

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT FOR BRINGING KIDS TO CHURCH:

Limit the amount of times older children leave the church. Have a goal of leaving no more than 2 times.

*Children may not leave or reenter the church without an adult due to the large number of children and frequency of church exits we had been experiencing. Children's liturgy books are available from the ushers. The books are marked to indicate when children should not be leaving the church.

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



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*

Free Will Offering Will Be Accepted

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

**TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE
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**ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST
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10383 Albion Rd, North Royalton, OH

August 6, 2023

Transfiguration of Our Lord

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

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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 Ana Galita for the health & salvation of Dan Galita, Yves Huin, and Gheorghe Rebeciuc and in memory of her sister-in-law, Isabela Huin, Vasile, Maria, Gheorghe, and Ileana; and by the Vazquez for the health & salvation of their son-in-law, Joel Gazal, on his birthday; and by Marcella Simescu for the health & salvation of her brother, Valentin.

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

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

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

EPISTLE LESSON: II Peter 1: 10-19 **EPISTLE READER:** Reader Anthony Harmon

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 17:1-9 **USHERS:** Teresa Popovich, Gloria Zabala

HOMILY: "God Grants Moses His 2 Wishes---Matthew 17:3"

ALTAR BOY TEAM TWO—Samir Amer, captain; Sebastian Blazek, Miles Hunter, Isaac Kash

THE CUSTOMARY TRANSFIGURATION DAY BLESSING OF GRAPES & OTHER FRUIT will be done at the end of today's liturgy.

THE ONE-YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE is being offered today by Ana Galita (sister in law), Dan Galita (brother), and Yves Huin (husband) in memory of Isabela Huin.

PLEASE STAY RIGHT AFTER LITURGY FOR COFFEETIME IN THE HALL! It is being hosted by Ana Galita in memory of her sister-in-law, Isabela Huin. Thank you, Ana!

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC SUN, AUG 27, AFTER LITURGY

ALL ARE WELCOME---FREE OF CHARGE! GREAT FOOD, RECREATION, & FUN
Hosted by the Brotherhood Club

SUNDAY SCHOOL FIELD TRIP- TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE!

All parishioners are welcome! Biblewalk Wax Museum, 500 Tingley Avenue, Mansfield, Ohio. Wed, Aug 16 10:30am-2:00pm. The cost for 2 exhibits: Adults \$10.50, Ages 9-18 \$8, Ages 8 and under are free. Parking is free. Meet at the church at 9am to carpool or meet at the museum at 10:30. Bring a picnic lunch. There is no food available at the museum. Contact Gail Malaniak if you plan to attend. Gailmeen@gmail.com 440-552-4586

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... 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--- SEPT 24. Meet outside between noon and 12:30 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 need info

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.

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.

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, text or call 330-309-9491 or just talk with Cindy George OR email 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)

OC Life has 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.

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.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Volunteers Needed:

COFFETIME HOSTING--- Coffeetime 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 coffeetime 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?

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)
- PUT ITEMS IN WOOD BOX BY COAT RACK

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.

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON AUGUST 6 THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

VERSES OF THE FIRST ANTIPHON

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, in the city of our God, in His holy mountain. Who settest fast the mountains by Thy strength, Who art girded about with power.

Who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment. The mountains shall rejoice at the presence of the Lord, for He cometh; yea, He is come to judge the earth.

Glory... Both now...

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

His foundations are in the holy mountains. The Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.



Save us, O Son of God Who wast trans - fig - ured on Mount Ta -



bor, who sing___ to Thee: Al - le - lu - i - a.

Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. (*Refrain*)

A man will say: Mother Sion; and: That man was born in her; and: The Most High Himself hath founded her. (*Refrain*)

Glory... Both now... O only begotten Son and Word of God...

THE THIRD ANTIPHON

Of Thy mercies, O Lord, will I sing forever. The heavens shall confess Thy wonders, O Lord, and Thy truth in the congregation of saints. Blessed is the people that knoweth jubilation. O Lord, in the light of Thy countenance shall they walk, and in Thy Name shall they rejoice all the day long. (*now sing the Apolytikion of the Transfiguration*)

THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF THE FEAST

For in Thee is the fountain of life, and in Thy light shall we see light. Save us, O Son of God, Who wast transfigured on Mount Tabor, who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

APOLYTIKION OF THE TRANSFIGURATION IN TONE SEVEN

When, O Christ our God, Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, Thou didst reveal Thy glory to Thy Disciples in proportion as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light also enlighten us sinners, through the intercessions of the Theotokos. O Thou Bestower of light, glory to Thee.

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 Transfiguration)

How magnified are Thy works, O Lord! In Wisdom hast Thou made them all.

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

The Reading is from the Second Catholic Epistle of Saint Peter. (1:10-19)

Brethren, be the more diligent to make your calling and election sure; for if you do these things, you will never stumble; so there will be richly supplied to you the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Therefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though you know them, and are established in the present truth. And I think it right, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance; knowing that the putting off of my tabernacle comes swiftly, even as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. And I will also give diligence that after my departure you may be able at any time to call these things to remembrance. For we did not follow cunningly devised myths, when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For He received from God the Father honor and glory, when there came such a voice to Him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is My Son the Beloved, in Whom I am well pleased," and this voice which came from heaven we ourselves heard, when we were with Him in the holy mountain. We have also a more sure word of prophecy, in which you will do well if you take heed, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day breaks, and the Morning Star dawns forth in your hearts.

THE GOSPEL (For the Transfiguration)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (17:1-9)

At that time, Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain apart. And He was transfigured before them, and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with Him. And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is well that we are here; if Thou wilt, I will make three booths here, one for Thee and one for Moses and one for Elijah." He was still speaking, when lo, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased; hear Him." When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces, and were filled with awe. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of man is risen from the dead."

MEGALYNARION FOR THE FEAST IN TONE EIGHT

Now the unheard-of is heard; for the Son, Who without father came forth from the Virgin, is gloriously testified by the Father's voice to be God and man, the same unto the ages.

KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) FOR THE TRANSFIGURATION (Psalm 88(89))

In the light of Thy face, O Lord, shall we walk, and we shall rejoice in Thy name forever. Alleluia.

Instead of singing "We have seen the true light", sing the Apolytikion of the Transfiguration.

UPCOMING SERVICES

SAT, AUG 12- 5pm Vespers

SUN, AUG 13- 8:50am Matins, 10am Liturgy. The Holy Bread of Oblation will be offered by Tom & Judy George on their 32nd wedding anniversary; and by the Palivodas for their son-in-law David Mlakar's birthday; and for Anthonio Saadic; and by Leigh Frank in memory of her mother, Rhea Hollar; and by the family of Jean Caldaroni in her memory and by Marcella Simescu in memory of her grandparents, Mihail & Maria, and in memory of her cousin, Marilena, and in memory of her sisters, Luminita & Mioara. ALSO, THE 40 DAY MEMORIAL will be held for Jean Caldaroni. ALSO, THE BLESSING TO BECOME A CATECHUMEN will be received by Tiara Robinson.

THE FEAST OF THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS IS AUGUST 15TH. 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 15th. 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. **DORMITION SERVICES:** Vespers & Artoklasia on Monday, August 14 at 6:30 p.m.; Liturgy on Tuesday, August 15 at 10 a.m. (Matins at 9).

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--- Aug 12, 6pm (meets monthly at church after Vespers) Studying I Corinthians

SOUTH BIBLE STUDY--- Tues, Aug 15, at 6:30pm at Craig & Cindy George's, 9451 Sherwood Trl, Brecksville. Regularly meets the 1st & 3rd Tues of the month. Studying Creation and the Fall in Genesis.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY---Aug 26, 6pm. 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 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--- meeting Sun, Aug 20 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, 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.

CHESS CLUB- Aug 20 after liturgy. If you don't know how to play, they will teach you!

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 Katsbach, 440-668-9831, for information.