

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

10383 Albion Rd, North Royalton, OH

August 11, 2024

Seventh 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 Deacon Macarius & Sandy Tolbert for the health & safety of the Tolbert & Rahall families and for the health & salvation of Sandy and Greg on their birthdays; and is offered by Larry & Gail Malaniak in memory of Larry's mother, Mary (40 days); and is offered by Leigh Frank in memory of her husband, Jeff (3 years), and of her parents, Bud & Rhea Oberlin.

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

Justin Mosier	Nancy Yanik	Father John Henry	Elias Karam
Tony Burhen	Julie Dunn	Charles & Judy Burhen	Jared Johnston
Lucy Kinkaid	Ed Haddad	Constantine & Maria Kornea	Christina Bossart
Marc Balke	Jean Fadil	Danielle	Ann Ghianni
Christopher Samuel	Victoria Thorp	Sara Scordos and baby	Don Heatwole
Peter George	Argie Katsaros	George & Christine Simon	Tony Branson
Pauline Hanna	Theodore Bunevich	Michael & Marilyn Francu	Teresa Pye
Frank Popovich	Donald Glaser	Tamara Derosset	Jemma Whorley
Issa Zaboura	Mary Violanti	Dana	
Corrine George	Jerry Morrison	Charlotte Shaheen	
James Padzerski	Josephine Katzbach	Roy	

And for the newly departed servants of God: Paraschiva Blaz, Yianni Devorack

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 15:1-7

EPISTLE READER: Reader Anthony Harmon

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 9: 27-35

HOMILY: Father Fred

USHERS: Dave & Rudilyn Glaser

GREETER: Leigh Frank

ALTAR BOY TEAM 1---Caleb Blazek, captain; Christos Allen, Cosby Hunter, Phillip Roach

THE 40 DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE will be offered today by Larry & Gail Malaniak in memory of Larry's mother, Mary.

PLEASE STAY FOR COFFEETIME TODAY RIGHT AFTER LITURGY!

Thank you to Group Q (Larry & Gail Malaniak, Joanne and Deacon Basil Vazquez, Michael Lieberman, Kendra & Brian Hunter, Jasmine Zogheib, George & Christina Nassif) for hosting!

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN'S SISTERHOOD—Meeting today after liturgy.

ST. MATTHEW'S ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS FOR LIFE:

Our parish's OCLife ministry is once again sponsoring a 2-week prayer vigil over the Dormition Fast to end abortion. If you are willing to participate in this, please pick up a booklet in the narthex after liturgy this Sunday. The booklet has a different prayer for every day of the Fast, along with suggestions on specific people, groups, and organizations for whom to pray. Please help us end abortion!

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

Paraskiva Blaz fell asleep in the Lord on Monday, August 5. Visitation will be from 4:00-8:00 pm today, Sunday, August 11 at Craciun Funeral Home In Middleburg Heights with Trisagion Prayers at 7:00. Funeral will be at 10:00 am on Monday, August 12 at St. Matthew. May her memory be eternal!

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2024
TONE 6 / EOTHINON 7; SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
& SEVENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

After-feast of the Transfiguration of Christ

Martyr and Archdeacon Euplos of Catania in Sicily; Niphon, patriarch of Constantinople;
New-martyrs Anastasios and Demetrios of Lesbos

VERSES OF THE FIRST ANTIPHON

(Today use Alt. #2 (p. 4) for the refrain)

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, in the city of our God, in His holy mountain. Who settest fast the mountains by Thy strength, Who art girded about with power.

Who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment. The mountains shall rejoice at the presence of the Lord, for He cometh; yea, He is come to judge the earth.

Glory... Both now...

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

His foundations are in the holy mountains. The Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.



O Son_ of_ God, Who wast trans - fig - ured on Mount Ta - bor, save us who



sing_ to_ Thee: Al - le - lu - ia.

Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. *(Refrain)*

A man will say: Mother Zion; and: That man was born in her; and: The Most High Himself hath founded her. *(Refrain)*

Glory... Both now... O only begotten Son and Word of God... *(Today use Alt. #2 (p. 7))*

THE THIRD ANTIPHON

Of Thy mercies, O Lord, will I sing forever. The heavens shall confess Thy wonders, O Lord, and Thy truth in the congregation of saints. Blessed is the people that knoweth jubilation. O Lord, in the light of Thy countenance shall they walk, and in Thy Name shall they rejoice all the day long. *(now sing the Apolytikion of the Transfiguration)*

THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF ORDINARY SUNDAYS

Come, let us worship, and fall down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SIX (p. 14)

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb. And the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF THE TRANSFIGURATION IN TONE SEVEN

When, O Christ our God, Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, Thou didst reveal Thy glory to Thy Disciples in proportion as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light also enlighten us sinners, through the intercessions of the Theotokos. O Thou Bestower of light, glory to Thee.

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 TRANSFIGURATION IN TONE SEVEN

On the mount Thou wast transfigured, and Thy disciples, as much as they could bear, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; that when they should see Thee crucified, they would know Thy Passion to be willing, and would preach to the world that Thou, in truth, art the Effulgence of the Father.

THE EPISTLE (For the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost)

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

Unto Thee, O Lord, will I cry, O my God!

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (15:1-7)

Brethren, we who are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each one of us please his neighbor for that which is good for his edification. For Christ also did not please Himself; but, as it is written: "The reproaches of those who reproached Thee fell on Me." For whatever was written beforehand was written for our learning, that we might have hope, through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures. Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be of the same mind with one another, according to Christ Jesus, that with one accord and one mouth you may glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, receive one another, even as Christ has also received you, to the glory of God.

THE GOSPEL (For the Seventh Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (9:27-35)

At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud: "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When He entered the house, the blind men came to Him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread His fame through all that district. As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to Him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons." And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity.

UPCOMING SERVICES

THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS FEAST DAY IS AUGUST 15. Our schedule for it---

Wed, Aug 14- *6:30pm Vespers with litiya*

Thurs, Aug 15- *9am Matins; 10am Liturgy*; Potluck lunch after the liturgy will be coordinated by Group B (Al & Susan Blazek, Paul Blazek, Michael & Erin Musarra, Veronica & Colton Bose, and Maria Sikoutris). Please bring a dish to share!

SAT, AUG 17-5pm Vespers

SUN, AUG 18- 8:50am Matins, 10am Divine Liturgy; The Holy Bread of Oblation will be offered by Tom and Judy George for their 33rd wedding anniversary; and by Sam Snyder on his name day; and by Veronica Bose for her husband, Colton on his birthday; and by Dave and Rudilyn Glaser for 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); A memorial service will take place at the end of liturgy for George Abouhaidar (Chadi's father); Also, creative festival awards and ribbons will be presented to the students at the end of liturgy.

SUN AUG 25: Hannah Valentine will visit to tell us about her missionary work in Albania

FEASTING AND FASTING:

We are now in the Dormition Fast, August 1-14. This 2 week fast is in preparation to celebrate the Dormition of the Theotokos on August 15. It is just like the fast of Great Lent. Strict Lenten fasting with wine and oil allowed on Saturdays and Sundays. And on Transfiguration Day, August 6, fish is allowed.

August 29th, the Beheading of St. John the Baptist, is a very strict one-day fast.

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, samuelfharmon15@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—Tues, Aug 20. 10:30am 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).

HOMESCHOOL ENRICHMENT GROUP--- Will resume August 16th. 9:30-noon on Fridays for infants through Elementary. Contact Olivia Harmon for more information: oharmon15@gmail.com

CHESS CLUB--- Sun, Aug 18 in the hall after liturgy.

TEEN CLUB— Upcoming picnic details for teens and their families:

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!



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 Sun, Aug 18 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

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 the weekend of Aug 24. Donations and volunteers will be needed. Details in the image to the right.

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!

FIRST EVER ANCIENT FAITH MEN’S RETREAT- at Antiochian Village in Bolivar, PA Aug 22-25, 2024; Join us for engaging speakers, daily services, and fellowship with like-minded Orthodox men! Get more info and register at: <https://store.ancientfaith.com/2024-ancient-faith-mens-retreat/>

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 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.



Antiochian Charities

Website: www.antiochian.org/charities

Email: childrensrelieffund@gmail.com

“Whoever receives one little child like this in my name receives me.” (Matthew 18:5)

August 5, 2024

TO BE READ FROM THE PULPIT AND DISTRIBUTED TO ALL PARISHIONERS

For over forty years the Children’s Relief Fund has provided financial support to help defray the cost of education for children in Lebanon and Palestine. Requests for such support have increased significantly in recent years. As a result of dire circumstances in Lebanon, many parents have become unable to pay tuition to send their children to Orthodox Christian schools. Our Orthodox schools are at risk of closing, and consequently many of our children will now have to attend a public school or to discontinue their schooling altogether.

With the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan SABA, we are seeking your help. We have approximately forty Lebanese children from the Archdioceses of Beirut, Koura, Tripoli, Akkar, and Zahle who need assistance to continue their education at an Orthodox Christian school this coming school year. The tuition cost per student varies from \$750 to \$1200 per school year, depending on the school and the student’s grade level.

Donated funds will be wired directly to the Orthodox school in the child’s name. The child and their family will receive a notice of your support, and you will receive contact information so that you can communicate directly with the child if you wish. Children receiving a tuition scholarship will not receive any other funding from the Children’s Relief Fund. Sponsorship in any amount will be appreciated.

School begins in a few weeks, so if you can help, please contact CFR Administrator Amy Stiffler at: childrensrelieffund@gmail.com.

Children’s Relief Fund Scholarship Program

Antiochian Village
140 Church Camp Trail
Bolivar, PA 15923

God bless you for your consideration of this urgent request.

In Christ’s work,

Amy Stiffler, CRF Administrator & Executive Director
Anne Bourjaily Thomas, Charitable Outreach Chair

cc: His Eminence Metropolitan SABA

A charity of the ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA

Amy Stiffler, CRF Administrator – (724) 238-3677 Ext: 402

Mailing Address: Antiochian Village, 140 Church Camp Trail, Bolivar, PA 15923

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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St. Matthew Orthodox Church

Homeschool Enrichment & Infant/Toddler Play Group

Fridays 9:30am-11:45am Aug 16-Oct 25

Begin the day with prayers then break off into age groups for Catechism and other classes. There will be a mommy and me story time at 10am for kids up to 3 years old.

Contact Olivia Harmon to register

Oharmon15@gmail.com 440-220-2624

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
Thursday	1			
Friday	2			
Saturday	3			
Sunday	4			
Monday	5			
Tuesday	6			
Wednesday	7			
Thursday	8			
Friday	9			
Saturday	10		Roach Party 10-4	
Sunday	11			
Monday	12			
Tuesday	13			
Wednesday	14			
Thursday	15			
Friday	16	Homeschool Enrichment 9-1		
Saturday	17			
Sunday	18			
Monday	19			
Tuesday	20			
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			

Saint Matthew now has a YouTube channel! Please subscribe to stay on top of our videos
<https://m.youtube.com/@saintmattheworthodoxchurch>

Father Andrew's final sermon will be uploaded in the coming days. Father Fred's first sermon has already been posted for those that would like to listen. His 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>**

St Matthew Church can now accept donations online:
<https://giving.servantkeeper.com/stmatthewchurch>

