

# ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

10383 Albion Rd, North Royalton, OH

***January 7, 2024***

*Synaxis of the Holy Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John*

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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 parishioners of St. Matthew’s for the health & salvation of Abbot Father John Henry for his 71<sup>st</sup> birthday (January 10); and by the St. Matthew’s Women’s Sisterhood in memory of all their departed members (list is elsewhere in this bulletin); and is offered by the Paraskevi family and Maria Simescu for their own health & salvation and that of Electra Floasiu, Ann Marie, Ourania, & Elaine Nasser; and by Veronica Bose for the health & salvation of her husband, Colton Polycarp, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of his Baptism; and is offered by Vincent & Ginger Defilippo in thanksgiving to God on their birthdays; and by is offered by Larry & Gail Malaniak for the health & salvation of their grandchildren (Jacob, 15 on Jan. 2; Jemma, 3 on Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>)

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

Justin Mosier	Nancy Yanik	Danielle	Mary Violanti
Tony Burhen	Jerry Morriston	Veronica & child	Father John Henry
Lucy Kinkaid	Iliana Radivoj	Father Basil Caldaroni	Glenn Feuerstein
Marc Balke	James Padzerski	Charles & Judy Burhen	Val & Al
Christopher Samuel	Mary Malaniak	Constantine & Maria Kornea	Paraschiva Blaz
Peter George	Julie Dunn	Christine Simon	Elias Karam
Pauline Hanna	Ed Haddad	Adrienne Andrews	Bud Linder
Frank Popovich	Michael Francu	Deacon Macarius Tolbert	Jason Malaniak
Issa Zaboura	Faye Farris	Victoria Thorp	Dolores Kaleal
Argie Katsaros	Jean Fadil	Josephine Katzbach	Corrine George

**And for the newly departed servants of God:** Gina (fiancée of Christopher Bokjanc), Roman Legoida, Mae Joseph (Jeff Joseph’s mother), Emile Nassar

<b>EPISTLE LESSON:</b> Acts 19: 1-8	<b>EPISTLE READER:</b> Reader Anthony Harmon
<b>GOSPEL LESSON:</b> John 1: 29-34	<b>USHERS:</b> Subdeacon Fred Bourjaily & Kosta Bokjanc
<b>HOMILY:</b> “Bearing Witness to Christ”	
<b>ALTAR BOY TEAM</b> 3: Josiah Blazek, captain; Gabriel Amer, Gregory Blazek, Adam Heatwole	
<b>A BLESSING PRAYER FOR OUR 2024 PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER THE LITURGY</b>	

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

**SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES TODAY AFTER THE HOLIDAY BREAK**

For ages 3-19 Parents, please have your children attend. If they haven’t attended before, today is a great day to start!

**OUR PARISH CHESS CLUB MEETS AFTER LITURGY TODAY**

**2024 CHURCH CALENDARS**

They are in the narthex for you to pick up. A great way to keep track of holy days, Saints’ day, and fasting days (they are in pink). Our thanks to Mallchok’s Funeral Home for providing them.

**DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024**  
**SYNAXIS OF THE HOLY PROPHET, FORERUNNER & BAPTIST JOHN**

New-martyr Athanasios of Attalia; Venerable Brannock of Braunton

VERSES OF THE FIRST ANTIPHON

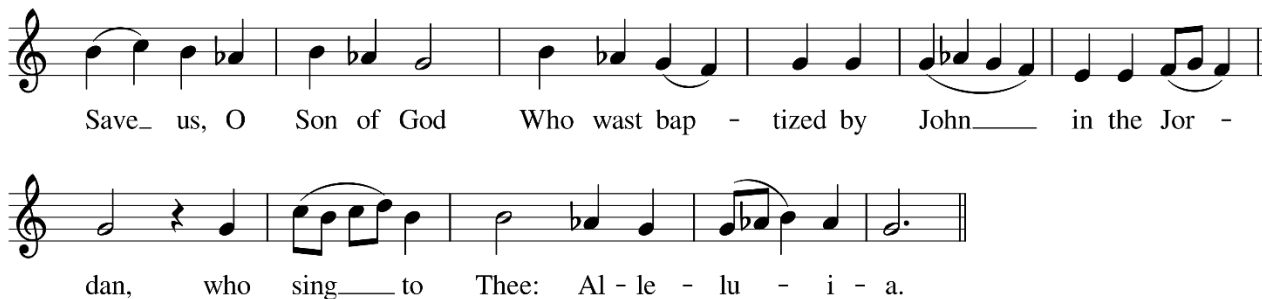
When Israel went out of Egypt, and the house of Jacob from among a barbarous people; Judah became His sanctuary; Israel His dominion.

The sea beheld and fled: Jordan turned back. What aileth thee, O sea, that thou fleddest? And thou Jordan, that thou didst turn back?

Glory... Both now...

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

I am filled with love, for the Lord will hear the voice of my supplication. For He hath inclined His ear unto me, and in my days will I call upon Him.



The pangs of death have encompassed me; the perils of hades have found me. Tribulation and sorrow have I found, and I called upon the name of the Lord. (***Refrain***)

Merciful is the Lord, and righteous; and our God hath mercy. (***Refrain***)

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

THE THIRD ANTIPHON

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever. Let the house of Israel now confess that He is good; for His mercy endureth forever. Let the house of Aaron confess that He is good; for His mercy endureth forever. Let them now who fear the Lord confess that He is good; for His mercy endureth forever. (*now sing the Apolytikion of Theophany*)

- *The Eisodikon (Entrance Hymn) is “O come, let us worship... save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead...” as on ordinary Sundays.*

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 THE THEOPHANY IN TONE ONE

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest; for the voice of the Father bore witness unto Thee, and called Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truthfulness of His word. O Christ our God, Who hast revealed Thyself and hast enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

### APOLYTIKION OF SYNAXIS OF JOHN THE BAPTIST IN TONE TWO

The memory of the just is celebrated with hymns of praise, but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for thee, O Forerunner; for thou hast proved to be truly even more venerable than the Prophets, since thou wast granted to baptize in the running waters Him Whom they proclaimed. Wherefore, having contested for the truth, thou didst rejoice to announce the good tidings even to those in Hades: that God hath appeared in the flesh, taking away the sin of the world and granting us great mercy.

### 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 THEOPHANY OF CHRIST IN TONE FOUR (\*\*The original melody\*\*)

On this day Thou hast appeared \* unto the whole world, \* and Thy light, O Sovereign Lord, \* is signed on us who sing Thy praise \* and chant with knowledge: Thou hast now come, \* Thou hast appeared, O Thou Light unapproachable.

### THE ANTI-TRISAGION HYMN (*Sung in place of "Holy God"*) (p. 81)

As many of you as have been baptized in Christ, have truly put on Christ. Alleluia. (THRICE)  
*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Have truly put on Christ. Alleluia.

Dhynamis!

As many of you as have been baptized in Christ, have truly put on Christ. Alleluia.

### THE EPISTLE (For the Synaxis)

*The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord. O God, hear my prayer.*

### **The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (19:1-8)**

In those days, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the upper country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. And he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said, "No, we have never even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They said, "Into John's baptism." And Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the One Who was to come after him, that is, Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them; and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. There were about twelve of them in all. And he entered the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, arguing and pleading about the Kingdom of God.

### THE GOSPEL (For the Synaxis)

#### **The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (1:29-34)**

At that time, John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world! This is He of Whom I said, ‘After me comes a man Who ranks before me, for He was before me.’ I myself did not know Him; but for this I came baptizing with water, that He might be revealed to Israel.” And John bore witness, “I saw the Spirit descend as a dove from heaven, and it remained on Him. I myself did not know Him; but He Who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on Whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is He Who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”

### MEGALYNARION OF THE SYNAXIS IN TONE SIX

*O my soul, magnify the ever-virgin Maid, who from the curse hath redeemed us.*

O all-spotless Bride, the wonders of thy childbirth surpass comprehension, O blessed Mother! Through thee have we found full and perfect salvation; and framing thee a fitting hymn of thanksgiving, we bring it as a gift as to a benefactor.

### KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) OF THE SYNAXIS (Psalm 111 (112))

In everlasting remembrance shall the righteous be; he shall not be afraid of evil tidings. Alleluia.

*After Communion, instead of singing “We have seen the true light”, sing the Festal Apolytikion: “When Thou, O Lord.”*

## UPCOMING SERVICES

**SAT, JAN 13-5pm Vespers**

**SUN, JAN 14- 8:50am Matins, 10am Divine Liturgy;** The Holy Bread of Oblation will be offered by Craig and Cindy George for Leigh Frank for her birthday and Saint’s Day (The chains of St. Peter).

**THE FEAST OF THE 3 HOLY HIERARCHS, Tuesday, January 30, 6:30 p.m.---***Compline service with Akathist prayers (lay-led service)*

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

**Today-** regular classes

**Jan 14-** regular classes

**Jan 21-** regular classes

**Jan 28-** choir



**THE NEXT PROJECT OF OUR ST. JOHN THE ALMSGIVER MISSION WILL BE ON THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>.** More details soon---This time, it will be the serving of hot meals—so actual food donations not needed, but donations of money are! You can start making donations now---please clearly mark for “St. John Mission)

## MEETINGS

**TEEN CLUB MEETING**---Sun, Jan 29<sup>th</sup> after liturgy

**YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY**—Sat, Jan 20, 6pm 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](mailto:samuelharmon15@gmail.com) or Colton Bose, 440-567-6101

**WEST BIBLE STUDY**--- at the church Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> (after Vespers) at 6 p.m. ....We are studying the book of Revelation. *PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A CHANGE FROM ORIGINALLY ANNOUNCED DATE*

**SOUTH BIBLE STUDY**--- Next meeting Tues, Jan 16, 6:30pm; Regularly meets at 6:30pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues of the month at Craig & Cindy George's, 9451 Sherwood Trl, Brecksville. Studying Genesis.

**WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP**— Tues, Jan 23, 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**--- On break until Jan 12. Regularly 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](mailto:oharmon15@gmail.com), [440-220-2624](tel:440-220-2624)

**KNIT/CROCHET GROUP**---Will not meet in January. Usually 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**--- today after liturgy. Meets monthly at church.

**ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN'S SISTERHOOD**--- will meet after liturgy next Sun, Jan 14

## MINISTRY NEWS

**STREET DELIVERY TO THE HOMELESS**----- Sun, Jan 21 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.

**MEAL SERVING AT ST. HERMAN ORTHODOX HOMELESS SHELTER SUNDAY, JANUARY 21 IS OUR 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.

**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 for the month of Dec.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:Erin.musarra@gmail.com).

## **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ANTIOCHIAN VILLAGE SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION**-begins Jan 7. This is a great opportunity for our children to grow in the Orthodox Faith. (Ages 8-17) Spots fill up very quickly so be sure to register early. If you have any questions contact Kendra Hunter or Gail Malaniak.

**PRISON MINISTRY INITIATIVE**-We are excited to announce the formation of a specialized team to lead this vital mission. Those who feel called to participate and make a difference are warmly invited to get in touch with Vinny DeFilippo. You can reach Vinny via email at [vdefilippo@neo.rr.com](mailto:vdefilippo@neo.rr.com) or by phone at 330-352-6678. Stay tuned for more information regarding an upcoming meeting this January where we will outline the forthcoming steps and discuss our collaborative journey ahead.

**SOME FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**- Our parish food pantry (marked cabinets in kitchen) is not at all empty, but is in strong need of some important items. Can you help? Here is what is needed...

-Pasta of all kinds (from mac n cheese to spaghetti)                      -spaghetti sauce  
- rice                      -flour                      -sugar                      -cereal                      -tuna                      -crackers

*Not really needing canned vegetables, fruit, or soup right now.* Please check expiration dates. And thanks for helping those in need!

### ***Volunteers Needed:***

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

## **GIFTS FOR JESUS OFFERING**

Since our first years of St. Matthew's history, we have had a Christmas time "Gifts For Jesus" offering. It is an opportunity to give a Christmas present to God to thank Him for His most generous gift----His Son Jesus Christ. As we give in thanksgiving to the Lord, it makes our own exchanging of gifts with family and friends more special!

Your gift will go to the parish operating fund. There will be a special offering box in the narthex/entry area at our Christmas time services. Or you can bring it in or mail it any time before January 15----St. Matthew Church,  
10383 Albion Road, North Royalton, 44133

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

# Chili COOK OFF

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

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**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 AY 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

# Deceased Sisterhood Members

Elinor Bourjaily, Past President

Evelyn Adamany

Sylvia Audey

Terry Betor

Audrey Bourjaily

Norma Buettner

Pat Crawford

Mouna Drozdowski

Joanne Esber

Amelia Fadil

Nazha Fadil

Evelyn Farage

Caroline Fish

Ardelle George

Rosealee Haddad

Jean Hakaim

Christine Huckaby

Mary Eunice Kirkwood

Ruth Meena

Eileen Orfala

Linda Piotrowski

Lila Saah

Elizabeth Sahley

Rosemary Salem

Sophie Salem

Mary Simon

Minerva Simon

Irene Tuma

## THE ZOE FOR LIFE

### DIAPER DRIVE

JANUARY/2024

The St. Matthew Sisterhood will be holding our annual

### Zoe for Life Diaper Drive

all Sunday's in January!!

Please bring a package of disposable diapers and place them in the decorated boxes which will be located in the hall.

The smaller sized diapers may be more useful, although any size will be appreciated!!

If you wish to make a monetary donation,  
it would also be much appreciated.

Please make your check out to

"Zoe for Life"

and place it in the box or give it to Georgette Dye.

**Thank you for your generosity and for helping those in great need!!**



*Please join ZOE for Life!®  
and  
St. Paul Greek Orthodox Church  
for a Prayer Service as we*

# ***Pray for the Unborn Children***



***Sunday, January 21, 2024***

***6:00 pm***

***4548 Wallings Road  
North Royalton 44133***

***Prayer Service & Presentation will also be Live  
Streamed***

***Guest Speaker Presentation Follows – 6:45 pm***

***Father Costas Keares  
St. Paul Greek Orthodox Church***

***Registration is Free, but required in order to receive a  
Zoom link. If attending via zoom, please register using  
the link or QR code below before January 14***



**[ZOE for Life!® 2024 Google Form](#)**

# 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)

January 2024				
		Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Monday	1			
Tuesday	2			
Wednesday	3			
Thursday	4			
Friday	5			
Saturday	6			
Sunday	7		Karim Party 2:30-6:00	
Monday	8			
Tuesday	9			
Wednesday	10			
Thursday	11			
Friday	12	Homeschool Enrichment 9-2		
Saturday	13			
Sunday	14			
Monday	15			
Tuesday	16			
Wednesday	17			
Thursday	18			
Friday	19	Homeschool Enrichment 9-2		
Saturday	20			
Sunday	21			
Monday	22			
Tuesday	23			
Wednesday	24			
Thursday	25			
Friday	26	Homeschool Enrichment 9-2		Hall not available
Saturday	27		Gloria Zabala-Baby shower for Veronica	12-4
Sunday	28			
Monday	29			
Tuesday	30			
Wednesday	31			

## **THE HOLY PROPHET, FORERUNNER, AND BAPTIZER JOHN**

Today, January 7<sup>th</sup>, is one of quite a few holy days on which we honor St. John the Baptist. We honor him so often because our Orthodox Tradition clearly believes him to be the most important holy human who has ever lived except for our Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Theotokos. That is why his icon is in the third place of honor (after Christ and St. Mary on iconostases), and why when Saints' intercessions are asked for at the end of worship services, he is the second Saint asked (after the Theotokos).

Today he is especially commemorated (on January 7<sup>th</sup>, the Synaxis of St. John) because this is the day after Theophany when he did the amazingly wonderful thing of baptizing God the Son, Jesus Christ, in the Jordan River.

## **THEOPHANY HOME BLESSINGS ARE STARTING TODAY----**

January 2, 2024

V. Rev. Andrew Harmon 440-539-1116 (Cell)

Good morning! Christ is born! I hope you are having a joyous 12 Days—we are now on the 9<sup>th</sup> day. I am writing about the blessing of homes this year. The most common time to do them is in between Theophany on January 6<sup>th</sup> and the start of Great Lent (March 18<sup>th</sup> this year). And they are also rather frequently done at other times of the year, although not commonly in Lent.

My usual practice has been to attempt to bless each parishioner's home before Lent---and up until about a couple of years ago, I usually came pretty close to succeeding. But last year, (and somewhat in 2021) it wasn't possible due to more homes---a wonderful problem! So some got done later in the year and, unfortunately, some didn't get done.

This year, the crunch has gotten more severe. Two reasons-----First---more homes than ever before: well over 200 homes to bless counting parishioners (including quite a few shut-ins), catechumens, frequent attenders, etc. And to really make it impossible to do it all before Lent is the fact that Khourie Bonnie and I will be in Taiwan for over 3 weeks right smack in the middle of houseblessing season (Jan. 29 through February 20) to see our son, Christopher, his wife Yun, and our new granddaughter, Xenia.

So....I am planning on using the following priorities, breaking the homes into 3 categories of priority.

First, I will start by blessing homes of the shut-ins, and people who are either new to the parish and so have never had a home blessing or who have new dwelling places not yet blessed.

Second, then I will bless homes of people whose homes were not blessed last year.

Third, then I will bless homes of people whose homes were blessed in 2023 and would like to have them blessed again this year.

I don't think I can get them all done, even though I can do some after Pascha up until whatever point in the summer my retirement goes into effect. Because the parish has grown quite a bit my pastoring work has become much busier than before, meaning that the time available for blessing homes has decreased.....but I will do all that I can.

**ALSO A NOTE CONCERNING REFRESHMENTS-----**My doctor has banned sweets for me and also discourages salty food, so please obey him! I will try to do that, too! Just coffee or water is fine! Meals are fun, of course, but time (and health!) don't allow many.....If you do wish me to have a meal with you, please let me know ahead of time---440-539-1116 [fatherharmon@outlook.com](mailto:fatherharmon@outlook.com)

Thanks be to Christ who lowered Himself to be baptized in the Jordan River for our salvation. I look forward to celebrating that with you in your home!

In Christ,

*Father Andrew*