

### HOLY APOSTLES AMONG THE 70 SILAS, CRESCENS, EPAENETUS & ANDRONICUS

In addition to the 12 Disciples, Christ also had an outer circle of 70 more disciples. Four of them are commemorated together each year on July 30.

St. Silas---Sometimes called Silvanus, he traveled with both Paul and Barnabas on mission trips. Later in life, he served as bishop of Corinth, Greece. He is mentioned several times in the book of Acts.

St. Crescens---He also worked with Paul and went to Galatia when Paul was in Rome (II Timothy 4:10)

St. Epaenetus---He was a friend of Paul in Rome and one of Paul's first converts in the province of Asia. He is mentioned in Romans 16:5. He ended his life as bishop of Carthage in north Africa.

St. Andronicus was a Christian before Paul and may have been related to Paul. He is specifically remembered for evangelism among the Pannonian nationality in Moravia.

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### **WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT FOR BRINGING KIDS TO CHURCH:**

"Our experience of the services of the Church is not merely rational. Even if a child cannot yet understand all that is happening, he can see, hear, smell, taste, and touch for himself, and experience the presence of the Holy Spirit. We must not deprive our children of this experience; we must prepare them to appreciate it, to look forward to it, and to participate in it by prayer and in as many other ways as possible." Sister Magdalen, *Children in the Church Today* p. 59

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.

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

10383 Albion Rd, North Royalton, OH

**July 30, 2023**

*Eighth Sunday After Pentecost*

**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**

**V. Rev. Father Andrew Harmon**

**Rev. Deacon Macarius Tolbert • Rev. Deacon Basil Vazquez**

**Sub-Deacon Fred N. Bourjaily • Sub-Deacon Samuel Harmon**

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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 Patrick family for the health & salvation of Camille and Danny on their birthdays, and in memory of Dan's father, Dan Patrick, Sr.; and is offered by Maria Simescu for the health & salvation of her brother, Valentin; and is offered by Larry & Gail Malaniak for the health & salvation of Larry's mother, Mary, on her 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday; and is offered by Judy Burhen for the health & salvation of her son, Richard (Tony) Burhen, on his birthday; and is offered by Fr. Andrew and Kh. Bonnie for the health & salvation of their son, Anthony, on his birthday.

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

Josephine Katzbach	Nancy Yanik	Constantine & Maria Kornea
Justin Mosier	Jerry Morrision	Deacon Macarius
Tony Burhen	Iliana Radivoj	Val & Al
Lucy Kinkaid	Lena Batina	Erin Musarra & child
Marc Balke	James Padzerski	Julie Dunn
Christopher Samuel	Mary Malaniak	Father Basil Caldaroni
Peter George	Bob & Adrienne Andrews	David Wacholtz
Pauline Hanna	Charles & Judy Burhen	Christian
Frank Popovich	Ed Haddad	Mary Violanti
Issa Zaboura	Michael Francu	Elias Nader
Argie Katsaros	Jean Fadil	Corrine George
Joseph Watson	Dolores Kaleal	Mishka
Faye Farris	Danielle	Metropolitan PAVEL
Paraschiva Blaz	Victoria Thorp	Cathy Sage

**And for the newly departed servants of God:** Michael & Theodore Harkey; Glen Bounds (Brian Hunter's uncle); Jean Caldaroni, Archimandrite Philothius

**EPISTLE LESSON:** I Corinthians 1: 10-17    **EPISTLE READER:** Reader Anthony Harmon

**GOSPEL LESSON:** Matthew 14: 14-22    **USHERS:** Craig & Cindy George

**HOMILY:** "Dealing With Temptation"

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

***PLEASE STAY RIGHT AFTER LITURGY FOR COFFEETIME IN THE HALL!***

**OUR TEENS** will meet today after the liturgy in the teen room. There will be a question & answer session with Deacon Basil.

**OUR MONTHLY PARISH LANDSCAPING WORK DAY** is today after liturgy. Please help if you can!



St. Matthew the Evangelist  
Orthodox Church

**August 18 & 19, 2023**

Father Sergius Bowyer  
Abbot of St. Tikhon's Monastery

Friday, August 18

6:00 - Prayer service with icon of St Anna

7:00-8:30 - First Session

Saturday, August 19

9:30 - Registration, Continental Breakfast

10:30-12:00 - Second Session

12:00 - 1:00 - Lunch Provided

1:00-2:00 - Personal prayer

2:00- 3:30 - Third Session

4:30 - Vespers

The miraculous icon of St. Anna,  
the Mother of the Holy Virgin Mary  
will be at St. Matthew's for  
veneration.

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

**TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE  
INFORMATION:**

Email:  
cindygeorge127@gmail.com or  
cfullermorton@gmail.com

Call or Text:  
(440) 220-2623

Free Will Offering Will Be Accepted

**NEXT QUARTERLY GIANT HOMELESS MISSION---**  
 Fri & Sat, Sep 22 & 23---Hundreds of sack lunches and hygiene bags to be given to homeless on the streets and shelters. All details forthcoming... what to give, how to donate, what to volunteer for etc. To get some info now contact a coordinator; Mike Musarra, Jack Palivoda, Jim & Cathy Sage.  
**GOD WILL BLESS YOU FOR BEING A BLESSING TO HIS NEEDY ONES!**

**PARISH WORK DAY---** will take place on the last Sunday of August. Meet outside between noon and 12:30 (post coffee hour) 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 (and leave a voicemail) Sondra Palivoda (216) 973-7537 if you have any questions or have tools to donate.

**Volunteers Needed:**

**COFFETIME HOSTING---**Coffetime 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 coffetime host group. Questions? Speak to or call, coordinator, Electra Floasiu---216-671-0743

**VACUUMING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED---**  
*SIGN-UP SHEET FOR VACUUMING THE CHURCH (just the temple) IS IN THE NARTHEX. CAN YOU TAKE A SUNDAY?*

**OC LIFE SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:** Today is a fifth Sun and is used by St. Matthew OC Life to request increased participation and announce upcoming life-affirming events. Orthodox Christians for Life, the national organization, encourages all affiliated churches to join with Local Right to Life chapters to respectfully help bring awareness to the public and fight for the sanctity of life. Cleveland Right to Life invites anyone who is pro-life to help raise awareness.

OC Life has also sent out a call to prayer during the Dormition Fast. Copies are available on the booklet cabinet in the narthex and on the St. Matthew OC Life table in the fellowship hall.

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

**CHURCH FINANCIAL SUMMARY  
 JAN 1- JUN 30, 2023**

Net ordinary income: \$15,852.80  
 Subtract indiv. gift for retreats: \$14,035.42  
 Net operating income: \$1,817.38  
 includes Adopt-a-Day \$6,050  
**NET OPERATING INCOME  
 WITHOUT ADOPT-A-DAY (\$4,232.62)**

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

**DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2023  
 TONE 7 / EOTHINON 8; 8<sup>TH</sup> SUN AFTER PENTECOST & 8<sup>TH</sup> SUN OF MATTHEW  
 Apostles Silas, Silvan, Crescens, Epenetos and Andronikos of the Seventy**

**RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SEVEN (p. 15)**

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

**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 TRANSFIGURATION IN TONE SEVEN**

On the mount Thou wast transfigured, and Thy disciples, as much as they could bear, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; that when they should see Thee crucified, they would know Thy Passion to be willing, and would preach to the world that Thou, in truth, art the Effulgence of the Father.

**THE EPISTLE (For the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost)**

*The Lord will give strength to His people.*

*Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God, ascribe to the Lord honor and glory.*

**The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (1:10-17)**

Brethren, I appeal to you, by the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissension among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispos and Gaius; lest anyone should say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the Gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

**THE GOSPEL (For the Eighth Sunday of Matthew)**

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (14:14-22)**

At that time, when Jesus went ashore he saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to Him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to Him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And He said, "Bring them here to Me." Then He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish He looked up to Heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds.

## UPCOMING SERVICES

**THE FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF CHRIST** happens to be on a Sunday this year--our schedule: **Saturday, August 5---Vespers with Artoklasia, 5 p.m.; Sunday, August 6---Matins, 8:50 a.m.; Liturgy; 10 a.m.;** The holy bread of oblation will be offered by Ana Galita in memory of her sister-in-law, Isabela Huin; and by the Vazquez for their son-in-law Joel Gazal's birthday; and by Marcella Simescu for her brother, Valentin. Also, the one year memorial for Isabela Huin will be offered by Ana Galita. **The traditional blessing of grapes and other fruit will take place at the end of the liturgy....bring some in if you can!**

**THE FEAST OF THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS IS AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup>.** There is a two week preparatory time period---here is the schedule for the Paraklesis services during that time: Wednesday, Aug. 2; Friday, August 4; Wednesday, Aug. 9; Friday, Aug. 11. Also, August 1 through August 14 is a fasting period to prepare for the celebration on August 15<sup>th</sup>. It is just like the fast in Great Lent---strict Lenten fasting with wine & oil allowed on Saturdays and Sundays. On Transfiguration Day, August 6, fish is allowed.

## 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**--- July meeting already held, Aug date to be announced (meets monthly at church after Vespers) Studying I Corinthians

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

**YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY**---Aug date to be announced. 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](mailto:samuelharmon15@gmail.com) or Colton Bose, 440-567-6101

**WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP**--- TUESDAY, Aug 8 at 1pm at Tara Reidy's (274 Elmwood, Berea); This group meets monthly For more info, call Sandy Tolbert, 440-773-9162.

**TEEN CLUB**--- JULY MONTHLY MEETING---Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, after liturgy

**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.

**HOMESCHOOL ENRICHMENT GROUP**--- Every Fri from 9:30-1:30 (Aug-May) here at St. Matthew's! For more info contact Olivia: [oharmon15@gmail.com](mailto:oharmon15@gmail.com), 440-220-2624

**MOMS AND TOTS GROUP**---A new group for moms with babies and toddlers beginning in August. Will meet every Friday morning around 10:45am during Homeschool Enrichment. Contact Olivia.

**WOMEN'S SISTERHOOD GROUP**- will meet Sun, Aug 13 after liturgy.

## MINISTRY NEWS

**STREET DELIVERY TO THE HOMELESS**----- The next day is Sunday, August 20 ---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**--- Our next monthly serving day is Sunday, August 20 . If you can help in any of 3 ways: serving the meal, cooking the meal, providing the food--- please see Deacon Basil after the liturgy.

**CURRENT NEEDS FOR ST. HERMAN ORTHODOX HOMELESS SHELTER**--

*There is a large, marked box by coat rack in hall to leave donations. Help if you can!*

Bus passes Toilet paper, 2 ply One size fits all men's belts

Hand warmers Heavy duty forks and spoons

ITEMS BELOW may be put in the same box and will be donated to St Mary of Egypt Food Pantry

Tuna canned stew or meat canned beans dried milk small or medium coffee cans

small box of tea low-sugar canned fruit jelly canned vegetables

oatmeal and other cereals mashed potatoes crackers egg noodles

brown and white rice spices, baking soda, cornstarch, etc. toilet paper paper towels

**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](mailto:cindygeorge127@gmail.com), text or call 330-309-9491 or just talk with Cindy George OR email [ldpal1703@outlook.com](mailto: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)

**MARTHA MINISTRIES**---seeking parishioners to 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](mailto:Erin.musarra@gmail.com).

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC SUN, AUG 27, AFTER LITURGY**

***ALL ARE WELCOME---FREE OF CHARGE!***

**GREAT FOOD, RECREATION, & FUN**

**Hosted by the Brotherhood Club**

**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.

### **SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR ST MARY OF EGYPT IN AUGUST:**

Cereals	Ketchup
Wide noodles	Mustard
Rice A Roni	Mayo
Cup of soup	Jelly
Crackers	Peanut Butter
Cake mix	Ravioli in a can (Chef Boy R Dee)

### **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.