

# ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

10383 Albion Rd, North Royalton, OH

***January 21, 2024***

*Venerable Maximos the Confessor*

**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**

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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 Jack & Lisa Palivoda for the health & salvation of their daughter, Alicia, on her birthday, and of their godson, Luke Harmon, on his Saint Day; and is offered by Maria Simescu for the health & salvation of her brothers, Ioan and Mihail; and by the Amers for the health & salvation of Marina on her birthday and of Xenia on her Saint Day; and is offered by Elaine Nasser in memory of her departed husband, Emile; and is offered by the Zogheib family in memory of Rachid & Elie's father, Fouad, and of their sister, Najiaz.

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

Justin Mosier	Nancy Yanik	Becca Aboumrad & child	Val & Al
Tony Burhen	Jerry Morriston	Veronica & child	Paraschiva Blaz
Lucy Kinkaid	Iliana Radivoj	Father Basil Caldaroni	Elias Karam
Marc Balke	James Padzerski	Charles & Judy Burhen	Bud Linder
Christopher Samuel	Mary Malaniak	Constantine & Maria Kornea	Jason Malaniak
Peter George	Julie Dunn	Christine Simon	Dolores Kaleal
Pauline Hanna	Ed Haddad	Adrianne Andrews	Corrine George
Frank Popovich	Michael Francu	Deacon Macarius Tolbert	Danielle
Issa Zaboura	Faye Farris	Mary Violanti	Joseph Hollis
Argie Katsaros	Jean Fadil	Father John Henry	Father Turbo Qualls
Josephine Katzbach	Victoria Thorp	Glenn Feuerstein	Christopher Bokjanc

**And for the newly departed servants of God:** Metropolitan Joaniki of Sliven, Father Moses Berry, Mother Elizabeth, Bruce Mock, Gina (Christopher Bokjanc's fiancée), Mae Joseph (Jeff Joseph's mother)

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**EPISTLE LESSON:** Colossians 3: 4-11

**EPISTLE READER:** Reader Anthony Harmon

**GOSPEL LESSON:** Luke 17:12-19

**USHERS:** Louise Bouhasin, Gail Malaniak

**HOMILY:** "The Example of St. Maximos (commemorated today)"

**ALTAR BOY TEAM** 2—Samir Amer, captain; Sebastian Blazek, Miles Hunter, Isaac Kash

**THE 40-DAY MEMORIAL** for Emile Nasser is being offered today by his wife, Elaine Nasser.

**Also, it is Human Life Sunday** and prayers for the unborn will be prayed at the end of the liturgy.

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

Hosted today by the family of Emile Nasser----thank you very much!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL RIGHT AFTER THE LITURGY!**

**For ages 3-19 Parents, please have your children attend.**

**TEEN CLUB MEETING TODAY AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL!**

**PARISH PRISON MINISTRY FIRST MEETING---**Today after you have eaten at coffeetime. If you have an interest, please attend. We will be affiliating with the nation-wide Orthodox Prison Ministry.

And there are ways to help without ever entering a prison----come find out about what is starting up!

**2023 GIVING STATEMENTS** are available in the narthex to be picked up thru Sun, Jan 28, 2024.

Statements will be mailed if not picked up. Please let the treasurer, Lisa Palivoda, know if you prefer your statement to be emailed. Text or email Lisa at 216.235.2991; ldpal1703@outlook.com.

# DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024

TONE 8 / EOTHINON 11; 29<sup>TH</sup> SUN AFTER PENTECOST & 12<sup>TH</sup> SUN OF LUKE

**Venerable Maximos the Confessor**

Martyr Neophytos of Nicaea; Venerable Zosimas, Bishop of Syracuse in Sicily

## RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE EIGHT (p. 15)

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

## APOLYTIKION OF ST. MAXIMOS THE CONFESSOR IN TONE EIGHT

Guide of Orthodoxy, teacher of piety and holiness, luminary of the world, God-inspired adornment of monastics, O wise Maximus, by thy teachings thou hast enlightened all, O harp of the Spirit. Intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

## 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 PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE

Thou Who didst sanctify the Virgin's womb by Thy birth, and didst bless Symeon's hands as was meet, by anticipation hast even now saved us, O Christ God. But grant peace in the midst of wars unto Thy commonwealth and strengthen the hierarchs whom Thou hast loved, O only Friend of man.

## THE EPISTLE (For the Twenty-ninth Sunday after Pentecost)

*Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.*

*God is known in Judah; his name is great in Israel.*

## **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians. (3:4-11)**

Brethren, when Christ, Who is our life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these, the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its Creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

## THE GOSPEL (For the Twelfth Sunday of Luke—"Ten Lepers")

## **The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (17:12-19)**

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When He saw them He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus said, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

**SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:** Today- regular classes    **Jan 28-** choir    **Feb 4-** regular classes

## **UPCOMING SERVICES**

**SAT, JAN 27-5pm Vespers**

**SUN, JAN 28-** 8:50am Matins, 10am Divine Liturgy; The Holy Bread of Oblation will be offered by Florentina Popa for her goddaughter, Mary Harmon, on her birthday; and will be offered by Marcella Simescu for her grandson, Bogdan, on his birthday and for her other grandchildren, Brian, Zack, and Emma. Also, the 40-day Churching for Erin Musarra & her daughter Eleni will take place; and the 2024 officers & committee heads of the St. Matthew's Women's Sisterhood will be blessed for their ministry.

**THE FEAST OF THE 3 HOLY HIERARCHS, Tues, Jan 30, 6:30 p.m.---***Compline service with Akathist prayers (lay-led service)*

**THE GREAT FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE IS FEB 2.** It will not be possible to have services here as Fr Andrew & Kh Bonnie will be in Taiwan visiting their son, Christopher, and his family---please check what time Orthodox parishes near you have services and attend there.

## **PRAYERS FOR HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY issued by the Antiochian Archdiocese**

### **A Litany of Prayer —**

Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your great mercy, we beseech You, hear us and have mercy. [ *Sung response: Lord have mercy, 3 times* ]

Again we pray that You will grant to the people of this nation the will to do good, to flee from all evil, and to practice all righteousness, making us respectful of life and sharers of Your blessings; caring for one another in mercy and truth.

Again we pray that You will banish all evil from our hearts and wickedness from our laws, enabling us to be servants of Your holy will, and performers of Your love.

Again we pray that You will kindle in our hearts the will to care for the needy, to show kindness to the poor, to aid the homeless and to help the helpless.

Again we pray that You will restore wisdom and justice to the minds and hearts of the President, Congress and Supreme Court of the United States, to all state and local civil authorities who You have appointed to keep order, peace and tranquility in our society.

Again we pray for the women and men who on this day face difficult choices of life and death, that You will lead them to choose life.

Again we pray for those who provide alternatives to abortion and who courageously and lovingly counsel those who are confused and seeking truth.

Again we pray for the mothers and fathers who have aborted their children and whose hearts ache and consciences cry out, that they may be led to God's mercy through repentance.

Again we pray for the mothers and fathers who have aborted their children and who feel no remorse; for those who proudly promote abortion; that the Lord may soften their hearts and redirect their minds.

Again we pray for the souls of the millions of children who have been aborted in this country, and for the many mothers who have died as the result of abortion.

Let us pray to the Lord.

O Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son, Who are in the bosom of the Father — true God, source of life and immortality — Light of Light, Who have come into the world to enlighten it: You were pleased to be conceived as perfect God and perfect Man in the womb of the Virgin Mary for the salvation of our souls, by the power of Your all-holy Spirit. O Master, Who have come so that we might have life more abundantly, we beseech You to enlighten the minds and hearts of those blinded to the truth that life begins at conception, and that the unborn are already in the womb, adorned with Your image and likeness. Enable us to guard, cherish and protect the lives of all those who are unable to care for themselves; for You Yourself are the Bestower of Life, bringing each person from non-being into being; sealing each person with divine and infinite love. Be merciful, O Lord, to those who through ignorance or willfulness affront Your divine goodness and providence through the evil act of abortion. May they, and all of us, come to the light of Your truth and glorify You, the Giver of Life, together with Your Father and Your all-holy and life-giving Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages..

Amen.

## MEETINGS

**YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY**—Jan meeting already held, Feb date to be announced. Meets one Sat a month, 6pm at the church. Studying the Gospel of St. Mark. For more info, contact: Sbdcn Samuel Harmon, 216-598-9230, [samuelfharmon15@gmail.com](mailto:samuelfharmon15@gmail.com) or Colton Bose, 440-567-6101

**WEST BIBLE STUDY**--- at the church Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> (after Vespers) at 6 p.m. ....We are studying the book of Revelation.

**SOUTH BIBLE STUDY**--- Next meeting Tues, Feb 6, 6:30pm; Regularly meets at 6:30pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues of the month at Craig & Cindy George's, 9451 Sherwood Trl, Brecksville. Studying Genesis.

**WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP**— Tues, Jan 23, 10:30am. Meets monthly at Tara Reidy's (274 Elmwood, Berea). For info, call Sandy Tolbert, [440-773-9162](tel:440-773-9162).

**HOMESCHOOL ENRICHMENT GROUP**--- On break until Jan 12. Regularly meets at the church on Fridays from 9:30-1:30 (Aug-May). Includes classes for preschoolers & social time for moms. For info contact Olivia: [oharmon15@gmail.com](mailto:oharmon15@gmail.com), [440-220-2624](tel:440-220-2624)

**KNIT/CROCHET GROUP**---Sat, Feb 24, 3:30pm. Meets monthly at the church. Do you knit or crochet? Would you like to learn? Please join us! Contact Lisa Bowden at [440-667-2767](tel:440-667-2767) for info.

**CHESS CLUB**--- Jan meeting already held, Feb date to be announced. Meets monthly at church.

## MINISTRY NEWS

**STREET DELIVERY TO THE HOMELESS**----- TODAY is the monthly day that parishioners deliver 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](tel:440-668-9831), for information.

**NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS**- are being collected in the big wooden box under the coat rack. They will go to St. Herman's Homeless Shelter for the month of Jan.

**MEAL SERVING AT ST. HERMAN ORTHODOX HOMELESS SHELTER** TODAY IS OUR MONTHLY DATE to serve a meal to the poor at St. Herman Orthodox Homeless Shelter in Cleveland. If you can help by providing food, cooking, or serving the meal, please contact Deacon Basil, 440-665-3591.

**OCLife ST. MATTHEW CHURCH**--- is going to begin quarterly meetings, would those who have an interest in participating in these meetings please contact Cindy George at [cindygeorge127@gamil.com](mailto:cindygeorge127@gamil.com)

**MARTHA MINISTRIES**--- We are a group of parishioners who 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: [440-799-0838](tel:440-799-0838) [Erin.musarra@gmail.com](mailto:Erin.musarra@gmail.com).

**THE NEXT PROJECT OF OUR ST. JOHN THE ALMSGIVER MISSION WILL BE ON THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>**. More details soon---This time, it will be the serving of hot meals—so actual food donations not needed, but donations of money are! You can start making donations now---please clearly mark for “St. John Mission)

## **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **TWO NEW CHARTS ON HALL WALL BY COUNTER**

#### **THE FIRST CHART, TO THE RIGHT, IS FOR HOLY BREAD OBLATION SIGN-UP—**

Please sign up for which Sundays you wish to offer the oblation for the liturgy. *If you are not sure how oblations work, just check with Father Andrew.*

**THE SECOND CHART, TO THE LEFT, IS FOR HOSTING COFFEETIME AFTER LITURGY ON SUNDAYS.** Please take a turn! If you have questions, contact Electra Floasiu, 216-671-0743.

**VILLAGE SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION**-begins Jan 7. This is a great opportunity for our children to grow in the Orthodox Faith. (Ages 8-17) Spots fill up very quickly so be sure to register early. If you have any questions contact Kendra Hunter or Gail Malaniak.

**YOUNG ADULT RETREAT**- For ages 21+ will be held at St. George in Cleveland Feb 23-25. Early bird pricing until Feb 1! Join area young adults for presentations by Fr. John Chagan, Fr. Mark Hagan, and Fr. John Ojaimi, discussion, a service project, social events, and a hafle (music and dancing). Find more info on Instagram @stgeorgeyamcle. Register at <https://www.eventcreate.com/e/pre-lenten-yam>

### ***Volunteers Needed:***

**VACUUMING VOLUNTEERS---**Can you vacuum the church one Sunday after liturgy? A new sign up sheet for 2024 is in the narthex.

### **THE ZOE FOR LIFE**

#### **DIAPER DRIVE**

**JANUARY/2024**

The St. Matthew Sisterhood will be holding our annual

#### **Zoe for Life Diaper Drive**

all Sunday's in January!!

Please bring a package of disposable diapers and place them in the decorated boxes which will be located in the hall.

**The smaller sized diapers may be more useful,** although any size will be appreciated!!

If you wish to make a monetary donation,  
it would also be much appreciated.

Please make your check out to

**"Zoe for Life"**

and place it in the box or give it to Georgette Dye.

**Thank you for your generosity and for helping those in great need!!**

**Please Save The Date For St.  
Matthew's 3rd Annual**

# Chili COOK OFF

***featuring a bake sale & silent  
auction fundraiser for campers***

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**DATE: FRIDAY, MARCH 1ST, 2024**

**TIME: 6:00 PM**

**PLACE: ST. MATTHEW PARISH HALL**

**ADMISSION FEE: FREE WILL OFFERING**

**GOAL: TO RAISE FUNDS FOR SUMMER CHURCH  
CAMP TUITION\* FOR ST. MATTHEW'S YOUTH**

***\*A 2-week Summer session at AV costs \$1,100 per camper***

**PLEASE BRING: FRIENDS + FAMILY, YOUR  
APPETITE, CASH FOR CHILI VOTING + CHECKS +  
CREDIT**



**Attendees will vote with \$\$ for their favorite (anonymous) chilis, and  
the cooks that raise the most money in each category (white, red,  
veggie) will each win the 2024 Golden Ladle (plus bragging rights)!**  
Chili sign ups coming soon.

**THERE WILL BE DELICIOUS BAKED GOODS FOR SALE AS WELL AS EXCITING  
SILENT AUCTION ITEMS. YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS YOUR CHANCE TO WIN!**

**For more information contact Kendra Hunter or Gail Malaniak**



# St. Luke the Evangelist Antiochian Orthodox Church

Presents a free public lecture series:

## "Blessed Are Those..."

A series of four presentations that explore the Beatitudes given by Christ in Matthew 5:3-12 (**part of the Sermon on the Mount**).

All presentations will be done by Fr. Matthew.

Dates:	Time: 7:00 p.m.
January 24, 2024:	<i>The Poor in Spirit. Those Who Mourn.</i>
February 7, 2024:	<i>The Meek. Hunger &amp; Thirst for Righteousness</i>
February 21, 2024:	<i>The Merciful. The Pure in Heart</i>
March 6, 2024:	<i>The Peacemakers. The Persecuted.</i>

All sessions are in person at:

St. Luke the Evangelist Antiochian Orthodox Church  
18046 Chillicothe Rd  
Bainbridge, OH 44023

For more information:

Email: [info@stluke.us](mailto:info@stluke.us) or call (440) 384-3285

***Please join ZOE for Life!®  
and  
St. Paul Greek Orthodox Church  
for a Prayer Service as we  
Pray for the Unborn  
Children***



***Sunday, January 21, 2024***

***6:00 pm***

***4548 Wallings Road  
North Royalton 44133***

***Prayer Service & Presentation will also be Live  
Streamed***

***Guest Speaker Presentation Follows – 6:45 pm***

***Father Costas Keares  
St. Paul Greek Orthodox Church***

***Registration is Free, but required in order to receive a  
Zoom link. If attending via zoom, please register using  
the link or QR code below before January 14***



**[ZOE for Life!® 2024 Google Form](#)**

# Hall Use Calendar:

(The hall and kitchen will be unavailable on the shaded days)

IF YOU ARE GOING TO USE THE HALL OR KITCHEN for any purpose...  
you must first contact a Hall Committee member to make sure it is still available.

**Electra Floasiu** [216-671-0743](tel:216-671-0743) **Gail Malaniak** [440-552-4586](tel:440-552-4586)

January 2024				
		Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Sunday	21			
Monday	22			
Tuesday	23			
Wednesday	24			
Thursday	25			
Friday	26	Homeschool Enrichment 9-2		Hall not available
Saturday	27		Gloria Zabala-Baby shower for Veronica	12-4
Sunday	28			
Monday	29			
Tuesday	30			
Wednesday	31			

February 2024			
	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
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2			Hall in use for mission ministry 6-9 PM
3	Kitchen in use for Mission Ministry 10-3	Kitchen in use 10-3	
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9	Homeschool 9-2		
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16	Homeschool 9-2		
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23	Homeschool 9-2		
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25		Musarra Baptism 1:30-5:00	
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29			Set up for chili cook off 5-8

## **ST. MAXIMUS THE CONFESSOR**

St. Maximus was chief secretary to the Byzantine Emperor in the 600's A.D. He left all that behind to become a monk and for some years a hermit. He achieved great holiness and wrote very important works of theology which we still have today. When the Monothelite heresy became strong (because pushed by the Emperor) St. Maximus stood up against it. This heresy asserted that Christ had no human will---and so was not really truly a man. The pope of Rome, Martin (Rome was Orthodox back then) also went against this heresy and was imprisoned and later died due to poor conditions there. St. Maximus was called before a special synod of bishops who attempted to get him to go along with the new heresy. He refused and was punished by whipping, and the cutting off of his tongue and right hand. He was sent into exile under very difficult conditions and finally fell asleep in Christ in 662 A.D. *(More on this Saint in today's sermon)*

### ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN'S SISTERHOOD VALENTINE'S DAY SOCIAL 2024

FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup> – 6:00 P.M.

(Please RSVP to Susan Joseph @ [kmusikwsj@aol.com](mailto:kmusikwsj@aol.com) or  
at St. Matthew's before or after Liturgy)



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