

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC
SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, AFTER LITURGY
ALL ARE WELCOME---FREE OF CHARGE!
GREAT FOOD, RECREATION, & FUN
Hosted by the Brotherhood Club

THE HOLY APOSTLE TITUS

St. Titus, whose memory we celebrate today, was a Jew from Crete who became a Christian and then accompanied St. Paul on some of his missionary travels. He mainly ministered in Crete, heading up the mission parishes there. He also did some missionary work in Dalmatia (western shore area of the Adriatic Sea) and in Rome. The last years of his life were apparently spent totally on Crete, heading up the Christian churches there and continuing to bring more souls to Jesus Christ. He fell asleep in Christ peacefully on August 25, year unknown. The book of Titus in the New Testament was written by St. Paul to St. Titus on Crete.

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.

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST
ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

10383 Albion Rd, North Royalton, OH

July 23, 2023

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

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

FATHER ANDREW WILL BE IN PHOENIX FOR OUR ARCHDIOCESE CONVENTION tomorrow, July 24, through Saturday, July 29 (there will be Vespers Saturday). In case of an emergency need for a priest during his absence please contact Father Costas, Keares of St. Paul Greek Orthodox Church, 440-669-1316 And you can 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 David Glaser for the health & salvation of his godson, Steven Morgan, on his birthday; and is offered by Deacon Basil & Joanne for the health & salvation of their grandchildren, Mia & Michael, on their birthdays and in memory of their departed grandson, Elijah Vazquez; and by Daniel & Maria Simescu for the health & salvation of their friend, Valentin, and in memory of Daniel's parents, Teodor & Eugenia, and Maria's grandparents, Teodor & Ana; and by Hani & Chantelle Saddic in memory of Glenn & Lois McCann (40 days), of Hani's mother, Serrieh (6 years) and of Hani's father, Fouad (4 years).

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 Padzerski	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: Romans 15: 1-7 **EPISTLE READER:** Michael Lieberman

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 9: 27-35 **USHERS:** Larry & Gail Malaniak

HOMILY: "Bearing With Each Other----Romans 15"

ALTAR BOY TEAM 3—Josiah Blazek, captain; Gabriel Amer, Gregory Blazek, Adam Heatwole

PLEASE STAY RIGHT AFTER LITURGY FOR COFFEETIME IN THE HALL!

OUR PARISH CHESS CLUB will meet today after the liturgy. If you don't know how to play, they will teach you!

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT FOR BRINGING KIDS TO CHURCH:

"The challenges we face daily with our children are exactly what God gives us as we seek to raise our children to understand the path of salvation."

Dr Philip Mamalakis, *Parenting Toward the Kingdom* p. 13



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*

TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Email: cindygeorge127@gmail.com or cfullermorton@gmail.com
 Call or Text: (440) 220-2623

Free Will Offering Will Be Accepted

COFFETIME HOSTING---Coffeetime 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 coffeetime 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.

<p>SUNDAY SCHOOL FIELD TRIP- <i>All parishioners are welcome!</i> 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</p>	<p>TRIP TO TRANSFIGURATION MONASTERY- for ladies over 50. Oct 11, 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.</p>
<p>NEXT QUARTERLY GIANT HOMELESS MISSION--- Fri & Sat, Sep 22 & 23---Hundreds of sack lunches and hygiene bags 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 & Cathy Sage. GOD WILL BLESS YOU FOR BEING A BLESSING TO HIS NEEDY ONES!</p>	<p>PARISH WORK DAY--- will take place on the last Sunday of 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) Sondra Palivoda (216) 973-7537 if you have any questions or have tools to donate.</p>

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR ST MARY OF EGYPT IN AUGUST:

Cereals	Ketchup
Wide noodles	Mustard
Rice A Roni	Mayo
Cup of soup	Jelly
Crackers	Peanut Butter
Cake mix	
Ravioli in a can (Chef Boy R Dee)	

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

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2023
TONE 6 / FOTHINON 7; SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
& SEVENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

Hieromartyr Phocas, bishop of Sinope; Hieromartyrs Apollinaris and Vitalis, bishops of Ravenna; Martyr Apollonius of Rome; Holy Prophet Ezekiel

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.

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 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost)

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

Unto Thee, O Lord, will I cry, O my God!

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (15:1-7)

Brethren, we who are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each one of us please his neighbor for that which is good for his edification. For Christ also did not please Himself; but, as it is written: "The reproaches of those who reproached Thee fell on Me." For whatever was written beforehand was written for our learning, that we might have hope, through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures. Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be of the same mind with one another, according to Christ Jesus, that with one accord and one mouth you may glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, receive one another, even as Christ has also received you, to the glory of God.

THE GOSPEL (For the Seventh Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (9:27-35)

At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud: "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When He entered the house, the blind men came to Him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread His fame through all that district. As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to Him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons." And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity.

UPCOMING SERVICES

SATURDAY, JULY 29 --- Vespers 5pm.

SUNDAY, JULY 30—Matins, 8:50 a.m.; Liturgy, 10 a.m. The holy bread of oblation will be offered by the Patrick family for the birthdays of Danny and Camille, and in memory of Dan's father, Dan Patrick, Sr.; and by Maria Simescu for her brother Valentin.

THE FEAST OF THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS IS AUGUST 15TH. There is a two week preparatory time period---here is the schedule for the Paraklesis services during that time:

Wednesday, Aug. 2; Friday, August 4; Wednesday, Aug. 9; Friday, Aug. 11.

Also, August 1 through August 14 is a fasting period to prepare for the celebration on August 15th. It is just like the fast in Great Lent—strict Lenten fasting with wine & oil allowed on Saturdays and Sundays. On Transfiguration Day, August 6, fish is allowed.

THE FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF CHRIST happens to be on a Sunday this year, and so will be celebrated at usual Saturday Vespers/Sunday morning worship times August 5 & 6.

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, Aug 1, 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—Aug date to be announced. 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— Aug date to be announced. 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

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.com, 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 next monthly serving day is Sunday, August 20 . If you can help in any of 3 ways: serving the meal, cooking the meal, providing the food--- please see Deacon Basil after the liturgy.

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 ldpal1703@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?*