

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

10383 Albion Rd, North Royalton, OH

February 11, 2024

Hieromartyr Blaise

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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

FATHER ANDREW & KHOURIE BONNIE are gone to Taiwan (to visit their son, Christopher, and his family) through February 20th. There will be Saturday Vespers at normal time. On the Sundays he is gone, Father Alexander Garklavs from Holy Trinity parish in Parma, will serve here. **WELCOME FATHER ALEXANDER!** In case of an emergency need for a priest, please call Father Matthew Thurman of St. Luke Church in Bainbridge---440-591-1030. And you may contact our deacons.....

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 Dan & Camille Patrick for the health and safety of Ruthe on her birthday and for the return to good health for Camille's friend Nancy; and by Chadi & Marie Therese Abouhaidar for the health & salvation of their son Lucas on his birthday; and by Kosta & Dijana Bokjanc for the health and salvation of their family members and in memory of their departed family members; and by Anthony & Judy Yanik for the health & salvation of their son David and Christopher's fiancée Mary Green and in memory of their departed son, Michael.

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

Justin Mosier	Jerry Morriston	Becca Aboumrad & child	Bud Linder
Tony Burhen	Iliana Radivoj	Veronica & child	William Ford
Lucy Kinkaid	James Padzinski	Father Basil Caldaroni	Dolores Kaleal
Marc Balke	Mary Malaniak	Charles & Judy Burhen	Corrine George
Christopher Samuel	Julie Dunn	Constantine & Maria Kornea	Danielle
Peter George	Ed Haddad	Christine Simon	Joseph Hollis
Pauline Hanna	Michael Francu	Adrienne Andrews	Elie Zogheib
Frank Popovich	Faye Farris	Deacon Macarius Tolbert	Bob & Debbie Elias
Issa Zaboura	Jean Fadir	Father John Henry	Laurel & Matt
Argie Katsaros	Victoria Thorp	Christopher Bokjanc	Emily
Josephine Katzbach	Paraschiva Blaz	Hieroschemamonk Ambrose	C.J. Tolly
Nancy Yanik	Elias Karam	Mary Violanti	Donnie Bryant-Huskey
Fr Chris, Kh Sophia, baby Nora Marie Shadid			Gerald Rodgers

And for the newly departed servants of God: Baby Albert, Joseph Petro (Lisa Bowden's father-in-law), Dan Castle, Bruce Mock, Gina (Christopher Bokjanc's fiancée)

EPISTLE LESSON: II Corinthians 6: 1-10

EPISTLE READER: Reader Anthony Harmon

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 25: 14-30, Luke 8:8

HOMILY: Father Alexander Garklavs

USHERS: David & Rudilyn Glaser

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

PLEASE STAY FOR COFFEETIME RIGHT AFTER THE LITURGY!

Hosted today by Parish Council. Thank you!

SUNDAY SCHOOL AFTER COMMUNION For ages 3-19 Parents, please have children attend!
ST MATTHEW ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN'S SISTERHOOD MEETING-Today after liturgy!

Bulletin Updates During Father's Absence

If you have information for the bulletin, prayer list, or Holy Bread Oblation, please notify Olivia Harmon (oharmon15@gmail.com, 440-220-2624).

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024
TONE 3 / EOTHINON 3; 16TH SUN AFTER PENTECOST & 16TH SUN OF MATTHEW
Hieromartyr Blaise, bishop of Sebastia, and companions
Theodora the empress; New-martyr George of Serbia

Today we will use alternate musical settings for the following hymns:

- *First Antiphon: Alt. #2 (p. 4)*
- *Second Antiphon and “Only-Begotten Son”: Alt. #2 (p. 7)*

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE THREE (p. 12)

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. BLAISE IN TONE FOUR

As a sharer of the ways and a successor to the throne of the Apostles, O inspired of God, thou foundest discipline to be a means of ascent to divine vision. Wherefore, having rightly divided the word of truth, thou didst also contest for the Faith even unto blood, O Hieromartyr Blaise. Intercede with Christ our God that our souls be saved.

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.

ORDINARY KONTAKION IN TONE TWO (p. 17)

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

THE EPISTLE (For the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

Sing praises to our God, sing praises. Clap your hands, all ye peoples.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (6:1-10)

Brethren, working together with Him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For He says, “At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation.” Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

THE GOSPEL (For the Sixteenth Sunday of Matthew)

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (25:14-30, + Luke 8:8)

The Lord spoke this parable: A man going on a journey called his servants and entrusted to them his property; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them; and he made five talents more. So also, he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying: "Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master." And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying: "Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master." He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying: "Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not winnow; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master answered him, "You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed, and gather where I have not winnowed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." As Jesus said these things He cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS: Today-regular classes **Feb 18-** regular classes **Feb 25-** Gallery Walk

UPCOMING SERVICES

SAT, FEB 17-5pm Vespers

SUN, FEB 18- 8:50am Matins, 10am Divine Liturgy; The Holy Bread of Oblation will be offered by the Vazquez family for the health & salvation of Fr. John, Hannah, and Josiah Vazquez on their birthdays; and will be offered by Maria Simescu in memory of her grandmother Olimpya and her uncle Constantin

THURS, FEB 22- 6:30pm Vespers with the Orthros Canon for St. Polycarp of Smyrna

MEETINGS

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY—Jan meeting already held, Feb date to be announced. 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--- at the church Sat, Feb 24 (after Vespers) at 6 p.m. We are studying the book of Revelation.

SOUTH BIBLE STUDY--- Next meeting Tues, Feb 20, 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---Sat, Feb 24, 3:30pm. 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--- Feb 18th after liturgy. Meets monthly at church.

MINISTRY NEWS

STREET DELIVERY TO THE HOMELESS----- Feb 25 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 FEB 18 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--- is going to begin quarterly meetings, would those who have an interest in participating in these meetings please contact Cindy George at cindygeorge127@gmail.com

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.

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT- For ages 21+ will be held at St. George in Cleveland Feb 23-25. Join area young adults for presentations by Fr. John Chagan, Fr. Mark Hagan, and Fr. John Ojaimi, discussion, a service project, social events, and a haffe (music and dancing). Find more info on Instagram @stgeorgeyamcle. Register at <https://www.eventcreate.com/e/pre-lenten-yam>

VACUUMING VOLUNTEERS---Can you vacuum the church one Sunday after liturgy? A new sign up sheet for 2024 is in the narthex.

NEW PARISH FAMILY DIRECTORIES

on the table in the breezeway near narthex.

Many thanks to Craig George for the enormous amount of work.

And our apologies to parishioners accidentally omitted due to a glitch in the computer program. Here is their contact info so you can write them into your copy---

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STPalmer85@hotmail.com

Antiochian Village Summer Camp

Miles Hunter

Camper Spotlight



What session will you attend?

Session 2

What is your favorite camp memory?

Going to camp (I love the whole two weeks!)

What is a favorite activity at Antiochian Village camp?

AV Ball

What are you looking forward to about camp?

Seeing my camp friends.



Some coffee and snacks can open up a world of conversation!

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

**IMMEDIATE NEED – Sponsors for
Feb 18 & Feb 25 Fellowship Hour**

Please contact Lisa Palivoda
(216.235.2991-
cell/ldpal1703@outlook.com) or
Electra Floasiu (216.671.0743-
home/electra.floasiu@yahoo.com)

SAVE THE DATE

**Ohio Deanery
Teen SOYO Retreat**

Saturday, March 2
10:00am - 3:00pm
Hosted at St. George Akron

More details coming soon!

Questions?
Contact
dotamsoyo@gmail.com

*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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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

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
Thursday	1			
Friday	2			Hall in use for mission ministry 6-9 PM
Saturday	3	Kitchen in use for Mission Ministry 10-3	Kitchen in use 10-3	
Sunday	4			
Monday	5			
Tuesday	6			
Wednesday	7			
Thursday	8			
Friday	9	Homeschool 9-2		
Saturday	10			
Sunday	11			Teens super bowl party 6-10
Monday	12			
Tuesday	13			
Wednesday	14			
Thursday	15			
Friday	16	Homeschool 9-2		
Saturday	17			
Sunday	18			
Monday	19			
Tuesday	20			
Wednesday	21			
Thursday	22			
Friday	23	Homeschool 9-2		
Saturday	24			
Sunday	25		Musarra Baptism 1:30-5:00	
Monday	26			
Tuesday	27			
Wednesday	28			
Thursday	29			Set up for chili cook off 5-8

ST MATTHEW SUMMER DAY CAMP 2024

Save the dates! June 3-7 9:30am-12:30pm at St. Matthew’s in North Royalton

We will explore Orthodoxy around the world by studying the life of a saint, learning sacred arts, practicing sports, and tasting international food!
This is a free camp, funded by donations. Donations can be given to the church office with “summer camp” in the memo.

To register, volunteer, or get more information, contact Olivia Harmon
oharmon15@gmail.com

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN'S SISTERHOOD VALENTINE'S DAY SOCIAL 2024

FEBRUARY 13TH – 6:00 P.M.

(Please RSVP to Susan Joseph @ kmmnikwsj@aol.com or
at St. Matthew's before or after Liturgy)



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