


WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT FOR PARENTS:

Develop a quiet communication system with your child.

For example, the child will hold up one finger if he needs to use the bathroom or two fingers if he needs a drink of water.




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*

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

10383 Albion Rd, North Royalton, OH

July 16, 2023

Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council

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 the Amer family for the health & salvation of their children Gabriel & Marina on their Saints' Days; and by Cindy George for the health & salvation of her goddaughter, Marina Amer, on her Saint Day; and by Youssef & Nellie Rizk in thanksgiving to God on their 40th wedding anniversary; and by Cathy & Jim Sage for the health & salvation of Subdeacon Sam Snyder on his birthday; and by Maria Simescu for the health & salvation of her brother, Valentin; and by Dan & Camille Patrick in memory of Camille's brother, very Reverend Father Elias Meena; and by Larry & Gail Malaniak, Rachel Kourey, Andrew Meena, and Becca Aboumrad in memory of very Reverend Father Elias Meena; and by Livia Dinu in memory of her brother, Dan Mihai, and of all the departed of the Spirescu & Marinescu families; and by George & Florentina Popa in memory of Florentina's mother, Georgeta, on the 5th anniversary of her falling asleep in Christ.

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

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

Campers: Xenia, Marina, & Juliana Amer, Lily Scanlon, Sofia Skrygan, Nawal & Nawar Yarid
And for the newly departed servants of God: Michael & Theodore Harkey; Glen Bounds (Brian Hunter's uncle), Jean Caldaroni, Archimandrite Philothius

EPISTLE LESSON: Titus 3: 8-15 **EPISTLE READER:** Reader Anthony Harmon

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 8: 14-19 **USHERS:** Louise Bouhasin, Gail Malaniak

HOMILY: Father Joseph Butts

ALTAR BOY TEAM TWO---Samir Amer, captain; Sebastian Blazek, Miles Hunter, Isaac Kash
THE FORTY YEAR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CROWNING PRAYERS will be done at the end of the today's liturgy for Youssef & Nellie Rizk.

THE FIVE YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE is being offered today by George & Florentina Popa in beloved memory of Florentina Popa's mother, Georgeta.

AWARDS DISTRIBUTION WILL BE DONE AT THE END OF THE LITURGY TODAY for our children who were winners in our diocese's Creative Arts Festival.

NEXT QUARTERLY GIANT HOMELESS MISSION---Exact date not yet sure, but right about the end of the summer---Hundreds of sack lunches 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 and Cathy Sage.

GOD WILL BLESS YOU FOR BEING A BLESSING TO HIS NEEDY ONES!
IN CASE YOU'RE INTERESTED---A CLASS BY FATHER ANDREW THIS FALL

Father Andrew will be teaching a 6 week course through the Baldwin Wallace University ILR adult education program. 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.

PARISH WORK DAYS---1. Parish work days will take place on the last Sunday of each month through 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) to Sondra Palivoda (216) 973-7537 if you have any questions about which tools to bring or have any tools to donate to 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

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, text or call 330-309-9491 or just talk with Cindy George OR email ldpall703@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.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

VACUUMING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED--- *SIGN-UP SHEET FOR VACUUMING THE CHURCH (just the temple) IN THE FIRST PART OF 2023 IS IN THE NARTHEX. CAN YOU TAKE A SUNDAY?*

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 new chart for 2023 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

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FIELD TRIP- *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 and turn in money by July 30 if you plan to attend. Gailmeen@gmail.com 440-552-4586

TRIP TO TRANSGURATION MONASTERY- Oct 11, for ladies over 50. 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 SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2023

TONE 5 / EOTHINON 6

SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF FOURTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

Hieromartyr Athenogenes, bishop of Herakleopolis, and his ten disciples

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FIVE (p. 13)

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

APOLYTIKION OF THE HOLY FATHERS IN TONE EIGHT

Thou art supremely glorified, O Christ our God, Who didst establish our Fathers as beacons upon the earth, and through them guided us all to the true Faith. O most merciful One, glory to Thee.

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.

ORDINARY KONTAKION IN TONE TWO (p. 17)

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

THE EPISTLE (For the Holy Fathers)

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O ye righteous.

Blessed are those whose iniquities are forgiven!

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to St. Titus. (3:8-15)

Titus, my son, faithful is the saying, and concerning these things I desire you to affirm confidently, that those who have believed in God may be thoughtful of how to preside in honorable occupations. These things are good and profitable to men. But avoid foolish disputes, and genealogies, and contentions, and controversies about the Law; for they are unprofitable and vain. A man who is a heretic after the first and second admonition reject, knowing that such a one is subverted, and sins, being self-condemned. When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicós, give diligence to come to me to Nicopolis; for I have determined to winter there. Set forward Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey diligently, that they may be lacking in nothing. And let our people also learn how to preside in honorable occupations, so as to help in cases of urgent need, that they should not be unfruitful. All who are with me salute you. Salute those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

THE GOSPEL (For the Holy Fathers)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (5:14-19)

The Lord said to His Disciples: "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father Who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them, but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

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

Thank you to Youssef & Nellie Rizk for hosting today in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary. Also thank you to the Malaniaks, Vazquezes, Hunters, and Liebermans for co-hosting coffeetime today.

IMPORTANT SHORT MEN'S MEETING AFTER LITURGY TODAY--to make plans for annual parish picnic on Sunday, August 27th

THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE 4th ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

On a Sunday in mid-July each year the Orthodox Church commemorates the Church Fathers who met at the 4th Ecumenical Council in 451 A.D. in the city of Chalcedon. The main issue at this council was the Monophysite heresy which believed that Christ was not quite truly human---they believed His humanity had been absorbed into His divinity. The Fathers of the Council -- led by the Holy Spirit -- interpreted the Bible correctly and taught the truth: that Christ is one person with two natures, human and divine. He was, while on earth, and will always remain, both fully human and fully divine. (An historical note-- those of that time who rejected this Council were the roots of part of what are now called the "non-Chalcedonian Churches" or "Oriental Orthodox" or "Monophysites". Some of these groups are the Coptic Church, the Armenian Church, and the Ethiopian Church (and some other smaller ones). Due to their continued rejection of the 4th Council, we are not in communion with them.)

THE HOLY MARTYR ST. ATHENOGENES, BISHOP OF SEBASTE &
HIS 10 COMPANIONS IN MARTYRDOM

St. Athenogenes, whose memory we celebrate today, was the bishop of Sebaste in the northeastern "corner" of the Roman Empire (today the border area between Turkey and Armenia) in the early 300's A.D. In the great wave of Roman persecution of the Church shortly before our Faith was made legal, the governor of the area arrested the bishop and 10 holy monks. The governor told them that if they did not worship the pagan idols he would kill them as he had killed other Christians earlier. Bishop Athenogenes answered---"Those whom you describe as dead are in heaven, rejoicing with the angels!" In reply to that, the governor first tortured the bishop and the other 10 men and then executed all of them. Their martyrdoms took place on July 16, 311 A.D.

UPCOMING SERVICES

ST. ELIAS (ELIJAH) DAY IS JULY 20 AS WE REMEMBER ONE OF THE GREATEST OF ALL PROPHETS--- OUR SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, July 19---Vespers with Artoklasia, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 20---Matins, 9; Liturgy, 10, with blessing of cars. Potluck lunch right after.

SATURDAY, JULY 22 --- Vespers 5pm.

SUNDAY, JULY 23---Matins, 8:50 a.m.; Liturgy, 10 a.m. The holy bread of oblation will be offered by David Glaser for his godson Steven Morgan's birthday; and by the Vazquezes for their grandchildren Mia & Michael on their birthdays and in memory of their departed grandson, Baby Elijah Vazquez; and by Daniel & Maria Simescu for her brother Valentin, and in memory of Daniel's parent, Teodor & Eugenia and in memory of Maria's grandparents, Teodor & Ana.

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, July 18, 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---This Sat, July 22, 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--- Fri, July 21, 1pm. Meets monthly at Tara Reidy's 274 Elmwood, Berea; For more info, call Sandy Tolbert, 440-773-9162.

TEEN CLUB--- JULY MONTHLY MEETING---Sunday, July 30th, after liturgy

CHESS CLUB--- Sun, July 23 in the hall 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, 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.

MINISTRY NEWS

STREET DELIVERY TO THE HOMELESS----TODAY ---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 monthly serving day is TODAY. If you can help, please see Deacon Basil after the liturgy