

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

10383 Albion Rd, North Royalton, OH

February 4, 2024

After-Feast of the Presentation of Christ

His Eminence Metropolitan SABA

Archbishop of New York and Antiochian Metropolitan of all North America

His Grace Bishop ANTHONY

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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

FATHER ANDREW & KHOURIE BONNIE are gone to Taiwan (to visit their son, Christopher, and his family) through February 20th. There will be Saturday Vespers at normal time. On the Sundays he is gone, Father Alexander Garklavs from Holy Trinity parish in Parma, will serve here. **WELCOME FATHER ALEXANDER!** In case of an emergency need for a priest, please call Father Matthew Thurman of St. Luke Church in Bainbridge---440-591-1030. And you may contact our deacons.....

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 Vazquez family for the health & salvation of Joanne's mother, Mary Violanti on her birthday; and by Jeb & Irene Brooks for their health & salvation; and by Marcella Simescu for the health & salvation of her brothers, Ioan & Mihail; and by Gail Malaniak for the health & salvation of Larry on his birthday.

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

Justin Mosier	Nancy Yanik	Becca Aboumrad & child	Paraschiva Blaz
Tony Burhen	Jerry Morriston	Veronica & child	Elias Karam
Lucy Kinkaid	Iliana Radivoj	Father Basil Caldaroni	Bud Linder
Marc Balke	James Padzinski	Charles & Judy Burhen	William Ford
Christopher Samuel	Mary Malaniak	Constantine & Maria Kornea	Dolores Kaleal
Peter George	Julie Dunn	Christine Simon	Corrine George
Pauline Hanna	Ed Haddad	Adrienne Andrews	Danielle
Frank Popovich	Michael Francu	Deacon Macarius Tolbert	Joseph Hollis
Issa Zaboura	Faye Farris	Father John Henry	Elie Zogheib
Argie Katsaros	Jean Fadil	Christopher Bokjanc	Bob & Debbie Elias
Josephine Katzbach	Victoria Thorp	Hieroschemamonk Ambrose	Laurel & Matt
Fr Chris, Kh Sophia, baby Nora Marie Shadid			Emily

And for the newly departed servants of God: Baby Albert, Joseph Petro (Lisa Bowden's father-in-law), Dan Castle, Bruce Mock, Gina (Christopher Bokjanc's fiancée)

EPISTLE LESSON: I Timothy 9:4-15

EPISTLE READER: Reader Anthony Harmon

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 19:1-10

HOMILY: Father Alexander Garklavs

USHERS: Theresa Popovich & Gloria Zabala

ALTAR BOY TEAM 1---Caleb Blazek, captain; Christos Allen, Cosby Hunter, Phillip Roach

PLEASE STAY FOR COFFEETIME RIGHT AFTER THE LITURGY!

Hosted today by Regina Glaser and Paul Dhillon. Thank you!

SUNDAY SCHOOL AFTER COMMUNION For ages 3-19 Parents, please have children attend!

Bulletin Updates During Father's Absence

If you have information for the bulletin, prayer list, or Holy Bread Oblation, please notify Olivia Harmon (oharmon15@gmail.com, 440-220-2624).

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024

Tone 2 / Eothinon 2; Thirty-second Sunday of Pentecost & Fifteenth Sunday of Luke

("Zacchaeus"); After-feast of the Presentation (Meeting) of Christ

Venerable Isidore of Pelusium; The Mothers of the Three Hierarchs: Emmelia, Nona and Anthousa

VERSES OF THE FIRST ANTIPHON

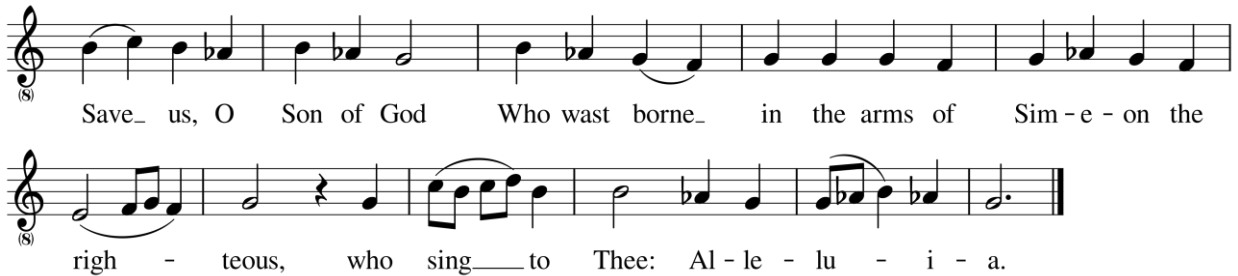
My heart hath poured forth a good word; I speak of my works to the king. My tongue is the pen of a swiftly writing scribe.

Grace is poured into thy lips: therefore, God hath blessed thee forever.

Glory... Both now...

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

Gird Thy sword upon Thy thigh, O mighty One, in Thy comeliness and Thy beauty. Bend Thy bow, and proceed prosperously, and be king.



Thine arrows are sharp, O mighty One, in the heart of the king's enemies; whereby the peoples fall under Thee. (*Refrain*)

A scepter of uprightness is the scepter of Thy kingdom. (*Refrain*)

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

THE THIRD ANTIPHON

Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, and thy father's house. Even the rich among the people shall entreat thy countenance. I shall commemorate thy name in every generation. (*now sing the Apolytikion of the Presentation*)

- For the Entrance Hymn, use "Come, let us worship... Who art risen from the dead..."

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE TWO (p. 12)

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE

Rejoice, thou who art full of grace, O Virgin Theotokos, for from thee hath risen the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, enlightening those in darkness. Rejoice thou also, O righteous Elder, as thou receivest in thine arms the Redeemer of our souls, Who also granteth unto us the Resurrection.

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 Thirty-second Sunday after Pentecost)

The Lord is my strength and my song. With chastisement hath the Lord chastened me.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (4:9-15)

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, Who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties; devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

THE GOSPEL (For the Fifteenth Sunday of Luke—"Zacchaeus")

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (19:1-10)

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. And he sought to see Who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus, for He was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS: **Today**-regular classes **Feb 11-** regular classes **Feb 18-** regular classes

UPCOMING SERVICES

SAT, FEB 10-5pm Vespers

SUN, FEB 11- 8:50am Matins, 10am Divine Liturgy; The Holy Bread of Oblation will be offered by Dan & Camille Patrick for Ruthe on her birthday.

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, samuelharmon15@gmail.com or Colton Bose, 440-567-6101

WEST BIBLE STUDY--- at the church Sat, Feb 24 (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 1st & 3rd Tues of the month at Craig & Cindy George's, 9451 Sherwood Trl, Brecksville. Studying Genesis.

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP— Tues, Feb 27, 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--- 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, [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--- Feb 18th after liturgy. Meets monthly at church.

MINISTRY NEWS

STREET DELIVERY TO THE HOMELESS----- Feb 25 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. Mary of Egypt Food Pantry for the month of Feb.

MEAL SERVING AT ST. HERMAN ORTHODOX HOMELESS SHELTER FEB 18 is our next 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

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.

ST. MATTHEW'S PRISON MINISTRY IS NOW GETTING UNDERWAY. To participate or get info, please contact Vincent Defilippo---330-352-6678 vdefillipo@neo.rr.com

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.

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT- For ages 21+ will be held at St. George in Cleveland Feb 23-25. 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 haffe (music and dancing). Find more info on Instagram @stgeorgeyamcle. Register at <https://www.eventcreate.com/e/pre-lenten-yam>

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



New groups have been arranged,
See sign-up board in Fellowship Hall,
Fill in dates to provide snacks, a meal, or to clean up

COMING SOON! →



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

Chili COOK OFF

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

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

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN'S SISTERHOOD VALENTINE'S DAY SOCIAL 2024

FEBRUARY 13TH – 6:00 P.M.

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



TAVOLO
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LOCATED ON THE GROUND LEVEL
CROWNE PLAZA CLEVELAND
AIRPORT

7230 ENGLE ROAD – MIDDLEBURG
HEIGHTS - 44134

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

Adopt a Camper

Here's how:

- CHOOSE A CAMPER YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR. (*SEE KENDRA HUNTER OR GAIL MALANIAK FOR A LIST OF CAMPERS.*)
- COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND TURN IT IN TO THE DONATION BOX WITH YOUR CHECK, IN AN ENVELOPE.

When:

- FROM NOW UNTIL APRIL 15, 2024.

Cost:

- TUITION IS \$1,100 BUT ANY AMOUNT TOWARDS THAT IS APPRECIATED.
- CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO "ST. MATTHEW CHURCH" WITH "CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND" IN THE MEMO.

ON A RECENT SURVEY DONE BY OUR ARCHDIOCESE, ANTIOCHIAN VILLAGE CAMP WAS FOUND TO BE THE LARGEST FACTOR THAT IMPACTED THE FAITH OF OUR YOUTH.

Thank you for your generosity!

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• CAMPER'S NAME: _____

• AMOUNT: _____

• SPONSOR'S NAME: _____

• DO YOU WISH TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS? _____

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: *The Poor in Spirit. Those Who Mourn.*

February 7, 2024: *The Meek. Hunger & Thirst for Righteousness*

February 21, 2024: *The Merciful. The Pure in Heart*

March 6, 2024: *The Peacemakers. The Persecuted.*

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 or call (440) 384-3285

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.

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February 2024			
	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
1			
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	
26			
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28			
29			Set up for chili cook off 5-8

Samir Amer

Camper Spotlight



What session will you attend?

Session 1. This is my 4th and final year as a camper at AV.

What is your favorite camp memory?

What is your favorite camp activity?

Does liturgy count?

What are you looking forward to about camp?

I am very much looking forward to seeing the place again.

NEW PARISH FAMILY DIRECTORIES ARE READY FOR YOU TO TAKE

They are on the table in the breezeway near narthex.

Many thanks to Craig George for the enormous amount of work on this project.

And our apologies to parishioner Michael Palmer and to the Adam Palmer family who were accidentally omitted due to some strange glitch in the computer program we used. Here is their contact info so you can write them into your copy---

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STPalmer85@hotmail.com

ST MATTHEW SUMMER CAMP 2024

Now accepting donations (please put "summer camp" in the memo)

Save the dates! June 3-7 9:30-12:30

We will explore Orthodoxy around the world by studying the life of a saint, learning sacred arts, practicing sports, and tasting international food!

To register, volunteer, or get more information, contact Olivia Harmon
oharmon15@gmail.com