

**ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST  
ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**

**JUNE, 2023, NEWSLETTER**

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**SATURDAY VESPERS—5 p.m. SUNDAY MATINS—8:50 a.m.  
SUNDAY LITURGY—10 a.m. CONFESSION—after Vespers and  
during Sunday Matins & by appointment.**

**EXTRA WORSHIP SERVICES IN JUNE**

**PENTECOST, one of our greatest holy days, is Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>---Our schedule:**

Saturday, June 3---Vespers with Artoklasia, 5 p.m.

Sunday, June 4---Matins, 8:50 a.m.; Liturgy with Pentecost Kneeling Prayers, 10 a.m.

**SAINTS PETER & PAUL DAY is Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup>.** Father Andrew has to be in Chicago that day for Diocese Annual Conference, so will not be able to have service that day. Please check with other area parishes and worship with them.

**SERVICE OF PRAYER & SUPPLICATION FOR THE VICTIMS OF ABORTION—**This brief service (similar to what is done on Human Life Sunday in January) will be done after liturgy on Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. The national Orthodox Christians for Life ministry asked for prayers on this day to celebrate the June 24<sup>th</sup> first anniversary of the overturning of the Roe v. Wade decision in 2022, ending the full legalization of abortion.

**FASTING & FEASTING IN JUNE**

---Normal Wednesday & Friday fasting the first few days of June.

---The week after Pentecost (June 4<sup>th</sup>): no fasting at all in celebration of the great holy day.

---The Apostles' Fast---a Lenten-type fast in preparation for the celebration of Ss. Peter & Paul Day on June 29<sup>th</sup>. This fast this year begins on June 12 and the last day is June 28. Then back to normal fasting on Wednesdays and Fridays.....

**PARISH ORGANIZATIONS, STUDY GROUPS, MINISTRY  
TEAMS**

**PATHWAYS TO PEACE—BOTH IN PERSON AT CHURCH AND BY ZOOM—**Each Monday, 7:15 pm. "A gathering place for those who are broken from hurts, hang-ups, or habits. Join us as we renew our minds and encourage each other through the love of Christ." Call Deacon Basil, 440-665-3591, for Zoom information.

**WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP**—Friday, June 23, 1 p.m. All women welcome! The location is at Tara Reidy's, 274 Elmwood, Berea. For more info, call Sandy Tolbert, 440-773-9162. We're reading and discussing the book, "The Ascetic of Love."

**WEST BIBLE STUDY**—Saturday, June 17, 6 pm at the church. Studying I Corinthians.

**SOUTH BIBLE STUDY**—Tuesdays, June 6 & 20, at Craig & Cindy George's, 9451 Sherwood Trail, Brecksville. All are welcome. The study will be on the first part of Genesis.

**TEEN CLUB**—Monthly meeting after liturgy, Sunday, June 25.

**YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY** Saturday, June 24, 6 p.m. On the book of Daniel. Food, fellowship, Bible!

**SISTERHOOD MEETING**—After liturgy, Sunday, June 11

**MARTHA MINISTRIES IS NOW UNDERWAY**—This is a ministry to provide meals for families in need of some help—new babies, illness, grieving, etc. If you can help, see/email/call Erin Musarra at 440-799-0838. Cooking session—10 a.m., Friday, June 23.

**ST. HERMAN'S MINISTRY TEAM**—Contact Deacon Basil, 440-665-3591 to help with our monthly meal serving (by either donating food, cooking, or serving) at the shelter on Sunday, June 18.

**MONTHLY DELIVERY OF FOOD, CLOTHING, ETC. TO HOMELESS ON STREETS OF DOWNTOWN CLEVELAND**—Sunday, June 18. Alms box to help this outreach is near hall entrance.

**HOMESCHOOL GROUP**—On summer break

**CHESS CLUB**—June date not yet known

### **NEW PARISHIONERS IN MAY**

#### **WILL PARKER**

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*PLEASE WELCOME THEM TO OUR PARISH FAMILY!*

**AND ALSO WELCOME A NEW CATECHUMEN IN MAY-----RYAN COBB** He received the blessing to be a Catechumen on May 21.

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO---**

----Jeffery & Lourice Hanna who were married on May 13<sup>th</sup>

----Will & Rebecca Parker who were married on May 20<sup>th</sup>

----to Cole & Danyelle Gest on the baptism of their son, Maximus, on May 28<sup>th</sup>

----to Adam & Ashley Daher on the churching of Stella on May 28<sup>th</sup>.

----to Will Parker who entered the Orthodox Faith by Chrismation on May 14<sup>th</sup>

----Mikaela who entered the Orthodox Faith by Baptism on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **OUR CONDOLENCES TO ---**

--Lori Fadil and family on the falling asleep of Christ of her husband Norm, on May 1st

**OUR CURRENT CATECHUMENS**----We pray for them at each liturgy. Please pray for them during the week as they prepare to enter the Orthodox Faith by either Baptism or Chrismation.

Jamie & Lucas Domonokos    Tammy DeRossett    Ryan Cobb  
Mariya Butt                    Kyle McGregor                    Leigh Frank

## **ST. MATTHEW'S MESSAGE BOARD**

*Contact Bonnie Harmon if you wish to submit a message.*

### **LILY'S BABYSITTING**

Hello!

----I am 14 years old

---I love kids!

---I have been babysitting for about 2 years now

--I have been trained in cpr and choke rescue through American Red Cross

--Price per kid: 1--\$6/hr    2--\$8/hr    3--\$10/hr

--I am comfortable helping out at events like parties, as long as there are adults  
(for events we will have to discuss a price)

**CALL ME AT 440-319-6270**

### **ASK THE PRIEST**

Do you have a question about our Orthodox Christian Faith. Just ask the priest!  
And he can answer in the newsletter.....

### **WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF CANDLES IN THE CHURCH?**

Candles are used in several ways in the Church. The primary reason for them is that their light reminds us that Jesus Christ is the Light of the world, who delivers us from the darkness of sin and death. The most important candle in the church is the one that perpetually burns on the altar in front of the Tabernacle that holds the reserved Body and Blood of Christ.

This leads to a second meaning of candles. Burning a candle in front of something is a way of showing honor to that object. Thus---the candle on the altar; candles before icons, processional candles carried by altar boys before the Gospel book in Little Entrance, and before the Gifts in the Great Entrance.

A third use of candles when we light a candle when we enter the church as a way to pray for someone. Lighting a candle is not a magical substitute for praying with our words or thoughts. Rather, it is a way of physically expressing the prayer we are saying. By leaving a candle in the church to burn throughout the week, we are physically expressing our intent to pray for that person or intention not only on Sunday but through the week as well.

A final note---some of the church candles are changed in color during the various seasons of the Church Year to help us to remember what we are commemorating at that time. For example, we use purple in Lent and white at Pascha.

Please join us for our  
**FATHER'S APPRECIATION BRUNCH!!!**

Hosted by the  
St. Matthew Sisterhood on  
Sunday, June 11, 2023

During coffee hour.

We are happy to honor  
Our wonderful  
Fathers, Step-Fathers, Grandfathers and  
God-Fathers!!

Join us for good food and fellowship!!

**MAY GOD BLESS OUR DADS!!!**

Thank you!!!



ST. HERMAN HOUSE - CLEVELAND

**10th Annual Golf  
Classic & Auction**

**June 26, 2023**  
**Registration & Lunch:**  
**10:00 - 11:15am**

**Shotgun Start:**  
**11:30am**

THE HISTORIC

**Tanglewood Club**

8745 Tanglewood Trail  
Chagrin Falls, OH 44023



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Orthodox Church

# Save the DATE

PARISH RETREAT

Father Sergius Bowyer,  
Abbot of St. Tikhon's  
Monastery

August 18 & 19, 2023

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

**The miraculous icon of St. Anna,  
the Mother of the Holy Virgin  
Mary, will be brought to St.  
Matthew's on that weekend for  
veneration.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

Please call, text or email your  
RSVP to (216)258-4837 or  
[fatherharmon@outlook.com](mailto:fatherharmon@outlook.com)

Free Will Offering Will Be Accepted



*Theotokos of Vladimir*

**EASTERN ORTHODOX WOMEN'S GUILD  
OF GREATER CLEVELAND  
Unity Through Participation**

**Saturday, June 10, 2023  
@ 10:00 A.M.**



**Monastery Marcha  
5095 Broadview Road  
Richfield, OH 44286**

- **Potluck Picnic** (hotdogs & hamburgers provided)
- **Social time**
- **Wrap-up of the year and looking ahead to next year**





# Diocese of Toledo & the Midwest Parish Life Conference 2023

June 28th - July 2nd  
Hosted by St Mary Orthodox Church  
Palos Heights, IL

Double Tree - Oak Brook, IL  
Book your \$99 room today!  
(+ Free parking!)

**Scan here  
to book your room!**



Join us for a conference  
filled with fellowship and  
spiritual growth for the entire family!



Keynote  
Speaker:  
Fr. Jeremy Davis



Teen  
Speaker:  
Mother Gabriella



Young Adult  
Speaker:  
Fr. Joseph  
Huneycutt



Women's  
Speakers:  
Cynthia Damaskos  
Molly Sabourin

**SUNDAY SCHOOL IS OUT FOR SUMMER----But children's activities continue-----**

**FAMILY CAMP OUT (actually all ages, not just children)** was held May 27<sup>th</sup> and May 28<sup>th</sup>. Great attendance and a great time!

**AND AN "ARTS & SPORTS SUMMER CAMP" for children** will be held at the church June 5<sup>th</sup>-June 9<sup>th</sup>. Registration is already closed....but just to let you know what will be happening.

**SOME OTHER PARISH NEWS-----**

**PHASE 2 OF OUR ICON WORK IS ABOUT TO BEGIN---**Our iconographer, Nicholas Pappas, is arriving from Texas on June 11 to continue his work. He will be working on the wall on the southside of the nave.

**REFURBISHING WORK ON OUR RENTAL HOUSE** (just north of the church) has begun. Step 1—removal of delapidated garage-----it's now gone!

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**NEW MINISTRY BEGINNING AT ST. MATTHEW'S**

St. Matthew's is now officially affiliated with OCLife, a "non-profit organization dedicated to equipping the Orthodox Christian community to strengthen its commitment to the sacredness of human life from conception to death, illuminating the Church's teaching on life issues through education and engagement." If you would like to get involved in this new ministry, please contact Lisa Palivoda at [ldpal1703@outlook.com](mailto:ldpal1703@outlook.com) or Cindy George at [cindygeorge127@gmail.com](mailto:cindygeorge127@gmail.com).