

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

10383 Albion Rd, North Royalton, OH

March 3, 2024

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

His Eminence Metropolitan SABA

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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 Cindy George for the health & salvation of her goddaughter, Peggy Latina, on her Saint Day (St. Photini); and is offered by Deacon Basil & Joanne for the health & salvation of their grandson, Elijah, on his 3rd birthday; and is offered by the Blazek family for the health & salvation of Xavier on his Saint Day (St. Gerasimos); and is offered by Maria Simescu for the health & salvation of her brothers, Mihael and Ioan.

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

Justin Mosier	Jerry Morriston	Josephine Katzbach	Corrine George
Tony Burhen	Iliana Radivoj	Becca Aboumrad & child	Danielle
Lucy Kinkaid	James Padzerski	Veronica & child	Joseph Hollis
Marc Balke	Mary Malaniak	Father Basil Caldaroni	Mary Violanti
Christopher Samuel	Julie Dunn	Charles & Judy Burhen	Alice Marantides
Peter George	Ed Haddad	Constantine & Maria Kornea	AnnMarie
Pauline Hanna	Michael Francu	Deacon Macarius Tolbert	Elias Karam
Frank Popovich	Jean Fadil	Father John Henry	Tony Mlakar
Issa Zaboura	Victoria Thorp	Christopher Bokjanc	
Argie Katsaros	Paraschiva Blaz	Presvytera Rosy Tanveer	
Nancy Yanik	Dolores Kaleal	Christine Simon	

And for the newly departed servants of God: Mark Farage (brother of Chris Farage), Faye Farris, Bud Linder, Adrienne Andrews (sister of Jean Fadil & Elle Parker), Joseph Petro (Lisa Bowden's father-in-law), Gina (Christopher Bokjanc's fiancée)

EPISTLE LESSON: I Corinthians 6: 12-20

WOMEN'S MONTH EPISTLE READER: Susan Joseph

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 15: 11-32 **HOMILY:** "Going Back to the Father"

WOMEN'S MONTH USHERS: Susan Joseph & Leigh Frank

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

MARCH IS WOMEN'S MONTH IN OUR ANTIOCHIAN ARCHDIOCESE. Women from our parish will be reading the epistle lesson each Sunday. And today, our local Women's Group president, Georgette Dye, will read a letter from the Archdiocese about women's ministry.

PLEASE STAY FOR COFFEETIME RIGHT AFTER THE LITURGY!

IT IS BEING HOSTED BY THE CAMPERS OF OUR PARISH---THERE WILL BE A FREE-WILL OFFERING BASKET TO HELP PAY FOR THEIR CAMP TUITION THIS SUMMER.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES RIGHT AFTER COMMUNION---for ages 3
through 19
PARENTS---PLEASE HAVE YOUR CHILDREN ATTEND TODAY!**

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024

TONE 6 / EOTHINON 6; SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

Martyrs Eutropios, Kleonikos, and Basilikos of Amasea; Hieromartyr Theodoretos of Antioch

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SIX (p. 14)

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, 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.

KONTAKION FOR THE PRODIGAL SON IN TONE THREE

(Special melody "On this day the Virgin")

Foolishly I sprang away * from Thy great fatherly glory, * and dispersed in wicked deeds * the riches that Thou didst give me. * With the Prodigal I therefore * cry unto Thee now: * I have sinned against Thee, O compassionate Father. * But receive me in repentance; * make me as one of * Thy hired servants, O Lord.

THE EPISTLE (For Sunday of the Prodigal Son)

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance. Unto Thee will I cry, O Lord my God.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (6:12-20)

Brethren, all things are lawful for me, but not all things are expedient. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the authority of anything. Foods are for the belly, and the belly for foods; but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body; and God both raised up the Lord, and will also raise us up through His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take away the members of Christ, and make them members of a harlot? God forbid! Or, do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For, "The two," He says, "shall become one flesh." But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit. Flee fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body, but whoever commits fornication sins against his own body. Or, do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have received from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

THE GOSPEL (For Sunday of the Prodigal Son)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (15:11-32)

The Lord spoke this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of

that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.”’ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.’ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, ‘Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!’ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:

Today-regular classes **Mar 10**- regular classes **Mar 17**- regular classes

UPCOMING SERVICES

SOUL SATURDAY LITURGY & MEMORIAL SERVICE—*Sat, Mar 9, 10 a.m. (Matins at 9).*

You may turn in names of departed loved ones to be prayed for—either ahead of time or that morning.

SAT, MAR 9-*5pm Vespers*

SUN, MAR 10- *8:50am Matins, 10am Divine Liturgy*; The Holy Bread of Oblation will be offered by the Amer family for Xenia on her birthday; and by Father Andrew & Khourie Bonnie for Christopher & Nicholas on their birthdays; and by Marcella Simescu for her husband, Dan, her friends Rodica, Mihaela, & Veronica, and her brothers, Mihael & Ioan; by the Blazek family for Gregory on his Saint Day.

MEETINGS

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY—*Sat, Mar 9.* 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---*Sat, Mar 16, 6pm.* Meets at the church one Sat a month at 6pm (after 5pm Vespers). We are studying the book of Revelation.

SOUTH BIBLE STUDY--- Next meeting *Tues, Mar 5, 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, Mar 19, 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---Next date to be announced. Meets quarterly 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--- Mar 10 after liturgy. Meets monthly at church.

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN'S SISTERHOOD MEETING---After liturgy, Sunday, March 10th

TEEN CLUB MEETING—After liturgy on Sunday, March 31st.

MINISTRY NEWS

STREET DELIVERY TO THE HOMELESS----- Mar 24th is the next 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 this month.

MEAL SERVING AT ST. HERMAN ORTHODOX HOMELESS SHELTER Mar 17 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--- will once again be hosting a Booth at the “Bringing America Back to Life” conference at Embassy Suites in Independence. The dates are March 8 & 9 from 8:00-6:30 each day. If you are interested in helping with this, please use the sign-up sheet in the Hall or see Lisa Palivoda or Cindy George. This is always a fun event with a great opportunity to talk to others about the Orthodox faith.

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--This new ministry will be in conjunction with the national Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry. We will have a zoom meeting with their director, Mark Santana, after liturgy (12:30 p.m.) on Sunday, March 31. If you wish to get involved or just want more info for now, please attend! It is possible to help with prison ministry even without ever going inside a prison. For more info, contact our local prison ministry leader, Vincent Defilippo, 330-352-6678 vdefilippo@neo.rr.com

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

BREAD OBLATION SIGN-UP—Please use the chart in the hall (chart is on the right wall by the counter) to 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.*

HOSTING COFFEETIME AFTER SUNDAY LITURGY- Please sign up on the chart to the left of the counter in the hall to take a turn! Contact Electra Floasiu with questions, 216-671-0743.

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

THE GREATER CLEVELAND COUNCIL OF ORTHODOX CLERGY will have its monthly meeting at St. Matthew's this Tues, Mar 5 at 10am.

ANCIENT FAITH MEN'S RETREAT- at Antiochian Village in Bolivar, PA Aug 22-25, 2024; Forge enduring connections with Orthodox brothers, strengthen your faith, be encouraged, and challenge yourself at the first ever Ancient Faith Men's Retreat. Join us for engaging speakers, daily services, and fellowship with like-minded Orthodox men! Get more info and register at: <https://store.ancientfaith.com/2024-ancient-faith-mens-retreat/>

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN WOMEN PRESENTS

ANNUAL LENTEN RETREAT

SATURDAY APRIL 20TH

9:30AM – 3PM

ST. NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CHURCH

755 S. CLEVELAND AVE.

MOGADORE, OH 44260



FR. BARNABAS POWELL

AUTHOR AND SPEAKER

**“BE WATCHFUL – BE SOBER,
ST. PAUL’S WISDOM FOR
SPIRITUAL MATURITY”**

Fr. Barnabas Powell was born and raised in Atlanta, GA. His journey to Orthodoxy came as a result of many years searching for a “lifestyle” that would be truly Christian. After years in Evangelical Protestant ministry and serving in Christian media, both radio and television, he launched Faith Encouraged Ministries to use what he learned in sharing faith through media for the Orthodox Faith. Fr. Barnabas is an author, pastor, podcaster, and teacher committed to offering a credible witness of the timeless Orthodox faith for this culture.

**\$20 TICKETS INCLUDE CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST,
MORNING SESSION, LENTEN LUNCH, AND AFTERNOON
SESSION**

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO OCW AND REMIT TO:
SUSAN EVANOFF**

**404 19TH STREET NE. MASSILLON, OHIO 44646
RSVP BY FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:
SANDY GRAHAM 330-988-8107 OR NANCY STUDEBAKER
330-655-9638**



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

Check your email for



Next available date is April 7 - (Strict) Fasting Food Only, Please!

ANNUAL PARISH RETREAT

Led by Fr. Josiah Trenham of St. Andrew Parish in Riverside, California

Weekend of September 22

Please mark your calendars!
More details later

Antiochian Village Summer Camp

The WORD Magazine

Are you receiving "The Word" – the magazine published by our Archdiocese? If you are new to our parish, have recently moved, or never subscribed, please consider subscribing to this very informative, enlightening, and educational publication by our Archdiocese.

Here are the links:
For new subscriptions, go to this site and submit this form <https://forms.gle/ZcYq1HD1tPp7SXHT9>. There is no charge for members of our parish.

Do you need to update your address? Go to this site and submit this form <https://forms.gle/jRhJSiA111W2S8vV6>

Non-member of an Antiochian Orthodox Parish? Go to this site and submit this form <https://forms.gle/bmKPLHkRv3ycjZ4P8>. Make check or money order made payable to **The Antiochian Archdiocese** and mail to **PO Box 5238, Englewood, NJ 07631-5238**. Subscription Rates: US & Canada - \$40.00, single copies are also available for \$3.00.

Don't have access to go online? Contact Gloria Zabala with your name and address. She will make sure that you are added to receive "The Word".

Isaac Kash

Camper Spotlight



What session will you attend?

Session 2

What is your favorite camp memory?

Getting together with all the kids for evening program

What is your favorite activity at camp?

Soccer and Gaga ball

What are you looking forward to about camp?

I am looking forward to making friends that last forever like my mom did

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? _____



GREATER CLEVELAND COUNCIL OF
Orthodox Clergy

31 January 2024

Beloved Friends in the Lord,

Greetings! The Orthodox Christian Community of Greater Cleveland and Lorain will soon be honoring the Sunday of Orthodoxy, the first Sunday of the Great Fast. A celebration of this triumph of our Faith will take place on the evening of 24 March 2024, at 4:00pm. This service of Great Vespers will be hosted by Saint Theodosius Orthodox Cathedral (OCA), located at 733 Starkweather Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44113. His Eminence, the Most Reverend Nicolae, Metropolitan of the Romanian Orthodox Archdiocese of the Americas, will preside as well as offer the homily.

Each year, the Greater Cleveland Council of Orthodox Clergy (GCCOC) solicits donations to help underwrite this celebration of our Faith, and this year, donations will be given to International Orthodox Christian Charities for humanitarian relief in Gaza. We humbly ask that you consider providing a contribution to the GCCOC; in return, you will be listed as a "Patron" within the handout at this special service.

If you wish to donate, we ask that you make checks payable to the "Greater Cleveland Council of Orthodox Clergy," or simply the "GCCOC." Checks can either be given to your parish priest, or they can be mailed to the address below no later than 12 March 2024.

In Christ,

>>>Father Peter Simko

GCCOC Treasurer

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2024 SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY | PATRON DONATION

YOUR NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

YOUR PARISH NAME _____

DONATION AMOUNT _____

GCCOC, c/o St. Innocent Orthodox Church, PO Box 38208, Olmsted Falls, Ohio 44138

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



St. Paul Ladies Philoptochos Society
Autumn
● CRAFT FAIR ●
Saturday, October 12, 2024
9am - 4pm
Vendors Wanted!
Booth Space 8x10' (includes 2 chairs)
Cost - \$60 before April 15th, \$70 after April 15th
Vendor must supply own table. Limited number of tables available to rent - \$10 fee. Limited spaces available with electricity - \$5 fee.
All vendor registration subject to approval.

Payment and Vendor Agreement available online [HERE](#)

OR Email StPaulPhiloFundraising@gmail.com

Proceeds to benefit
St. Paul Ladies Philoptochos Society Charities

St. Paul Greek Orthodox Church
North Royalton, Ohio



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)

March 2024				
		Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Friday	1	Homeschool 9-2		Chili cook off 5-9
Saturday	2			
Sunday	3			
Monday	4			
Tuesday	5	Orthodox Clergy meeting 10-1		
Wednesday	6			
Thursday	7			
Friday	8	Homeschool 9-2		
Saturday	9			
Sunday	10			
Monday	11			
Tuesday	12			
Wednesday	13			
Thursday	14			
Friday	15	Homeschool 9-2		
Saturday	16			
Sunday	17			
Monday	18			
Tuesday	19			
Wednesday	20			
Thursday	21			
Friday	22	Homeschool 9-2		
Saturday	23			
Sunday	24			
Monday	25			
Tuesday	26			
Wednesday	27			
Thursday	28			
Friday	29	Homeschool 9-2		
Saturday	30			
Sunday	31			

SUMMER ENRICHMENT DAY CAMP

2024 Theme: ORTHODOXY AROUND THE WORLD



Join us as we explore the lives of saints,
sacred arts, sports, and international foods!



June 3-7, 2024 9:30am-12:30pm

At St. Matthew's Antiochian Church
10383 Albion Rd., North Royalton, OH

Free! (Donations Accepted)

To register children ages 3-10 or to volunteer:
call, text, or email Olivia Harmon

440-220-2624, oharmon15@gmail.com

By May 20th

THE HOLY MARTYRS EUTROPIUS, CLEONICUS, & BASILISCUS

The violent persecution of Christianity under the emperors Maximian and Maximin spread in 308 to the city of Amasea in what is now northern Turkey (the city is still there today). Three men---Basiliscus and the brothers Eutropius & Cleonicus---were arrested and refused to deny Christ. The two brothers were quickly killed. Basiliscus was afraid that he might give in to the worship of idols when his trial took place. So he prayed, “O Lord Jesus Christ, remember me even to the end, that I may not be separated from these holy men who have been taken from me and who now are crowned.” He remained faithful when he appeared before the governor even though he was horribly tortured in an attempt to get him to worship idols. Although their deaths were spread out over a few days, these three men are commemorated together on March 3

THE SECOND PRE-LENTEN WEEK BEGINS TODAY

Today, the Sunday of the Prodigal Son, is the first day of the second pre-Lent week as we move towards Lent and the Great Fast which begins on Monday, March 18th. This week is a “normal” week in terms of fasting, with the usual Wednesday and Friday fasting.

PASCHA THIS YEAR IS MAY 5TH

OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT

FORGIVENESS VESPERS FOR EVE OF LENT----Sunday, March 17th, 6 p.m. Preceded by meatless potluck meal at 5. At this service we ask God’s forgiveness and also forgiveness from each other as the Great Fast begins.

MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, MARCH 18TH, 19TH, 21ST----6:30 p.m.. Great Compline with the Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20—6:30 p.m. Pre-Sanctified Liturgy. Followed by potluck Lenten meal.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22—AKATHIST FOR THE THEOTOKOS—7 p.m. Preceded by potluck Lenten meal at 6. Followed by Saints Alive! class (taught by a layperson), at 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23----Vespers, 5 p.m., as usual.

SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH--SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY PAN-ORTHODOX EVENING VESPERS--4 p.m., at St. Theodosius Cathedral, 733 Starkweather, Cleveland.

LENTEN SAINTS ALIVE! CLASSES As we have for many years, we will again have layperson-led brief classes on a different Saint each week. The classes will be in hall on Friday evenings at 8 p.m. after the 7 p.m. Akathist service. If you can lead one, please let Father Andrew know. We are hoping for some “rookie” presenters, so they will have the priority—but if you are a “veteran” presenter and are willing to do it again, please let Father Andrew know because if not enough rookies, then veterans may be called upon! The teacher picks the Saint and gives information about his or her life....and we have some time for questions & answers. Contact Father Andrew for more info.

LENTEN PSALTER GROUP Begins Mar 18. If you wish to participate, it involves reading one Kathisma from the book of Psalms every day from Mar 18 through Apr 26. You read in your own home at whatever time of the day works for you. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Kh. Bonnie at bonniewharmon@gmail.com or text (216)258-4837.