

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 TODAY, 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

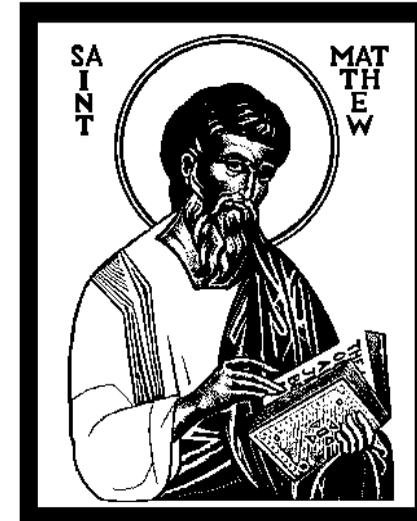
MONTHLY COMMUNITY LUNCH-----SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

Hosted by Hani Saddic----thank you,Hani!

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

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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AUGUST 6, 2017

HOLY TRANSFIGURATION DAY

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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 TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

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.

THE HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION is offered today by the Vazquez family for the health & safety of Joel Gazal on his birthday.

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	Emily Bsharah	Issa Zaboura
Caroline Fish	Tony Burhen	Mary Kirkwood
Francisca Melendez	Rosalee Haddad	Evelyn Farage
Ruth Humphrey	Richard Hakaim	Lucy Kincaid
Sam & Mary Violanti	Bella, Bret, & Savayah Pacl	Renee Schwenk

Presbytera Rosy Tanveer (Pakistan)

WE WILL ALSO PRAY TODAY for the newly departed servants of God, Metropolitan PAUL Saliba, Metropolitan ANTONIOS Shidrawi, Larry Patrick (Dan Patrick's uncle), Serrieh Saddic (Hani Saddic's mother), Daria Petrokowski, Daniel Resanovich, Ed Madias (Francene Comstock's father), Joyce Nader, Khourie Stephanie Yazge, & Douglas Montgomery (Bud Linder's nephew).

TODAY'S SERVICE

EPISTLE LESSON---II Peter 1: 10-19 **Reader:** Gabriel Kirsch

GOSPEL LESSON---Matthew 17: 1-9

HOMILY: "Christ Is Glorified"

Altar Boys: Gregory Tolbert, Jacob Kash, Joseph Mozden, Saba Saada, Josiah Blazek

Ushers: Jeff & Susan Joseph **Greeters:** Fred Bourjaily, Susie Harmon

THERE ARE SEVERAL CHANGES IN THE LITURGY TODAY due to the Holy Day---see other page for them.

THE CUSTOMARY TRANSFIGURATION DAY BLESSING OF GRAPES will take place at the end of the liturgy.

NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 13---The holy bread of oblation will be offered by Tom & Judy George for their 26th wedding anniversary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY---PLEASE STAY FOR COFFEETIME RIGHT AFTER LITURGY

ORTHODOX HOME SCHOOL CO-OP ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING---Today, 4:30, here at St. Matthew's.

ST. HERMAN'S MEAL SERVING---**TODAY** is our monthly meal serving at St. Herman Orthodox Homeless Shelter in Cleveland. We already have cooks lined up (Rajka & David Ries--- thanks!), but will need volunteers to serve the meal. See Deacon Basil to volunteer to help serve food. The meal is at 5:30.

PARAKLESIS SERVICES FOR THE THEOTOKOS for the Dormition Fast---Monday, August 7, Wednesday, August 9. All at 6:30 p.m. *After the Wednesday, August 9 service we will have Fasting Fellowship Coffeetime---coffee and light Lenten type snacks and a chance to visit. Bring anything (strict fast) that you wish.*

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP-----Tuesday, August 8, 7 p.m., at Jean Fadil's, 477 Cranston Drive, Berea. Call Joanne Vazquez, 440-239-9464, for more info.

CHAT AND CHEW DISCUSSION PARTY---**This Friday, August 11**, 6:30 p.m., at Beth Snyder's, 9314 Towpath Trail, Seville. Come enjoy snacks (Bring some if you can. Lenten, please, as we will be in Dormition Fast), fellowship, & discussion. The topic will be "The Physical Side Of Being Spiritual", led by Deacon Basil

CHANTING CLASS---Saturday, August 12, 4 p.m.

VESPERS---Saturday, August 12, 5 p.m.

WEST BIBLE STUDY---Saturday, August 12, 5:45 p.m. (after Vespers). We are studying the book of Daniel---all are welcome!

TEEN & PARENT HOME BIBLE STUDY/LUNCH---**After church, next Sunday, August 13. At Justin Nassif's house, 9213 West Hampton Drive, North Royalton. FOOD, FUN, & BIBLE! Siblings welcome.....**

THE GREAT HOLY DAY OF THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS IS AUGUST 15

Our Schedule---Vespers with Artoklasia, Monday, August 14, 6:30 p.m.

On the actual holy day, Tuesday, August 15---

Festal Matins, 9 a.m.; Liturgy, 10 a.m.; Potluck after to bread the fast.

It is customary on this day to bring flowers & fragrant greenery and herbs to be blessed at the end of the service----so bring some if you can. You can either put them in vases or hold them during the blessing with holy water.

SOUTH BIBLE STUDY---6:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 15, at Dr. Craig & Cindy George's, 9451 Sherwood Trail, Brecksville. We are studying the book of Hebrews---all are welcome!

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 **SUNDAY, AUG. 20**. 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.

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!*

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 8/1/2017

Total Pledged \$ 91,965.12

Total Received \$ 86,101.11

Difference \$ 5,864.01

Percent Received 94 %

SUNDAY EVENING TEACHING SERIES LED BY PAUL FINLEY

“Who Is Killing Your Faith?”

6 p.m., Sundays, Sept. 10, 17, 24, & Oct. 1

Here at St. Matthew’s