

**ST. TIKHON OF ZADONSK**

St. Tikhon, whose memory we celebrate today, was born near Novgorod, Russia in 1724. He grew up in great poverty but did manage to go to seminary. He became a monk and later was made priest and eventually bishop. He had a very difficult diocese (Voronezh) work in. There was much drunkenness, quarrelsome clergy, almost no preaching, lax following of church traditions, etc. He worked so hard that after some years his health was badly affected and he had to retire to a monastery at Zadonsk. There he lived a quiet life of prayer and became a close friend and helper to the local peasants and poor. He was greatly loved by all the people of the area and became a powerful spiritual teacher due to his very close walk with Christ. He died peacefully on August 13, 1783 A.D. and was canonized in 1861.

**SERMON COPIES** from the last couple of Sundays are usually available on the long table in narthex near coat rack.

**ZOE for Life!! Needs Your Help**

*May we ask you to help us provide mothers coming to Zoe House for assistance for new or gently used strollers, high chairs, walkers for babies, baby swings and activity centers? If you are able to help with any of these items, we ask you to contact us at 216-465-9030, and thank you in advance for your help for His little ones.*

**NORTH ROYALTON MINISTERS' ASSOCIATION---COMMUNITY MONTHLY MEAL---**This

ministry has been organized with Orthodox (2 parishes), Catholic, Lutheran, Baptist, Nazarene, & Methodist participation. The basic plan is for the parishes to go together to serve a hot meal to all who can come---the target group was originally the needy, but all are welcome! The next meal is AUGUST 27, 3-5 p.m., and will be at St. Albert Catholic Church on Wallings Road. If you can help in any way, please contact Father Andrew.

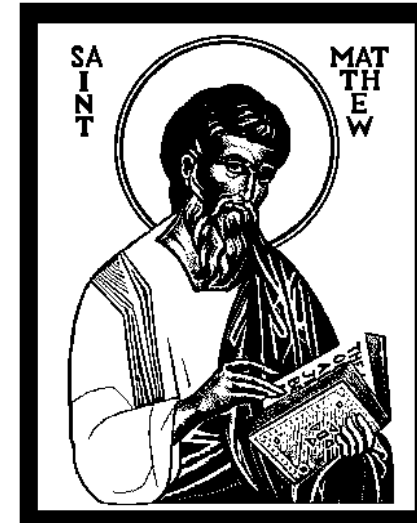
**"MERCY MEALS" MINISTRY JUST BEGINNING**

If you are able to make meals **and/or** deliver meals to parishioners needing help in difficult circumstances, please contact Lisa [Amer-----lisa.amer@att.net](mailto:Amer-----lisa.amer@att.net),  
—440-882-6372

**THE ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10---- As always, hosted by the  
Brotherhood and free of charge.**

***ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST  
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**AUGUST 13, 2017**

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**Saturday Vespers 5:00 PM**

**Sunday Matins 8:50 AM**

**Saturday Confessions 5:30 PM**

**Sunday School 9:00 AM**

**Sunday Confessions 9:45 AM**

**Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM**

**THE LEAVE-TAKING OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF JESUS CHRIST  
St. Tikhon of Zadonsk; The Holy Martyr Hippolytus; The Holy Confessor Maximus**

**WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS TODAY!** We are glad to have you praying with us on this great holy day! *And we hope you will stay as our guests for our coffeetime right after the service. **The reception of the Sacrament of Holy Communion** is limited to members of the Orthodox Church who are in good sacramental standing and have made proper preparation to receive. All are welcome to receive a portion of the blessed bread distributed at the end of the service.*

**THE HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION** is offered today in thanksgiving to God by Tom & Judy George on their 26<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**DURING TODAY'S LITURGY WE WILL PRAY FOR THE HEALTH & SAFETY OF:**

Josephine Katzbach	Jamie Peffer	Carol Palmer
Justin Mosier	Fouad & Selwa Zogheib	Sylvia Audey
Ardelle George	Mary Farage	Peter George
Corinne Farris	Marc Balke	Nancy Donnelly
Joanne Esber	Christopher Samuel	Georgeta Popa
Edmund & Jeri Farris	Renee Schwenk	Emily Bsharah
Sam & Mary Violanti	Issa Zaboura	Caroline Fish
Tony Burhen	Mary Kirkwood	Francisca Melendez
Rosalee Haddad	Evelyn Farage	Ruth Humphrey
Bella, Bret, & Savayah Pacl	Lucy Kincaid	Richard Hakaim
Presbytera Rosy Tanveer	Darlene Schwenk	Brother Demetrios Diakandru

**WE WILL ALSO PRAY TODAY** for the newly departed servants of God, Metropolitan PAUL Saliba, Matyshka Catherine Jula, Marija Marjanovich, Larry Patrick (Dan Patrick's uncle), Serrieh Saddic (Hani Saddic's mother), Daria Petrokowski, Daniel Resanovich, Ed Madias (Francine Comstock's father), & Joyce Nader.

**TODAY'S SERVICE**

**EPISTLE LESSON**---I Corinthians 4: 9-16     **Reader:** Marianna Russyn

**GOSPEL LESSON**---Matthew 17: 14-23

**HOMILY:** "Imitation"

**Altar Boys:** Fuad Zogheib, Samir Amer, Ricky Farris, Paul Blazek, Gregory Blazek

**Ushers:** The Handmaidens     **Greeters:** Penny Sent, Rachael Palmer, Alexandria Palmer

**Coffeetime Hosts:** Tom & Judy George

**THERE ARE SEVERAL CHANGES IN THE LITURGY TODAY** due to the Leave-Taking of Transfiguration---see other page for them.

**FATHER ANDREW & KHOURIE BONNIE WILL BE GONE ON VACATION** Wednesday, August 16 through Thursday, August 24. Father Jacob Van Syckle from St. Theodosius Cathedral will be serving here next Sunday. In case of an emergency need for a priest while Fr. Andrew is gone, call Father Costas Keares of St. Paul Greek Orthodox Church, 440-669-1316. *A communication note from Fr. Andrew—if you try to reach me by e-mail while I'm gone, please use [fatherharmon@wowway.com](mailto:fatherharmon@wowway.com) address. Outlook address won't work except on church computer....Thanks!*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TODAY**---Please stay for coffeetime right after liturgy.

**TEEN & PARENT HOME BIBLE STUDY/LUNCH THAT WAS SCHEDULED TODAY**

**HAS HAD TO BE CANCELLED**---*You'll be notified when next one will be. There will be a short planning meeting after liturgy next Sunday, Aug. 20.*

**THE GREAT HOLY DAY OF THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS IS AUGUST 15**

**Our Schedule**---Vespers with Artoklasia, Monday, August 14, 6:30 p.m.

On the actual holy day, Tuesday, August 15---

Festal Matins, 9 a.m.; Liturgy, 10 a.m.; Potluck after to break the fast.

It is customary on this day to bring flowers & fragrant greenery and herbs to be blessed at the end of the service---so bring some if you can. You can either put them in vases or hold them during the blessing with holy water.

**SOUTH BIBLE STUDY**---6:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 15, at Dr. Craig & Cindy George's, 9451 Sherwood Trail, Brecksville. We are studying the book of Hebrews---all are welcome!

**CHANTING CLASS**---Saturday, August 19, 4 p.m.

**DEACON VESPERS**---Saturday, August 19, 5 p.m.

**MINISTRY TO THE HOMELESS**---Some of our parishioners will be delivering personal necessity bags, sandwiches, clothing, water, etc. to the homeless on the streets of Cleveland **NEXT SUNDAY, AUG. 20.**

If you can help by donating items for future deliveries, please let Josie Katzbach know, 440-668-9831, or contact Fr. Andrew. **ESPECIALLY NEEDED NOW**---**SOCKS (see big box on table in hall) AND WATER.**

**And please remember the need for cash funding**---**please put your donations in alms box in church narthex.** And a new need---we are "adopting" some folks in need of tents. Can you donate a tent?

Any size is fine. Either new or used but in good shape and ready to use...Just let Josie know.

DEACON VESPERS---Wednesday, August 23, 6:30 p.m.

SISTERHOOD MEETING--- after liturgy, Sunday, August 27

## **MONTHLY COMMUNITY LUNCH----SUNDAY, AUGUST 27**

**Hosted by Hani Saddic----thank you, Hani!**

ST. HERMAN'S MEAL SERVING—SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 is our next monthly meal serving at St. Herman Orthodox Homeless Shelter in Cleveland. If you can do the cooking or help with the serving of the meal, contact Deacon Basil to volunteer. 440-665-3591 The meal is at 5:30.

**NEED FOR COFFEETIME HOSTS----** COFFEETIME IS A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF OUR PARISH LIFE-----it is where we greet our visitors, make new friends, and see old friends. It is crucial to our parish family life. **THE COFFEETIME SIGN-UP SHEET FOR THE SECOND HALF OF 2017 IS NOW ON BULLETIN BOARD IN THE HALL (in the rear).** Please take a look at it and sign up to host for a Sunday---it's fine for 2 families to host together. Coffee and paper products are provided. *And if you are not signed up for Coffeetime but decide to bring food, please let coordinator Jean Fadil, 440-234-3064, know ahead of time so as to avoid confusion—thanks!*

**Acts 20: 35**---“remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

**A “FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS BOOK” FOR ST. MATTHEW’S IS NOW AVAILABLE IN OFFICE FOR YOU TO SEE---in the interests of parish financial transparency you are welcome to look at it to view current financial reports. Just check with any Parish Council member or Father Andrew.**

As of 8/8/2017

Total Pledged \$ 95,009.78

Total Received \$ 90,531.11

Difference \$ 4,478.67

Percent Received 95 %

## **SUNDAY EVENING TEACHING**

### **SERIES LED BY PAUL FINLEY**

**“Who Is Killing Your Faith?”**

**6 p.m., Sundays, Sept. 10, 17,**

**24, & Oct. 1**

**Here at St. Matthew’s**