, Rachael Palmer, Alexandria Palmer

6/25---Scott & Simona Palmer

6/4---Georgette Dye, Judy Yanik

JUNE USHERS SCHEDULE

<u>June 25</u>	<u>June 4</u>	<u>June 11</u>	<u>June 18</u>
Sam Daher	Anthony Yanik	Jeff & Susan Joseph	The Handmaidens
Gail Malaniak	George Nassif		
Cody Krakowski	Nicholas Katsaros		

JUNE EPISTLE READERS SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS--- June 4---Samuel Harmon

June 11----Cindy George

June 18—Judy Yanik

June 25---Gabriel Kirsch

PARISH PRAYER GARDEN

Our parish prayer garden is nearing completion—and becoming very beautiful! Many thanks to Hani Saddic for all he has done in leading (and doing immense amounts of work on..) this project. And thank you to the following who have donated for the project (this is still an incomplete list--- more “thank yous” soon.....)

---Sam & LeeAnn Daher---roses in memory of Sam’s mother, Mouna Drozdowski

--George & Christina Nassif----vegetables

Katrina Markos---rose bushes

Jack & Lisa Palivoda---peach tree

Dr. Irene Costaras-Vasilakis---roses

Deacon Basil---construction of benches

Father Andrew & Khourie Bonnie---lilac bush in memory of Bonnie’s brother, Duane;

Trumpet vines, roses, & azaleas in memory of Father Andrew’s mother, Ella

More thank yous later.....

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

OUR CONDOLENCES---to the family of parishioner Pat Crawford on her falling asleep in Christ.

--to Butch Drozdowski on the falling asleep in Christ of his wife, parishioner Mouna Drozdowski.

---Susan Joseph on the falling asleep in Christ of her uncle, James Khouri.

Memory eternal!

MORE LAY VISITORS NEEDED---Can you be one of our lay visitors? We need more! What lay visitors do is make occasional visits to shut-ins, either in nursing homes or in their own homes. It's a very good way to serve Christ by bringing some cheer and fellowship to those parishioners who can't come to church. If you wish to be a visitor, or need more info, please contact Jack Palivoda, the head of our Lay Visitors Ministry---216-235-2990 jack.palivoda@css-security.com
A Lay Visitors meeting (for both ongoing visitors and new visitors) will be announced soon.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday & Many Years to-----

2---George Haddad, Alex Lane, Allen Morinec, Jr.
4---Jennifer McPherson
5---Joseph Ibrahim
7---Alice Marantides, Rebecca Meena
12---Rudy George, Donald Glazer

15---Peter Harmon
16---Georgia Tsokantas
17---Allyse Aramouni
24---Matthew Comstock, Peter George, Peter Katsaros
26---Christine Zogheib
28---Deacon Macarius Tolbert
29---Sarah Farris

Wedding Anniversaries

4---Donald & Arlene Glazer
7---Dale & Linda McPherson, Adam & Susie Palmer
10---Harry & Alice Marantides
12---Dan & Camille Patrick
13---David & Mary Ann Opincar, Rashid & Nuhad Zogheib
16---Michael & Kelly Lieberman
19---Father Andrew & Khourie Bonnie Harmon
25---E.J. & Helen Mozden
27---Jeff & Susan Joseph, Larry & Gail Malaniak

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!

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!

THANKS!

---to John Scordos for all he did to organize and lead the Saturday food delivery to the homeless on May 13-----350 sack lunches were prepared and delivered! And thank you to the many parishioners (26!) who helped!
---to Craig & Cindy George for providing the refurbishing of our sign by the street---looks great!
---to Ralph & Elle Parker for a gift in memory of James Sabrey.
---(a bit delayed!) to our Teen SOYO for running the Easter egg hunt for the children on April 23
---to the following who made donations in memory of Arline Borgman: Judy Hamann; R. William & Julie Toney; Mark & Kathleen Wemmer; Daniel & Christine Collum
---to all the people of St. Matthew's for their generosity to the poor through our Archdiocese's Food For Hungry People Lenten home almsbox program---our total was \$933.34, far more than ever before. God bless you for being a blessing to the world's needy!

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, June 25, 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 June will be honored and prayed for after the liturgy on Sunday, June 18.

NEXT PARISH NEWSLETTER will be printed the week of June 25. Please give any info for it to Father Andrew by then.

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NEWS FROM OUTSIDE THE PARISH---

Diocese Parish Life Conference----June 21-25 in Chicago. See bulletin board for the details or go to www.antiochianevents.com/toledo.html

International Orthodox Christian Charities 25th Anniversary Celebration Banquet----Friday, June 9, Embassy Suites Hotel, 5800 Rockside Road, Independence. Tickets---\$50. Call Bud Linder. 216-402-2892 Go to iocc.org/Cleveland or see bulletin board for all 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.

Eastern Orthodox Women's Guild Meeting----Saturday, June 10, 10 a.m-noon. Brunch and planning meeting.

Archdiocese Convention----July 24-30 in Miami. See church bulletin board or go to www.antiochian.org for all the details. *Can you be a delegate from our parish?*

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!
