

THE HOLY PROPHET SAMUEL

St. Samuel, whose memory we celebrate today, was one of the greatest prophets and also the last of the judges. He was born around 1080 B.C. His parents brought him to live at the tabernacle from an early age....there God audibly called him to be his special servant. As both prophet and judge, he served as a unifying force for the 12 tribes. But the people demanded to have a king like their neighbors. Samuel opposed this, but finally gave in and anointed Saul to be the first king of Israel. Saul was a good military leader but not very obedient to God. God led Samuel to secretly anoint the shepherd boy, David, to take Saul's place as king. His actually taking-over happened sometime after Samuel's death. The great prophet died peacefully about 1020 B.C. He led God's people through dark and troubled days to the greater stability of David's monarchy.

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

August 20, 2023

After-feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos

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

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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 the Bokjanc family for the health & salvation of Kosta, Dijana, Christopher, Gina, and Iliana; and is offered by David & Rudylin Glaser for the health & salvation of their daughter, Regina on her birthday and in memory of Rudylin's father Rodrigo Bacus; Marcella Simescu for the health & salvation of her brother, Valentin; and is offered by Eleanore Parker, the Hanna family, the Ivkovic family, and the Campbell family in memory of Eleanore's husband, Ralph Parker; and is offered by Florentina Popa in memory of her father, Mitica Gherghe.

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

Josephine Katzbach	Iliana Radivoj	Julie Dunn
Justin Mosier	Lena Batina	David Wacholtz
Tony Burhen	James Padzerski	Elias Nader
Lucy Kinkaid	Mary Malaniak	Corrine George
Marc Balke	Bob & Adrienne Andrews	Veronica & child
Christopher Samuel	Charles & Judy Burhen	Marilyn Frank
Peter George	Ed Haddad	Christian
Pauline Hanna	Michael Francu	Tania Varajic
Frank Popovich	Jean Fadil	Roza
Issa Zaboura	Dolores Kaleal	Vasilios
Argie Katsaros	Danielle	Charles Cunningham
Joseph Watson	Victoria Thorp	Father Basil Caldaroni
Faye Farris	Constantine & Maria Kornea	Barb Carlin
Paraschiva Blaz	Deacon Macarius	Josie May Feuerstein
Nancy Yanik	Val & Al	
Jerry Morrirston	Erin Musarra & child	

And for the newly departed servants of God: Evelyn Johnson (Father Andrew's aunt), Johan Aramouni (Roger Aramouni's cousin), Robert Suchy (Dan Patrick's brother-in-law)

EPISTLE LESSON: I Corinthians 9: 2-12 **EPISTLE READER:** Reader Anthony Harmon
GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 18: 23-35 **USHERS:** Michael Fazio, Subdeacon Richard Sahley

HOMILY: Abbot Sergius Bowyer

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

THE MEMORIAL SERVICE is being offered today in memory of Ralph Parker (one year) by Eleanor Parker, the Hanna family, the Ivkovic family, and the Campbell family; and is being offered by Florentina Popa in memory of her father, Mitica Gherghe (6 months).

PLEASE STAY RIGHT AFTER LITURGY FOR OUR LUNCH IN THE HALL—
Thanks to our Women's Group for heading up the meal and to all who brought food.

THE TEEN CLUB WILL BE MEETING SHORTLY AFTER THE LITURGY---Q. & A. Session
with Deacon Macarius

THE PARISH CHESS CLUB WILL MEET TODAY AFTER LUNCH.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER!!!

OPEN HOUSE- Sept 10.

Classes begin-- Sept 17.

"All things work together for good to those who love God and are called to His purpose." Romans 8:28

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
 Gail Malaniak 440-552-4586

September 2023				
		Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Friday	1	Homeschool 9-1		Job Book's rehearsal dinner 6:30
Saturday	2			
Sunday	3			
Monday	4			
Tuesday	5			
Wednesday	6			
Thursday	7			
Friday	8			
Saturday	9		Mitica & family reunion 12-4	
Sunday	10			
Monday	11			
Tuesday	12			
Wednesday	13			
Thursday	14			
Friday	15	Homeschool 9-1		
Saturday	16	ECWG- Gina 10-1	ECWG- Gina 10-1	
Sunday	17			
Monday	18			
Tuesday	19			
Wednesday	20			
Thursday	21			
Friday	22	Homeschool 9-1		SUN: The Nms Beer 6-8
Saturday	23	St John 7: 10-11:30		
Sunday	24		Southson Family reunion 2-6	
Monday	25			
Tuesday	26			
Wednesday	27			
Thursday	28			
Friday	29	Homeschool 9-1		
Saturday	30			

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC
SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, AFTER
LITURGY
ALL ARE WELCOME---FREE OF
CHARGE!
GREAT FOOD, RECREATION, & FUN
Hosted by the Brotherhood Club

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2023
TONE 2 / EOTHINON 11; 11TH SUN AFTER PENTECOST & 11TH SUN OF MATTHEW
After-feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos
Prophet Samuel; Martyr Photeini of Blachernae; Martyrs Heliodoros and Dosai of Persia

VERSES OF THE FIRST ANTIPHON

Shout with joy to God, all the earth, give thanks unto the Lord and call upon His Name. Declare His works among the nations.

In the city of our God, in His holy mountain, His place hath been made in peace, and His dwelling in Zion.

Glory... Both now...

VERSES OF THE SECOND ANTIPHON (Normal Sunday Refrain)

The Lord loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwelling of Jacob. Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God.

God hath laid her foundation unto eternity. We have thought, O God, of Thy mercy in the midst of Thy people.

The most-high hath hallowed His tabernacle.

Glory... Both now... O only begotten Son and Word of God...

THE THIRD ANTIPHON

Ready is my heart, O God, ready is my heart; I will sing and chant in my glory. What shall I render to the Lord for all that He hath given me? I will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord. *(now sing the Apolytikion of the Dormition)*

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE TWO (p. 12)

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF THE DORMITION IN TONE ONE

In giving birth, thou didst preserve thy virginity; in thy Dormition, thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos. Thou wast translated unto life, since thou art the Mother of Life; and by thine intercessions dost thou redeem our souls from death.

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 DORMITION IN TONE TWO

The grave and death could not hold the Theotokos, who is unsleeping in her intercessions and an unfailling hope in her mediations. For as the Mother of Life she was translated to life by Him Who dwelt within her ever-Virgin womb.

THE EPISTLE (For the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost)

The Lord is my strength and my song. The Lord has chastened me severely.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (9:2-12)

Brethren, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the Law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the Gospel of Christ.

THE GOSPEL (For the Eleventh Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (18:23-35)

The Lord spoke this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants: When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also My heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

SISTERHOOD MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

To all the Ladies of St. Matthew..... Please join us!!

September is our annual Membership Drive!! We would love for you all to become a member of the St. Matthew Antiochian Women's Sisterhood. The Membership Drive will be held every Sunday in September and the yearly dues donation is still at only \$3.00 per year!!

Being a member of our organization promotes fellowship among our Ladies and helps our church in many different ways through our fundraisers. You can give your \$3.00 to Electra Floasiu, (Membership Chairman) Camille Patrick, (Treasurer) or Georgette Dye, (President) and we will put your name on our roster along with your email address so you can receive reminder emails of all our meetings and activities. We would also LOVE to see some new faces at our meetings which are held periodically on Sunday's after Liturgy. Please consider joining!!

Thank you!!!

Electra, Camille and Georgette

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT FOR BRINGING KIDS TO CHURCH:

Read the Let Us Attend Sunday gospel reading at home on Saturday or Sunday before liturgy and discuss key words to listen for at liturgy.

<https://antiochian.org/regulararticle/809>

You can also listen to the reading through the Ancient Faith Ministries podcast "Let Us Attend."



Amelia Tatalovic, Director

Twice-monthly rehearsals on Thursday evenings | 6:30 - 7:30 PM

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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. 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 Hills 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.

Class registration closes August 27. You can register on-line or in person---go to the Institute for Learning at Baldwin Wallace University website to get the details about registering.

UPCOMING SERVICES

SAT, AUG 26- 5pm Vespers

SUN, AUG 27- 8:50am Matins, 10am Liturgy. The Holy Bread of Oblation will be offered by the Amer family for Jay's Saint's Day (St. John the Baptist); and by Marcella Simescu for her brother, Mihail, on his birthday; and by Florentina Popa in memory of her sister-in-law, Maria, on the 6th anniversary of her falling asleep in Christ.

THE BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST DAY IS TUESDAY, AUGUST 29:

Our schedule---Monday, August 28th---Vespers with Artoklasia, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 29th---Matins, 9; Liturgy, 10 Potluck lunch after liturgy. This day is a very strict fast day, so only strict fasting food, please.

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--- Aug meeting has already taken place. Sept date to be announced. (meets monthly at church after Vespers) Studying I Corinthians

SOUTH BIBLE STUDY--- Tues, Sept 5, at 6:30pm at Craig & Cindy George's, 9451 Sherwood Trl, Brecksville. Regularly meets the 1st & 3rd Tues of the month. Studying Creation and the Fall in Genesis.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY---Aug 26, 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 or Colton Bose, 440-567-6101

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP--- Tues, Sept 12, 1pm. Meets monthly at Tara Reidy's (274 Elmwood, Berea). For info, call Sandy Tolbert, 440-773-9162.

TEEN CLUB--- TODAY after liturgy. Question & answer session with Deacon Macarius

HOMESCHOOL ENRICHMENT GROUP--- Every Fri from 9:30-1:30 (Aug-May) here at St. Matthew's! Includes special classes for preschoolers and a social hour for Moms and Tots at 10:45am. For more info contact Olivia: oharmon15@gmail.com, 440-220-2624

KNIT/CROCHET GROUP---Aug 26, 3:30pm Do you knit or crochet? Would you like to learn how? Hope to see you there! Contact Lisa Bowden at 440-667-2767 if you have any questions.

CHESS CLUB---TODAY AFTER LITURGY

MINISTRY NEWS

STREET DELIVERY TO THE HOMELESS----- Today is the monthly Sunday ---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--- Today is our monthly serving day. If you can help --- please see Deacon Basil after the liturgy.

MARTHA MINISTRIES---*We are almost out of meals...A one time donation of frozen meals (can be store bought) or grocery gift cards is needed!* 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 at 440-799-0838 or Erin.musarra@gmail.com.

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, text or call 330-309-9491 or just talk with Cindy George OR email 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)

Fri, Oct 6, plan to march with us in Columbus for the Ohio March for Life. Sign up with Colton Bose or Cindy George.

ST JOHN THE ALMS GIVER MISSION- Formerly the “Quarterly Giant Homeless Mission” aims to provide 250 lunches and 250 hygiene bags for the Norma Herr’s Woman’s Shelter in downtown Cleveland on Sat, Sept, 23. There are 3 ways to give to this effort:

1. Go to the Amazon Registry at <https://bit.ly/StJohnTheAlmsGiverMission> to purchase needed items. At checkout select the option to send to the registry address (The Sages).
2. Give a financial donation directly to St. matthew’s with a memo designation of “St John the Alms Giver” on the envelope or in the Memo section of a check.
3. Donate time to assemble lunches and hygiene bags during the time slots: Fri 9/22 5-7pm & 7-9pm, Sat 9/23 8-11am

For more info contact Mike Musarra, Jack Palivoda, Jim Sage, or Cathy Sage

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

<p>SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR ST MARY OF EGYPT IN AUGUST: Cereals Ketchup, Mustard, Mayo Wide noodles Jelly Rice A Roni Peanut Butter Cup of soup Cake mix Crackers Ravioli in a can (Chef Boy R Dee) PUT ITEMS IN WOOD BOX BY COAT RACK</p>	<p>TRIP TO TRANSFIGURATION MONASTERY- for ladies over 50. Oct 11, We will arrive in time for 9:15am liturgy. Following which there will be a light coffee hour, a tour, talk with Mother Christophora, shopping, lunch, and then departure. Hope you can join us! To register or as questions contact Lisa Bowden 440-667-2767.</p>
<p>PARISH WORK DAY--- SEPT 24. Meet outside between noon and 12:30 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 Sondra Palivoda (216) 973-7537 if you need info</p>	
<p><i>Volunteers Needed:</i></p>	
<p>COFFETIME 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 chart 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</p>	<p>VACUUMING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED--- A SIGN-UP SHEET FOR VACUUMING THE CHURCH (just the temple) IS IN THE NARTHEX. CAN YOU TAKE A SUNDAY? <i>Please see the back side of the sign up sheet in the Narthex for Fall dates that need volunteers.</i></p>

LOOKING FOR A TEMPORARY PLACE TO STAY FOR A MAN MOVING HERE TO BECOME A CATECHUMEN---

Michael Hutingre, a 35 year old single man in North Carolina, has decided to enter the Orthodox Church and wishes to move to our area to do that by being a catechumen in our parish. He needs to find a temporary space to stay while starting employment and finding an apartment to rent. He says even a very small room or space with a bed or mattress or futon will be sufficient. He is willing to pay for this once his employment gets under way. He has lots of retail work experience and is sure he will find employment quickly. He needs for this temporary room to be within about a 7 or 8 mile radius of St. Matthew Church. If you think you can help him out or need more info, please contact Father Andrew---440-539-1116, fatherharmon@outlook.com. If you wish to contact Michael directly, let Father Andrew know and he can give you his email address. And if you yourself can't do this, but know of anyone who can, that's great!