

### ST. THEODORE, BISHOP OF EDESSA

St. Theodore, whom we celebrate today, became a monk at age 20 and remained a lay monastic for 36 years. He became known for his great personal holiness and at age 56 he was chosen to become the bishop of the diocese of Edessa on the eastern edge of the Byzantine Empire. He served faithfully until he fell asleep in Christ on July 9<sup>th</sup>, 848 A.D.

### IN CASE YOU'RE INTERESTED---A CLASS BY FATHER ANDREW THIS FALL

Father Andrew will be teaching a 6 week course through the Baldwin Wallace University ILR adult education program. Here is a synopsis of the course:

#### **THE LAST THINGS: WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT LIFE AFTER DEATH, HEAVEN & HELL, AND THE END OF THE WORLD**

This class will examine Christian beliefs concerning "the last things" as mentioned in the title. The Bible will be the main source book, but we will also look at various teachings by various Christians over the centuries---from ancient Saints to more recent best-sellers. There is a lot of variety on such topics among Christian denominations and movements; the instructor is an Orthodox Christian priest, but we will certainly examine many different viewpoints---Catholic, Protestant, and Orthodox.

Some topics that will be covered: Can we know when the world will end? What about Purgatory and Limbo? What is "666" all about? What happens the day Christ returns? Will Christ come back more than once? What is meant by "the rapture". What are Heaven and Hell like? What is the Millenium? What will the final Resurrection be? What about praying for the dead? What about the belief many have that the Saints in heaven pray for us? There are lots of varying beliefs on many of these topics, which makes for interesting class time!

YOU MUST BECOME A MEMBER OF ILR TO TAKE A CLASS---Go to Institute for Learning in Retirement at Baldwin Wallace University. Then go to "membership". Then go to "Become a member" to see how. There is a fee to join and a separate fee of \$25 per class. There are no age restrictions. Father Andrew's class will be held at Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church, 13206 Bagley Road, Middleburg Heights. It will be at 1:30 p.m. on the following Tuesday dates: September 12, 26; October 3, 10, 17, 24. No class on September 19.

It requires \$750/day to operate our Church. Through your commitment and generosity, we *almost* meet that requirement. But we find ourselves with a budget shortfall of \$100/day. We ask that you consider adopting a day (or more) to help relieve this deficit.

Payments can be spread out over weeks or months.

If you are willing to do this, just cross through the day (or days) you wish to sponsor on the calendar in the hall, so we can begin to get an idea of our progress.

We have always been such a generous and giving Parish. Thank you for your continued generosity

## ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

10383 Albion Rd, North Royalton, OH

**July 9, 2023**

*Fifth Sunday After Pentecost*

**His Eminence Metropolitan SABA**

**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**

**V. Rev. Father Andrew Harmon**

**Rev. Deacon Macarius Tolbert • Rev. Deacon Basil Vazquez**

**Sub-Deacon Fred N. Bourjaily • Sub-Deacon Samuel Harmon**

**Sub-Deacon Mark Katzbach • Sub-Deacon Richard Sahley**

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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**

**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 Marcella Simescu for the health & salvation of her brother, Valentin; by the Amer family for the health & salvation of Samir on his birthday; by Colton & Veronica Bose in thanksgiving to God on their wedding anniversary; by the Vazquez for the health & safety of Michael Lieberman on his birthday; and by Donald Glaser and David & Rudylin Glaser in memory of Arlene Glaser (Donald's wife, David's mother).

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

Josephine Katzbach	Paraschiva Blaz	Dolores Kaleal
Justin Mosier	Nancy Yanik	Danielle
Tony Burhen	Jerry Morrison	Victoria Thorp
Lucy Kinkaid	Iliana Radivoj	Constantine & Maria Kornea
Marc Balke	Lena Batina	Deacon Macarius
Christopher Samuel	James Padzski	Val & Al
Peter George	Mary Malaniak	Erin Musarra & child
Pauline Hanna	Bob & Adrienne Andrews	Julie Dunn
Frank Popovich	Charles & Judy Burhen	Father Basil Caldaroni
Issa Zaboura	Ed Haddad	Xenia Harmon
Argie Katsaros	Michael Francu	David Wacholtz
Joseph Watson	Jean Fadil	Noah
Faye Farris	Marwan Kash	Adam & Kelsey Harkey
Christian Morton	Barb Carlin	Mary Violanti

Campers: Miles Hunter, Isaac Kash

**And for the newly departed servants of God:** Michael & Theodore Harkey; Glen Bounds (Brian Hunter's uncle), Jean Caldaroni, Archimandrite Philothius

**EPISTLE LESSON:** Romans 10: 1-10      **EPISTLE READER:** Reader Anthony Harmon

**GOSPEL LESSON:** Matthew 8: 28-9:1      **USHERS:** Tony Latina, Anthony Yanik

**HOMILY:** "Romans 10---Believe & Confess That Jesus Is Lord"

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

**THE ONE-YEAR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CROWNING PRAYERS** will be done at the end of the today's liturgy for Colton & Veronica Bose.

**THE FOUR-YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE** is being offered today for Arlene Glaser by Donald Glaser and David & Rudylin Glaser.

**BLESSING OF CAMPERS:** Xenia Amer, Marina Amer, Juliana Amer, Lily Scanlon, Nawal Yarid, and Nawar Yarid

**PLEASE STAY RIGHT AFTER LITURGY FOR COFFEETIME IN THE HALL!** Thank you to the Glaser family for hosting it in memory of Arlene Glaser

**WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT FOR PARENTS:**

Develop a routine for entering the church. For example: kiss icons, light a candle, and say a special prayer.



St. Matthew the Evangelist  
Orthodox Church

**August 18 & 19, 2023**

Father Sergius Bowyer  
Abbot of St. Tikhon's Monastery

Friday, August 18  
6:00 - Prayer service with icon of St. Anna  
7:00-8:30 - First Session

Saturday, August 19  
9:30 - Registration, Continental Breakfast  
10:30-12:00 - Second Session  
12:00 - 1:00 - Lunch Provided  
1:00-2:00 - Personal prayer  
2:00-3:30 - Third Session  
4:30 - Vespers

The miraculous icon of St. Anna, the Mother of the Holy Virgin Mary will be at St. Matthew's for veneration.

Fr. Bowyer will speak on his book  
*Acquiring the Mind of Christ*  
*Embracing the Vision of the Orthodox Church*

**TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

Email:  
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cfullermorton@gmail.com  
Call or Text  
(440) 220-2623

Free Will Offering Will Be Accepted

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

**VACUUMING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**--- *SIGN-UP SHEET FOR VACUUMING THE CHURCH (just the temple) IN THE FIRST PART OF 2023 IS IN THE NARTHEX. CAN YOU TAKE A SUNDAY?*

**COFFEETIME HOSTING**--- Coffeetime after liturgy is an important part of our parish life! We rely on parishioners to volunteer to take a turn to host. A new chart for 2023 is in hall on east side. Light refreshments is fine. Sign up by yourself, together with some one else, or as part of a coffeetime host group. Questions? Speak to or call, coordinator, Electra Floasiu---216-671-0743

**HOLY BREAD OBLATIONS SIGN-UP** for 2023 is in the hall to the right of the sink area. Please sign up for what Sundays you wish to offer an oblation.

### **MORE LAY VISITORS NEEDED**

St. Matthew's has a Lay Visitors Ministry, in which parishioners make occasional visits to shut-ins from our parish (mostly in nursing homes). Such visits are a great blessing to the shut-ins....and also to the lay visitors! Are you interested? Please contact David Glaser the head of this ministry--- 440-728-7309 [daveglaser1@cox.net](mailto:daveglaser1@cox.net)

**PARISH WORK DAYS**---1. Parish work days will take place on the last Sunday of each month through August. Meet outside between noon and 12:30 (post coffee hour) by the prayer garden. A Landscape Committee leader will be there to divvy out work.

We will have an assortment of tools to borrow, however we highly encourage all volunteers to bring whatever tools they have.

Text or Call (and leave a voicemail) to Sondra Palivoda (216) 973-7537 if you have any questions about which tools to bring or have any tools to donate to the church.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL FIELD TRIP**- *All parishioners are welcome!* Biblewalk Wax Museum, 500 Tingley Avenue, Mansfield, Ohio. Wed, Aug 16 10:30am-2:00pm. The cost for 2 exhibits: Adults \$10.50, Ages 9-18 \$8, Ages 8 and under are free. Parking is free. Meet at the church at 9am to carpool or meet at the museum at 10:30. Bring a picnic lunch. There is no food available at the museum. Contact Gail Malaniak and turn in money by July 30 if you plan to attend. [Gailmeen@gmail.com](mailto:Gailmeen@gmail.com) 440-552-4586

## HOMESCHOOL ENRICHMENT

PANORTHODOX HOMESCHOOL GROUP

**FRIDAYS 9:30-1:30**

Classes run August-April  
Ages 0-13  
Mommy and Me  
Preschool  
Primary School

Catechism

Science

Language

Arts and more

St. Matthew's Orthodox Church - North Royalton  
Contact Olivia Harmon @ [oharmon15@gmail.com](mailto:oharmon15@gmail.com)

**NEXT QUARTERLY GIANT HOMELESS MISSION**---**FRI-SAT, AUG 11-12**  
**Hundreds of sack lunches to be given to homeless on the streets and shelters. All details forthcoming...what to give, how to donate, what to volunteer for etc. To get some info now contact a coordinator; Mike Musarra, Jack Palivoda, Jim and Cathy Sage.**  
**GOD WILL BLESS YOU FOR BEING A BLESSING TO HIS NEEDY ONES!**

## DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2023 TONE 4 / EOTHINON 5; FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & FIFTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

Hieromartyr Pankratios, bishop of Taormina in Sicily; Martyrs Andrew and Probus

### RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FOUR (p. 13)

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

### 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 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost)

*How great are Thy works, O Lord! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul.*

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (10:1-10)**

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that it may be saved. I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law, that everyone who has faith may be justified. Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on the law shall live by it. But the righteousness based on faith says: Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into Heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down) or "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach); because, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved.

## THE GOSPEL

(For the Fifth Sunday of Matthew)

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (8:28-9:1)**

At that time, when Jesus came to the country of the Gergesenes, two demoniacs met Him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have we to do to Thee, O Son of God? Art Thou come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged Him, "If Thou castest us out, send us away into the herd of swine." And He said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw Him, they begged Him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat He crossed over and came to His own city.

*Today for the Cherubic Hymn we will use Alt. #1 (p. 31).*

## UPCOMING SERVICES

**SATURDAY, JULY 15 --- Vespers 5pm.**

**SUNDAY, JULY 16—Matins, 8:50 a.m.; Liturgy, 10 a.m.** The holy bread of oblation will be offered by the Patricks in memory of Camille's brother, Father Elias Meena; by Florentina Popa in memory of her mother, Georgeta; by Livia Dinu in memory of her brother, Dan Mihai, & of all the departed of the Spirescu & Marinescu families; by Youssef & Nellie on their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary; by Maria Simescu for her brother, Valentin; by the Amers for their children Gabriel & Marina's name days. The 40 Year Wedding Anniversary Crowning Ceremony will be done for Youssef & Nellie Rizk at the end of liturgy.

**ST. ELIAS (ELIJAH) DAY IS JULY 20 AS WE REMEMBER ONE OF THE GREATEST OF ALL PROPHETS--- OUR SCHEDULE:**

Wednesday, July 19---Vespers with Artoklasia, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 20—Matins, 9; Liturgy, 10, with blessing of cars. Potluck lunch right after.

## MEETINGS

**PATHWAYS TO PEACE**— Mondays at 7:15pm, at church & by Zoom. "A gathering place of Orthodox Christians who seek to live in the fullness of life as promised by Jesus Christ." Call Dcn Basil, 440-665-3591, for zoom info.

**WEST BIBLE STUDY**--- July 15, 6pm (meets monthly at church after Vespers) Studying I Corinthians

**SOUTH BIBLE STUDY**--- Tues, July 18, at 6:30pm at Craig & Cindy George's, 9451 Sherwood Trl, Brecksville. Regularly meets the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues of the month. Studying Creation and the Fall in Genesis.

**YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY**—July 22, 6pm. Meets monthly at church. Studying the book of Daniel----Bible, fellowship, food...For more info, contact: Sbdcn Samuel Harmon, 216-598-9230, [samuelharmon15@gmail.com](mailto:samuelharmon15@gmail.com) or Colton Bose, 440-567-6101

**WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP**— Fri, July 21, 1pm. Meets monthly at Tara Reidy's 274 Elmwood, Berea; For more info, call Sandy Tolbert, 440-773-9162.

**TEEN CLUB**--- JULY MONTHLY MEETING---Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, after liturgy

**CHESS CLUB**— July 23 in the hall after liturgy

**KNIT/CROCHET GRUP**---Aug 12, 3:30pm Do you knit or crochet? Would you like to learn how? We will meet once a month before Vespers on the second Saturday of each month at 3:30pm. Hope to see you there! Contact Lisa Bowden at 440-667-2767 if you have any questions.

**HOMESCHOOL ENRICHMENT GROUP**---On summer break. Next school year begins in Aug. We will meet every Fri from 9:30-1:30 here at St. matthew's! For more info contact Olivia: oharmon15@gmail, 440-220-2624

**MOMS AND TOTS GROUP**---A new group for moms with babies and toddlers beginning in August. Will meet every Friday morning around 10:45am during Homeschool Enrichment. Contact Olivia.

## MINISTRY NEWS

**STREET DELIVERY TO THE HOMELESS**----Sun, July 16 ---parishioners delivering 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, for information.

**MEAL SERVING AT ST. HERMAN ORTHODOX HOMELESS SHELTER**--- Our next monthly serving day is **SUNDAY, JULY 16<sup>TH</sup>** If you can help, please contact Deacon Basil, 440-665-3591

**CURRENT NEEDS FOR ST. HERMAN ORTHODOX HOMELESS SHELTER**--

*There is a large, marked box by coat rack in hall to leave donations. Help if you can!*

Bus passes Toilet paper, 2 ply One size fits all men's belts

Hand warmers Heavy duty forks and spoons

ITEMS BELOW may be put in the same box and will be donated to St Mary of Egypt Food Pantry

Tuna canned stew or meat canned beans dried milk small or medium coffee cans

small box of tea low-sugar canned fruit jelly canned vegetables

oatmeal and other cereals mashed potatoes crackers egg noodles

brown and white rice spices, baking soda, cornstarch, etc. toilet paper paper towels

**OCLife ST. MATTHEW CHURCH**--- We all have 'stuff' from which God has redeemed us: bad decisions, questionable life choices, crisis pregnancies, hurts, and wounds. We may have caused hurts and wounds ourselves. These are the scars through which we can minister to others.

OCLife St Matthews is making a confidential referral list for women (sometimes men) in need and is looking for those who are willing to allow God to minister to others through their own weaknesses. If you have been or are being healed from sexual brokenness, depression, anxiety, the pain of abortion, or have experienced an unplanned pregnancy (the list could go on and on...) please email [cindygeorge127@gmail.com](mailto:cindygeorge127@gmail.com), text or call 330-309-9491 or just talk with Cindy George OR email [ldpal1703@outlook.com](mailto:ldpal1703@outlook.com), text or call 216-235-2991 or just talk with Lisa Palivoda

Christ Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—*by whose stripes you were healed.* (1 Peter 2:24)

**MARTHA MINISTRIES**---seeking parishioners to 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 at 440-799-0838 or [Erin.musarra@gmail.com](mailto:Erin.musarra@gmail.com).