

THE HOLY MARTYR BISHOP ANTHIMOS

The decades leading up to the legalization of Christianity in the Roman Empire in 313 A.D. were, overall, the worst years of the pagan persecution of our Church. An example is the killing of St. Anthimos whom we commemorate today. St. Anthimos was bishop of the city of Nicomedia, in what is now Turkey, where one of the emperor's palaces was located. In 303, a fire broke out in the palace. The Roman authorities put the blame on the Christians of the city and a fierce persecution began. Many were arrested, including the very holy Bishop Anthimos. He told the authorities that Christian flock had nothing to do with the fire. But they went ahead and beheaded him and many of his parishioners. Their deaths for the Lord took place on September 3, 303 A.D.

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

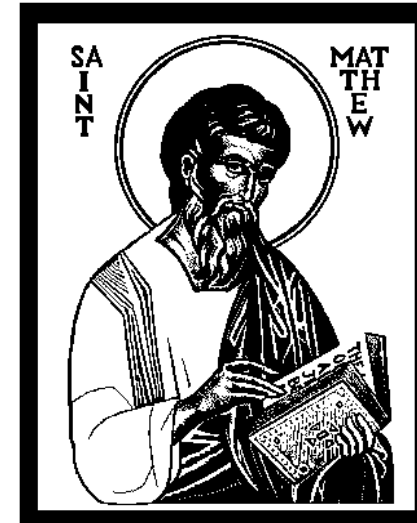
ministry has been organized with Orthodox (2 parishes), Catholic, Lutheran, Baptist, Nazarene, & Methodist participation. The basic plan is for the parishes to go together to serve a hot meal to all who can come---the target group was originally the needy, but all are welcome! The next meal is SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 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,
—440-882-6372

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SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

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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 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Holy Martyr Bishop Anthimos; St. Theoktistos, The Holy Martyr Chariton, The Holy New Martyr Polydoros of Cyprus; Deaconess Pheobe of Cenchreae; St. Basilissa of Nicomedia; St. Ionakios I, Patriarch of Serbia

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 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 Dr. Craig & Cindy George in thanksgiving to God on their wedding anniversary; and is offered by Deacon Macarius, Sandy, & Gregory Tolbert for the health & safety of the parishioners of St. Matthew Church, and in beloved memory of Sandy’s mother, the departed handmaid of God, Charlotte Rahall, on the third anniversary of her falling asleep in Christ.

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

Josephine Katzbach	Jamie Pepper	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
Renee Schwenk	Christina Saada	Lena
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
Presbytera Rosy Tanveer	Darlene Schwenk	Diana Popa
Judy Burhen	Michael Resanovich	Daniel Kaleal

WE WILL ALSO PRAY TODAY for the newly departed servants of God, Melissa Rilling, Alex Arshinkoff, (Jeff Joseph’s brother-in-law), Maria Popa (George Popa’s sister), Besam Waara (Issa Zaboura’s uncle), Matyshka Catherine Jula, Marija Marjanovich, and Larry Patrick (Dan Patrick’s uncle).

TODAY'S SERVICE

EPISTLE LESSON---I Corinthians 16: 13-34 **Reader:** Maggie George

GOSPEL LESSON---Matthew 21: 33-42

HOMILY: “Be Courageous, Be Strong---I Corinthians 16:13”

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

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

THE 40-DAY MEMORIAL will be offered today by Deacon Macarius, Sandy, & Gregory Tolbert for Sandy’s mother, the departed handmaid of God, Charlotte Rahal (3 years).

THE 40-DAY CHURCHING will take place today for Ashley Smith and her son, Noah Michael.

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10---The holy bread of oblation will be offered by Larry & Gail Malaniak in memory of Gail’s mother, Mary Assad. And the one-year memorial will also be held for Mary. And the holy bread of oblation will be offered by the Vazquezs for the birthdays of Joe Vazquez, Sophia Gazal, and Jay & Julianna Amer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY---PLEASE STAY FOR COFFEETIME RIGHT AFTER LITURGY.

---BRIEF MEN’S MEETING AFTER LITURGY.

SOUTH BIBLE STUDY----Tuesday, September 5, 6:30 p.m., at Craig & Cindy George’s , 9451 Sherwood Trail, Brecksville. We are studying the book of Hebrews---all welcome!

THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS IS SEPTEMBER 8---

OUR SCHEDULE:

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7---Vespers with Artoklasia, 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8---Matins, 9 a.m.; Liturgy, 10 a.m. Liturgy afterwards---- it’s a normal Friday fast day.

Come celebrate St. Mary’s birthday!

NO CHANTING CLASS this Saturday, September 9

NO VESPERS HERE THIS SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, BECAUSE METROPOLITAN JOSEPH WILL BE IN AKRON WITH VESPERS THERE (ST. GEORGE CHURCH, 33204 RIDGEWOOD ROAD, FAIRLAWN, 44333) AT 6 P.M. PLEASE COME!

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES FOR FALL NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 9 A.M.----see elsewhere in bulletin for more info

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC-----**NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, AFTER LITURGY**---- As always, hosted by brotherhood and free of charge.

GOOD FOOD & FELLOWSHIP---**INFLATABLE CHILDREN’S OBSTACLE COURSE, VOLLEYBALL, ARCHERY, ETC.!**

SUNDAY EVENING TEACHING SERIES BY PAUL FINLEY BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY, 6

P.M.----see elsewhere in bulletin for details....

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP----Tuesday, September 12, 7 p.m., at Jean Fadil's, 477 Cranston Drive, Berea. All women are welcome! Call Joanne Vazquez, 440-239-9464, for more info.

THE ELEVATION OF THE CROSS HOLY DAY IS SEPTEMBER 14----Our schedule:

Vespers with Artoklasia—6:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 13.

Thursday, September 14---Matins, 9 a.m.; Liturgy, 10 a.m.; Potluck lunch, 11:30 a.m.

WEST BIBLE STUDY---Saturday, September 16, 5:45 p.m., after 6 p.m. Vespers. We are studying the book of Daniel---all are welcome!

TEEN/PARENT HOME BIBLE STUDY & LUNCH---After church, Sunday, September 17, at Olivia & Joe Ibrahim/Serafino's home---9550 Cove Drive, #14, North Royalton (very close to church). Food, fellowship, Bible---*parents & siblings are encouraged to attend.*

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 **next Sunday, September 17.** 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 particular need right now---sleeping bags. No blankets needed currently

ST. HERMAN'S MEAL SERVING—NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 is our next monthly meal serving at St. Herman Orthodox Homeless Shelter in Cleveland. We already have volunteer cooks---Jon Scordos and Sara Phillips---thanks!. If you can help with the serving of the meal, contact Deacon Basil to volunteer. 440-665-3591 The meal is at 5:30.

A GIANT DELIVERY OF FOOD & CLOTHING TO THE HOMELESS 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, gloves, tents. See Father Andrew about bringing in donations.....

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 8/27/2017

Total Pledged \$ 104,044.36

Total Received \$ 100,359.61

Difference \$ 3,684.75

Percent Received 96 %

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES SEPTEMBER 10, 9 A.M

CLASSES FOR AGE 3 THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL, PLUS....

On alternating Sundays, our teen class will be a Bible study on the book of Genesis that is open to young adults and adults as well as teens. It will be led by Peggy Latina—first time will be September 10. On the other Sundays, the class will be just for teens and led by George Nassif and Scott Palmer.