ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST
ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

10383 Albion Rd, North Royalton, OH

October 24, 2021

Great Martyr Arethas & Companions

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

His Grace Bishop ANTHONY
Auxiliary Bishop of the Antiochian Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest

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Saturday Vespers 5:00 PM
Saturday Confessions 5:30 PM
Sunday Confessions 9:45 AM

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 by Deacon Basil & Joanne for the health & salvation of Lynette on her birthday; and by Jack & Lisa Palivoda for the health & salvation of Justine & John Kelly on their wedding anniversary; and by David & Alicia Mlakar for the health & salvation of Josephina on her first birthday.

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

Josephine Katzbach	Nancy Yanik	Amelia Kourey
Justin Mosier	Dolores Kaleal	Kathy Luks
Tony Burhen	William	Cindy Spanos
Lucy Kinkaid	Catherine Morton	Brigitte
Marc Balke	Ron & Donna Teaman	Jennifer
Christopher Samuel	Jerry Morriston	Dorel Radivoj
Peter George	Danielle	Stacy Johnson
Pauline Hanna	Robert Andrews	Michelle Blocksom
Frank Popovich	Father John Loejos	Barbara Ensley
Issa Zaboura	Jeb Brooks	Irene Costaras-Vasilakis
Argie Katsaros	Robbie Betor	Baby JJ
Alex Mardini	Emile Aramouni	Stacy
Archdeacon Joseph Harb	Marianna Russyn	Ron
Joseph Watson	Iliana Radivoj	Roger Aramouni
Jean Caldaroni	Lena Batina	Angela Popescu
Paraschiva Blaz	Neil McMasters	
Phyllis Simmons	Noah	

And for the newly departed servants of God:

Harold Brekke (Fr. Andrew's cousin), Athena Portinos (Irene Costaras-Vasilakis' cousin), Ed Rose & Jeffrey Cignisko (friends of Fred Bourjaily), Brian (friend of Louise Bouhasin)

EPISTLE LESSON: II Corinthians 9: 6-11
TEEN MONTH EPISTLE READER: Rowan Musarra
GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 8: 26-39
HOMILY: "What Is Pure And Undefiled Religion?—An Answer from St. James (Oct. 23)"
USHERS: Jim & Kathy Sage

TODAY IS THE MONTHLY SUNDAY FOR CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE INSTEAD OF USUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES------PRACTICE WILL BE RIGHT AFTER LITURGY.

Please stay for coffeetime right after the liturgy!

It is being hosted by Group R: Leonard & Gloria Zabala, John & Paulette Bazilewich, Ted & Eileen Bunevich, Joe Hollis, Betty Kovach, & Theresa Popovich. Thanks!

SPECIAL TEEN GROUP MEETING AFTER LITURGY TODAY!
Orthodox Nurse-Practitioner Kim Speck will speak to the teens about our Orthodox beliefs concerning abortion. It is very important our teens know what we believe about this important issue---parents, please be sure they attend! Commonly, younger siblings come to the meetings which is fine---use your discretion today, parents.

FATHER ANDREW & KHOURIE BONNIE WILL BE ON VACATION OUT OF STATE tomorrow through Monday, November 1. Father John Adamcio will serve the liturgy here, Sunday, Oct. 31. There will be Deacon Vespers Saturday, October 30 at 5. In case of an emergency need for a priest please call Father Matthew Thurman of St. Luke Church in Bainbridge, 440-591-1030.

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2021
TONE 1 / EOTHINON 7; EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & SIXTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

Great-martyr Arethas (al-Haarith) & companions in Arabia
Martyr Sebastiana of Heraclea; Righteous Elesbaan, King of Ethiopia

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE ONE ***(p. 11)***
While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. ARETHAS (AL-HAARITH) & COMPANIONS IN TONE ONE
Be Thou entreated for the sake of the sufferings of Thy Saints which they endured for Thee, O Lord, and do Thou heal all our pains, we pray, O Friend of man.

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 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (9:6-11)

Brethren, the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly; and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Let each one do according to what he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly, or under compulsion; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you; that you, having always all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work. As it is written: "He has scattered abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever"; now He, who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food, will supply and multiply your seed for sowing, and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in all things for every generosity, which works through us thanksgiving to God.

THE GOSPEL (For the Sixth Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (8:26-39)

At that time, Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And as He stepped out on land, there met Him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes, and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What hast Thou to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech Thee, do not torment me." For Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. [For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.] Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged Jesus not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged Jesus to let them enter these. So He gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked Jesus to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so He got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Jesus; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare all that God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city all that Jesus had done for him.

UPCOMING SERVICES

SAT, OCT 30- Deacon's Vespers 5pm
SUN, OCT 31- Matins 8:50am, and Divine Liturgy, 10am. Holy Bread of Oblation will be offered by Subdeacon Richard & Rose Sahley on their wedding anniversary.; and by the Blazeks for Al's father, Alfred, Sr., on his 93rd birthday.
HOLY ARCHANGEL MICHAEL DAY----Monday, November 8---Matins 9 a.m.; Liturgy, 10 a.m. We can have potluck lunch if anyone can be coordinator---please see Fr. Andrew to volunteer

MEETINGS

PATHWAYS TO PEACE—Mondays, 7:15 p.m., at church & by Zoom. "A gathering place for those who are broken from hurts, hangups, or habits. Join us as we renew our minds and encourage each other through the love of Christ." Call Dcn Basil, 440-665-3591, for zoom info. See flier in this bulletin.
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS- Sun, Oct 31 during coffee hour in the board room. The speaker this time will be Cole Gest, speaking on Matthew 18:3. Adult Sun School plans to meet once a month.
SOUTH BIBLE STUDY--- Tues, Nov 2 at 6:30pm at Craig & Cindy George's, 9451 Sherwood Trl, Brecksville. Meets the 1st & 3rd Tues of the month. Studying the book of Jonah.
MEN'S LUNCH- Sun, Nov 7, after liturgy at Luna's Restaurant (12841 State Rd., North Royalton). Contact Jack Palivoda for more info.
NORTH BIBLE STUDY--- Nov 11, 6:30pm. Meets monthly at the Parkers', 1350 Elmwood Court, Rocky River. Studying the book of Isaiah.
WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP—Nov, 19, 1pm. Meets monthly at Tara Reidy's, 274 Elmwood, Berea. For more info, call Sandy Tolbert, 440-773-9162.
WEST BIBLE STUDY--- Oct date already held. Nov date to be announced. (Meets monthly at church after 5pm Vespers). We are studying the book, "The Wisdom of Sirach."

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFETIME HOSTS NEEDED---sign up in the hall by the bulletin board!
HOLY BREAD OBLATIONS SIGN-UP for 2021 is in the hall to the right of the sink area. Please sign up for what Sundays you wish to offer an oblation.
DONATE BY TEXT- You can now donate to St. Matthew's via text message. It's secure, quick, and free to sign up and takes seconds to make a donation. Send a text message to 440-390-4330 to get started. Reach out to Al Blazek (440-799-2487 by text or phone) if you'd like help or further info.
VACUUMING VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEET is on a little table in the narthex.
What volunteers do is, either after Sun liturgy or later Sun or Mon, is vacuum the church-----nave & narthex entry area. Also, they clean up any stray bulletins or other papers left behind. It is fine for two people to do it together (we have enough vacuum cleaners). They do not do any cleaning in the hall, kitchen, rooms, etc. Please consider signing up to do it one week.
HOUSING – If you know of a landlord that accepts Section 8 voucher for housing, please contact Fr. Andrew so he can pass on your info to a person needed to find a landlord that will. Thanks!
NEW PARISH FAMILY DIRECTORIES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX----Many thanks to Craig George for all his work on these!

PLEASE REMEMBER TO RETURN YOUR 2022 MEMBERSHIP PLEDGE FORM TO THE CHURCH BY NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31---BY EITHER MAIL OR IN PERSON

MINISTRY NEWS

ST. HERMAN'S MINISTRY TEAM— SUN, NOV 21, IS OUR MONTHLY TURN TO SERVE THE EVENING MEAL TO THE POOR AT St. Herman Orthodox Homeless Shelter. If you can help serve the meal, please call Deacon Basil 440-665-3591

OUR PARISH'S MINISTRY OF DELIVERY OF FOOD, CLOTHING, ETC. TO THE HOMELESS ON THE STREETS OF CLEVELAND will take place onf Sun, Nov 7.

THANKSGIVING FOOD HELP FOR THOSE IN NEED---It is again time to prepare for annual distribution of food to needy homes, both inside and outside of parish, for Thanksgiving. It is important for donations to be here by November 21, the Sunday before Thanksgiving, because many deliveries are made that day. WE ALSO NEED VOLUNTEERS TO ASSEMBLE THE FOOD "PACKAGES" ON NOVEMBER 21 AND TO MAKE HOME DELIVERIES EITHER THAT DAY OR SHORTLY AFTER---see Father Andrew to volunteer.

3 TYPES OF DONATIONS----

1. Turkeys---put in either freezer in kitchen. You can start now.

2. Grocery gift cards--- you can mail them or bring them here to give to either treasurer Lisa Palivoda, or to Fr. Andrew, or put in wooden offering box in narthex.

3. Canned goods and non-perishable food/household items for food pantry in kitchen. Please don't bring these in before Sunday, November 14. Canned food should be in 13.5 to 14.5 oz. cans. Please make sure nothing is expired, or opened, or on verge of expiration date. We hope to get 20 of each of the following as last year we delivered to about 20 homes:

Green beans, cream of mushroom, corn, French fried onions, dried French onion soup mix, carrots, yams, 18 oz. plain oats, apple sauce, tomato sauce, canned fruit, pasta (penne, shell, rigatoni), jiffy corn muffin mix, mashed potatoes, peanut butter, jam/jelly.

Also (in moderate amounts), bathroom tissue, napkins, shampoo, & soap very helpful to needy families. Also, staples such as cereal, flour, rice, and sugar are great and very needed by the homes we help! Rebecca Kubicek heads up our food pantry. It will be helpful if you can let her know what you are going to bring in----rebecca.kubicek@mailfence.com *Please stick to the list because we have to avoid overloading the pantry area in the kitchen. We used to use a different room but that doesn't work now because our Sunday School has grown so much this year that all the rooms are very heavily occupied! A wonderful problem to have!*

THANK YOU FOR HELPING THOSE IN NEED! GOD BLESS YOU FOR DOING IT!

MUSIC & ART FROM
ST. HERMAN HOUSE- FOCUS CLEVELAND

Make a Joyful Noise!

Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments, followed by a short program and musical performances by the St. Herman House community. Artwork by current and former residents will be on display throughout the evening.

November 8, 2021 | Doors Open At 6:30p.m.

Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral

3352 Mayfield Rd., Cleveland Hts. OH 44118
Parking on site.

Tickets: $25

Purchase tickets at www.sainthermans.org/event
or call Santhe Loizos at 216-232-6003

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NOVEMBER
2021

FOCUS
+ CLEVELAND
ST. HERMAN HOUSE

Bishop's Luncheon
Sign-Up

Dear Parishioners,

The Sisterhood is organizing the Bishop's Luncheon on Sunday, November 14, 2021 during Coffee Hour. There will be a sign-up sheet posted in the hall, either on the bulletin board or on the wall for anyone to volunteer to bring a dish. Anyone can donate and if a section happens to be filled up please feel free to squeeze in your name and the dish you're bringing!!! It's helpful if we know what you've decided to donate. Also, we ask that you bring your dish ready to be put out on the buffet table..... We can keep things warm in the kitchen under your supervision, but there won't be enough people to prepare your food. Also, there will be electrical outlets available if needed for crock pots, etc.

If you have any questions at all, please let me know!!! Thank you!!!

Take good care,

Georgette Dye

Sisterhood VP

Dear St. Matthew Parishioners and Friends:

It is once again time to subscribe to our annual Christmas card. The card has become a project of the Sisterhood and we need your support now more than ever to make it a successful endeavor. The parish council generously turned the project over to us a few years ago to help us help others. Between now and the end of the year, we will be making contributions to the Children's Relief Fund for our adopted child ($400), to Gifts for Jesus ($500), to Christmas Gifts for the needy ($250), and to our Midwest Antiochian Women's dues ($175), at the very least. So, please, submit the Christmas card form on the back of this letter before the November 14th deadline.

Continuing a tradition for this year...We are looking for about ten people who would like to sponsor a Christmas card for one of our shut-ins. If you know of a particular shut-in you would like to sponsor, just complete the form on the back of this letter and submit it as directed with your donation. However, if you are unsure of whom to sponsor, see Camille Patrick or ask Fr. Andrew for a recommendation.

We hope you will help us make this the most successful Christmas card project EVER! May God bless you for all the support you have given us in the past. You have been most generous.

Yours in Christ,

Camille Patrick and Laura Gasbarro

The Sisterhood Christmas Card Committee

TO THE FRIENDS AND PARISHIONERS OF ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST ORTHODOX CHURCH

Christmas is just around the corner! It is a special time to join us in extending a holiday greeting through our St. Matthew Christmas Community Christmas Card and to support the ministries of the Sisterhood.

Please complete this form and mail it with your donation of $15.00 to

ST. MATTHEW SISTERHOOD, ATTN: LAURA GASBARRO

10383 ALBION RD., NORTH ROYALTON, OH 44133

You can also give your completed form and check to Camille Patrick in church or to the church office.

Each subscriber will receive a card with the names of every participant, sending their Christmas greeting of love and friendship at this holy season!

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(Please print your name(s) as you wish it to be printed on the card.)

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(address) (city) (state) (9 digit zipcode)

_____ (phone) email _____ **Make checks payable to St. Matthew Orthodox Church**

DEADLINE: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2021

$15.00 donation enclosed (please check) _____ cash___OR ___ check #_____

A WEEKEND WITH BISHOP ANTHONY

Our diocesan bishop, His Grace Bishop ANTHONY,
will be with us the weekend of November 14.

Our schedule is:

Friday, November 12, 6 p.m.---Dinner meeting with parish leaders and leaders of our various ministries.

Saturday, November 13— Hierarchical Liturgy for St. John Chrysostom Day, 10 a.m. (Matins at 8:45)
---Teaching session by His Grace on "Repentance & Forgiveness", 3-4:30 p.m.
---Vespers preceded by "Opening Of The Doors" ceremony for our new church, 5p.m. Followed by coffeetime.

Sunday, November 14----Matins (with teaching by His Grace about Vesting)---8:30 a.m. Heirarchical Liturgy for St. Matthew Day "by anticipation", 10 a.m. Parish Celebration of St. Matthew Day Meal---after Liturgy. Hosted by the Sisterhood.

PLEASE BE PRESENT FOR THIS SPECIAL WEEKEND AS HIS GRACE JOINS US TO OFFICIALLY "OPEN THE DOORS" OF OUR NEW CHURCH AND CELEBRATE OUR PARISH NAME DAY WITH US!

SAINT OF THE DAY:

THE HOLY MARTYR ARETHAS

St. Arethas was an elderly man who was the governor of the town of Negran in what is now Saudi Arabia in the 500's before the time of Islam. The pagan King Dzu Nowass attacked the town. When the town resisted, he promised that if they surrendered and paid an annual tribute, they could live in peace under his rule. His army was very strong, so Arethas and the people of Negran decided surrendered was best. But the wicked king broke his word---the town was destroyed, all valuables stolen, and those of the people who would not deny Christ and worship idols were slaughtered. Governor Aretha, along with most of the people, stayed loyal to Christ, leading to their deaths. St. Arethas, along with about 4000 others, were martyred for Christ by beheading on October 24, 523 A.D.

St. John Chrysostom compares the church to a hospital... a place of healing.

Come and Experience

"Pathway to Peace"

A gathering-place for those who are broken from hurt, hangups or habits.

Pathway to Peace
is a group of Orthodox Christians
that meets for support in seeking practical solutions
for problems and healthy spiritual fellowship.

Join us, as we renew our minds
and encourage each other through the love of Christ.

Mondays, 7:15 PM
10383 Albion Rd, North Royalton

For more information: Deacon Basil
williamvazquez@sbcglobal.net or 440-665-3591

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT FOR BRINGING KIDS TO CHURCH:

Acknowledge that services are long and praise children for their effort to remain attentive. Use concrete praise. EXAMPLES: "I saw you cross yourself!" "You stood facing forward for the whole gospel reading!"