

THE HOLY PROPHET SAMUEL

The last and greatest of the Old Testament Judges and one of the greatest Prophets is Samuel, whose memory we celebrate today. He was born about 1080 B.C. and taken by his parents at a very early age to be raised by the priests at the tabernacle at Shiloh. There God called him to be a prophet. As both prophet and judge, he traveled throughout the land for many years serving God and God's people. He opposed the people's wish to have a king like other countries had, but finally gave in and anointed Saul to be the first king. Later, because Saul turned out to be ungodly man and a poor king, Samuel anointed "righteous David" to eventually become king instead. Samuel was used by God to lead Israel throughout some of their darkest years up until the verge of the day when brighter times would come under the rule of the great King St. David. You can read much about St. Samuel in the Old Testament book of I Kingdoms (I Samuel in non-Orthodox Bibles).

SERMON COPIES from the last couple of Sundays are usually available on the long table in narthex near coat rack.

ZOE for Life!! Needs Your Help

May we ask you to help us provide mothers coming to Zoe House for assistance for new or gently used strollers, high chairs, walkers for babies, baby swings and activity centers? If you are able to help with any of these items, we ask you to contact us at 216-465-9030, and thank you in advance for your help for His little ones.

NORTH ROYALTON MINISTERS' ASSOCIATION---COMMUNITY MONTHLY MEAL---This ministry has been organized with Orthodox (2 parishes), Catholic, Lutheran, Baptist, Nazarene, & Methodist participation. The basic plan is for the parishes to go together to serve a hot meal to all who can come---the target group was originally the needy, but all are welcome! The next meal is AUGUST 27, 3-5 p.m., and will be at St. Albert Catholic Church on Wallings Road. If you can help in any way, please contact Father Andrew.

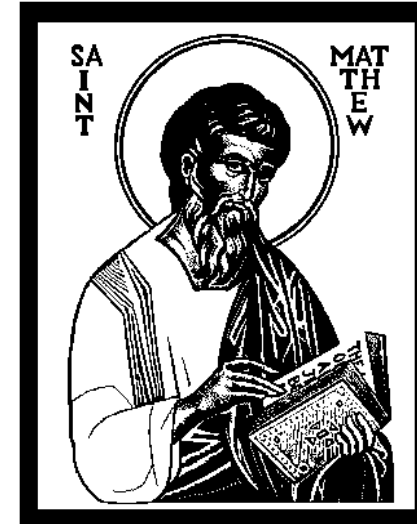
"MERCY MEALS" MINISTRY JUST BEGINNING

If you are able to make meals **and/or** deliver meals to parishioners needing help in difficult circumstances, please contact Lisa [Amer-----lisa.amer@att.net](mailto:lisa.amer@att.net),

—440-882-6372

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Saturday Vespers 5:00 PM

Sunday Matins 8:50 AM

Saturday Confessions 5:30 PM

Sunday School 9:00 AM

Sunday Confessions 9:45 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

THE AFTERFEAST OF THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS
The Holy Prophet Samuel; St. Photini of Blachernae; Sts. Heliodoros & Dosai of Persia

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS TODAY! We are glad to have you praying with us on this great holy day! *And we hope you will stay as our guests for our coffeetime right after the service. The reception of the Sacrament of Holy Communion* is limited to members of the Orthodox Church who are in good sacramental standing and have made proper preparation to receive. All are welcome to receive a portion of the blessed bread distributed at the end of the service.

WELCOME TO FATHER JACOB VAN SYCLE from St. Theodosius Cathedral who is serving here today while Father Andrew is on vacation. It's good to have you with us, Father Jacob!

THE HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION is offered today by the Dinu family for their health & safety and in beloved memory of Dan Michael Spirescu (Livia Dinu's brother) and of all the departed in Christ of their family.

DURING TODAY'S LITURGY WE WILL PRAY FOR THE HEALTH & SAFETY OF:

Josephine Katzbach	Jamie Peffer	Carol Palmer
Justin Mosier	Fouad & Selwa Zogheib	Sylvia Audey
Ardelle George	Mary Farage	Peter George
Corinne Farris	Marc Balke	Nancy Donnelly
Joanne Esber	Christopher Samuel	Georgeta Popa
Edmund & Jeri Farris	Renee Schwenk	Christina Saada
Sam & Mary Violanti	Issa Zaboura	Caroline Fish
Tony Burhen	Mary Kirkwood	Francisca Melendez
Rosalee Haddad	Evelyn Farage	Ruth Humphrey
Bella, Bret, & Savayah Pacl	Lucy Kincaid	Richard Hakaim
Presbyteria Rosy Tanveer	Darlene Schwenk	Brother Demetrios Diakandru
Judy Burhen	Michael Resanovich	

WE WILL ALSO PRAY TODAY for the newly departed servants of God, Besam Waara (Issa Zaboura's uncle), Matyshka Catherine Jula, Marija Marjanovich, Larry Patrick (Dan Patrick's uncle), Serrieh Saddic (Hani Saddic's mother), Daria Petrokowski, & Daniel Resanovich, .

TODAY'S SERVICE

EPISTLE LESSON---I Corinthians 9: 2-12 **Reader:** Cindy George

GOSPEL LESSON---Matthew 18: 23-35

HOMILY: Father Jacob

Altar Boys: Justin Nassif, Estephan Saada, Grant Johnson, Jed Zogheib

Ushers: Sam Daher, Gail Malaniak, Cody Krakowski **Greeters:** Scott & Simona Palmer

NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 27---The holy bread of oblation and memorial prayers will be offered by Hani & Chantelle Saddic in memory of Hani's parents, Fouad & Serrieh, ; and holy bread of oblation and memorial prayers will be offered by Anthony & Judy Yanik in memory of their parents, Martha & Anthony Yanik, Melvin & Lena Grabowski, Cecilia & Julius David and in memory of Delores Kaleal's husband, John, and son, David. Also, children with Saints Days in August will be honored & prayed for at end of liturgy.

FATHER ANDREW & KHOURIE BONNIE ARE ON VACATION through Thursday, August 24. In case of an emergency need for a priest while Fr. Andrew is gone, call Father Costas Keares of St. Paul Greek Orthodox Church, 440-669-1316. *A communication note from Fr. Andrew—if you try to reach me by e-mail while I'm gone, please use fatherharmon@wowway.com address. Outlook address won't work except on church computer....Thanks!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY---Please stay for coffeetime right after liturgy.

----Brief teen planning meeting after liturgy.

MINISTRY TO THE HOMELESS---Some of our parishioners will be delivering personal necessity bags, sandwiches, clothing, water, etc. to the homeless on the streets of Cleveland **TODAY**. If you can help by donating items for future deliveries, please let Josie Katzbach know, 440-668-9831, or contact Fr. Andrew. **ESPECIALLY NEEDED NOW—SOCKS (see big box on table in hall) AND WATER. And please remember the need for cash funding—please put your donations in alms box in church narthex.** And a new need---we are "adopting" some folks in need of tents. Can you donate a tent? Any size is fine. Either new or used but in good shape and ready to use...Just let Josie know.

DEACON VESPERS---Wednesday, August 23, 6:30 p.m.

CHANTING CLASS---Saturday, August 26, 4 p.m.

VESPERS---Saturday, August 26, 5 p.m.

SISTERHOOD MEETING--- after liturgy, next Sunday, August 27

MONTHLY COMMUNITY LUNCH----NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

Plan to stay for good food & good fellowship!

Hosted by Hani & Chantelle Saddic----thank you!

PARISH COUNCIL----Monday, August 28, 7:30 p.m. (note later time than usual).

OUR SCHEDULE FOR THE HOLY DAY OF THE BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST---

Monday, August 28—Vespers with Artoklasia, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 29---Matins, 9 a.m.; Liturgy 10 a.m.; Potluck lunch afterwards-----strict fasting food as this day is a very strict one-day fast.

NORTH BIBLE STUDY & ANNUAL COOK-OUT----Thursday, August 31, 6 p.m., at Ralph & Elle Parkers', 1350 Elmwood Court, Rocky River. We are studying the book of Revelation. Please bring a side dish or dessert for the meal and RSVP to Elle---440-315-3195

ST. HERMAN'S MEAL SERVING—SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 is our next monthly meal serving at St. Herman Orthodox Homeless Shelter in Cleveland. If you can do the cooking or help with the serving of the meal, contact Deacon Basil to volunteer. 440-665-3591 The meal is at 5:30.

NEED FOR COFFEETIME HOSTS---- COFFEETIME IS A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF OUR PARISH LIFE-----it is where we greet our visitors, make new friends, and see old friends. It is crucial to our parish family life. **THE COFFEETIME SIGN-UP SHEET FOR THE SECOND HALF OF 2017 IS NOW ON BULLETIN BOARD IN THE HALL (in the rear).** Please take a look at it and sign up to host for a Sunday---it's fine for 2 families to host together. Coffee and paper products are provided. *And if you are not signed up for Coffeetime but decide to bring food, please let coordinator Jean Fadil, 440-234-3064, know ahead of time so as to avoid confusion—thanks!*

THE ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10---- As always, hosted by the Brotherhood and free of charge.

Acts 20: 35---“remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

A “FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS BOOK” FOR ST. MATTHEW’S IS NOW AVAILABLE IN OFFICE FOR YOU TO SEE---in the interests of parish financial transparency you are welcome to look at it to view current financial reports. Just check with any Parish Council member or Father Andrew.

As of 8/13/2017

Total Pledged \$ 97,960.72

Total Received \$ 92,884.61

Difference \$ 5,076.11

Percent Received 95%

A GIANT DELIVERY OF FOOD & CLOTHING WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11---Please mark your calendar to help with sandwich production at the church that morning. Donations needed:-----sweaters, jackets, socks, underwear, blankets. See Father Andrew about donations.....