

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

10383 Albion Rd, North Royalton, OH

January 19, 2025

Twenty-Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

**His Eminence Metropolitan SABA
Archbishop of New York and Antiochian Metropolitan of all North America**

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Saturday Vespers 5:00 PM; Confessions after Saturday Vespers or by appointment

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 Jeb & Irene Brooks for the return to health of Irene, and for the health & salvation of Kalliope & Helen; and by Jack & Lisa Palivoda for the health & salvation of their godson, Luke Harmon on his birthday; and by the Amer family for the health & salvation of Marina on her birthday; and by Craig & Cindy George for the health & salvation of Leigh Frank on her birthday and saint's day; and by Maria Simescu for the health & salvation of Dan, Zack, Emma, & Brian, and in memory of her grandparents Teodor & Ana; and by Kosta & Dijana Bokjanc for their departed relatives, especially Dijana's mother, Julijana Radivoj.

During today's liturgy we will pray for our catechumens:

Charles Bossart, Dean Alshabani, Zachary Beltz, Nizam Jawhari, Andrew Richards, Maria Sagi, Mark & Vitaliia Lazarchuk

And for the health & safety of:

Justin Mosier	Victoria Thorp	Fr. John Henry	Grant Oberlin
Lucy Kinkaid	Argie Katsaros	Metropolitan LONGIN	Jenna Bshara
Marc Balke	Theodore Bunevich	Constantine & Maria Kornea	Lori Davidson
Christopher Samuel	Donald Glaser	Tony Branson	Catherine Morton
Frank Popovich	Mary Violanti	George & Christine Simon	Sam Shaheen
Issa Zaboura	Jerry Morrision	Michael & Marilyn Francu	Alexis Borovlak
Corrine George	Danielle	Christian	Harold Tolbert, Sr.
James Padzerski	Roy	Charlotte Shaheen	Rosalinda Bacus
Josephine Katzbach	Susan Joseph	Jared Johnston	Carole George
Elias Karam	Ann Ghianni	Christine Bossart	baby Michael
Fr. Don Shadid	Julie Dunn	Anna Harmon & baby	Diana Popa
Judy Yanik	Don Ambrose	Tatiana Santiago	Marianne Feuerstein
Nancy Yanik	Judy Burhen	Tamara Derosset	Wanda Patchin
Ed Haddad	Baby Dhillion	Sharon Mack	Gina DeFilippo
Protinicia Lindsey	Samuel Harmon	Alfred & Rita Blazek	Rosemary Sahley
Jean Fadil	Azariah Harmon	Alexander N. Olhovsky	Tom Baker

And for the newly departed servants of God: Metropolitan Chrysostom (Martishkin), Eddy,

Rodica Iancu, Priest Epiphanius, Samira Hanna, Bishop Elijah of Tartu, Fr. Vyacheslav Zernov

EPISTLE READER: Reader Anthony Harmon **HOMILY:** Fr Fred: "Against Hope in Hope"

USHERS: Louise Bouhasin, Lisa Bowden & Richard Sahley

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY after communion

MEMORIAL SERVICE today for Julijana Radivoj (Dijana Bokjanc's mother)

PLEASE STAY FOR COFFEETIME TODAY AFTER LITURGY!

Hosted today by Kosta & Dijana Bokjanc in memory of Julijana Bokjanc.

CATECHISM- will meet at 1pm

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025
TONE 5 / EOTHINON 8; TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
& TWELFTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

Venerable Makarios the Great of Egypt, the Anchorite

Venerable Makarios of Alexandria; Arsenios, bishop of Kerkyra;
Venerable Mark Eugenikos, metropolitan of Ephesus, pillar of Orthodoxy

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 ST. MAKARIOS OF EGYPT IN TONE ONE

Thou didst prove to be a citizen of the desert, an angel in the flesh, and a wonderworker, O Makarios, our God-bearing Father. By fasting, vigil, and prayer thou didst obtain heavenly gifts, and thou healest the sick and the souls of them that have recourse to thee with faith. Glory to Him that hath given thee strength. Glory to Him that hath crowned thee. Glory to Him that worketh healings for all through 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 OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE

Thou Who didst sanctify the Virgin's womb by Thy birth, and didst bless Symeon's hands as was meet, by anticipation hast even now saved us, O Christ God. But grant peace in the midst of wars unto Thy commonwealth and strengthen the hierarchs whom Thou hast loved, O only Friend of man.

THE EPISTLE (For the Twenty-ninth Sunday after Pentecost)

Thou, O Lord, shalt preserve us and keep us from this generation.

Save me, O Lord, for the godly man hath disappeared.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians. (3:4-11)

Brethren, when Christ, Who is our life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these, the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another,

seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its Creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

THE GOSPEL (For the Twelfth Sunday of Luke—"Ten Lepers")

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (17:12-19)

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When He saw them He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus said, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sat, Jan 25 5pm Great Vespers

Sun, Jan 26 8:50am Orthros, 10am Divine Liturgy; The holy bread of oblation will be offered by Jeb & Irene Brooks for the return to health of Irene, and the health & salvation of Kalliope & Helen; and by the Blazek family for the health & salvation of Al on his 52nd birthday, and by the Amer family for the health & salvation of Xenia on her saint's day; and by Florentina Popa for the health & salvation of her goddaughter, Mary on her 7th birthday; and by the Andrews, Fadils, Worralls, Parkers, Hannas, Ivkovics, Campbells, and Ryans in memory of Adrienne Andrews and Elise Andrews.

Also, the memorial service will take place at the end of liturgy for Adrienne Andrews (1 year) And Elise Andrews (4 years).

6:00pm *The Akathist to Our Sweet Lord Jesus with prayers for the unborn* See flyer in this bulletin.

Sat, Feb 1 5pm Great Vespers

Sun, Feb 2 Presentation of Christ in the Temple 8:50am Orthros, 10am Divine Liturgy

Candle blessing at end of Liturgy. You can bring candles from home or purchase them at Church to be blessed. After the blessing, you can leave them to burn at Church or bring them home.

Fri, Feb 21 6:30pm Great Vespers

Sat, Feb 22 Saturday of Souls 8:50am Orthros, 10am Divine Liturgy

On this day we remember the souls of all the departed from all time. Please give Fr. Fred your list of names to be remembered.

HOUSE BLESSINGS--- run through Mar 1. To schedule use the QR code to the right or access this link from our parish website!

Should you have any trouble with the app, please contact Fr. Fred directly.



Sunday School Schedule:

January: regular classes every Sunday

February: choir followed by shortened classes every Sunday

MEETINGS

YOUNG ADULT GROUP— Saturday January 25 at 6pm at Church. Meets monthly to study the Gospel of St. Mark. Bible, fellowship, food.....For more info, contact: Subdeacon Samuel Harmon, 216-598-9230, samuelharmon15@gmail.com or Colton Bose, 440-567-6101

SOUTH BIBLE STUDY--- Tuesday, Jan 21, 6:30pm at Craig & Cindy George's, house---4414 Brookhaven Drive, North Royalton. Meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. Studying the Lenten Services of the Church---all are welcome!

WEST BIBLE STUDY---date to be announced. They meet monthly at the church after Sat Vespers. They are studying the Book of Revelation. All are welcome!

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP—Jan 21, 10:30am. They meet monthly at Tara Reidy's house (274 Elmwood Dr., Berea, OH 44017) For info, call Sandy Tolbert, [440-773-9162](tel:440-773-9162).

TODDLER TIME AND HOMESCHOOL ENRICHMENT GROUP--- Fridays at 9:30am. Contact Olivia Harmon for more information: oharmon15@gmail.com

PATHWAYS TO PEACE- Jan 27 at 7pm in the church conference room. The meetings will be held on the fourth Monday of each month. "A gathering place of Orthodox Christians who seek to live in the fullness of life as promised by Jesus Christ." Contact Deacon Basil for more information: 440-665-3591

CHESS CLUB- Jan date to be announced. If you don't know how to play, they will teach you!

CATECHISM- The class will meet every Sun at 1pm, alternating The Orthodox Faith & Scripture Track. These sessions are open to anyone, not just catechumens!

TEEN SOYO CLUB- Feb 2 after liturgy

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN'S SISTERHOOD MEETING—Sun, Feb 9 after liturgy

MINISTRY NEWS

USHERING MINISTRY--- Ushers rotate once every other month and are vital to the welcoming ministry of our Church. If you would like to be added to the rotation or have any questions about this, please let Cindy George know. cindygeorge127@gmail.com

STREET DELIVERY TO THE HOMELESS----- TODAY. One Sunday a month 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.

MEAL SERVING AT ST. HERMAN ORTHODOX HOMELESS SHELTER TODAY is our next monthly date to provide, cook, & serve a meal to the poor at St. Herman Orthodox Homeless Shelter in Cleveland. If you can help in any way, please talk with Dcn Basil, 440-665-3591 or sign up in the hall

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. We currently have 2 meal trains going for ongoing health needs:
Subdeacon Sam Harmon and family: <https://mealtrain.com/27ove7>
Reader Anthony Harmon and family: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/nw0r2e>

ST. MATTHEW'S PRISON MINISTRY--- It is possible to help with prison ministry even without ever going inside a prison. For more info, contact our local leader, Vincent Defilippo, 330-352-6678 vdefilippo@neo.rr.com

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY BREAD OBLATION SIGN-UP—*If you would like to add an oblation for next Sunday, please contact Olivia (stmattroyaltonbulletin@gmail.com 440-220-2624). For all other Sundays, 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, check with Father Fred.**

HOSTING COFFEETIME AFTER SUNDAY LITURGY- If you can bring food please sign up on the chart to the left of the counter in the hall! Questions? Contact Electra Floasiu 216-671-0743.

VACUUMING VOLUNTEERS-Sign-up sheet is in the narthex to vacuum the nave after liturgy!

FLOWER DONATIONS: If you would like to donate to the flower fund (or provide flowers) to decorate our church for one of our many feast days, contact Lisa Amer 216-415-9126 lisa.amer@att.net

A REMINDER: *Do not leave any items at the church to give away without permission from a Hall Committee Member:* **Electra Floasiu** [216-671-0743](tel:216-671-0743) **Gail Malaniak** [440-552-4586](tel:440-552-4586)

PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE- Do you have pictures or announcements you'd like to share on our public Facebook page? Contact Steve Morgan at (330) 524-0214, stevemorgx@pm.me or message the account directly.

Senior Game Night: Friday, January 31st, 6:00 PM

At the home of Craig and Cindy George. 4414 Brookhaven Drive, North Royalton

Ages 55 and older Space is limited-First come first serve!

RSVP to Gail Malaniak by January 24th. 440-552-4586

Please email stmattroyaltonbulletin@gmail.com with any information that should be posted in the bulletin or newsletter. This includes prayer list requests, Holy Bread oblations, and group announcements. The deadline to submit requests for the Sunday bulletin is noon on Friday. Additions submitted after noon Friday cannot be guaranteed to be printed in the bulletin. Thank you!

**THE ZOE FOR LIFE
DIAPER DRIVE
JANUARY/2025**

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/OR a package of baby cleaning wipes and place them in the designated spot which will be located in the hall.

Any size diapers will be appreciated, although the smaller sizes may be more useful.

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

Make your check out to

"Zoe for Life"

and give it to Georgette Dye.

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



*Please join ZOE for Life!®
and
St. Matthew the Evangelist Antiochian Orthodox
Church*

for a Prayer Service as we

Pray for the Unborn Children



Sunday, January 26, 2025

6:00 pm

10383 Albion Road

North Royalton 44133

Prayer Service & Presentation

Guest Speaker Presentation Follows – 6:45 pm

Father Andrew Harmon



Parish Council update

Here are the officers for 2025:

Dave Glaser - Chair

Kendra Hunter - Vice Chair

Lisa Palivoda - Treasurer

R. J. Cook - Assistant Treasurer

Sandy Tolbert - Secretary

Camper Fundraiser Raffle!

Throughout the month of January our campers will be selling raffle tickets for a chance to win 10 AMAZING prizes:



- A Family Fun Bundle – hours of fun and games!
- Women’s Wellness Bundle – including a House of Colour color and style analysis
- Sips, Sweets, and Such – wine tasting, couples color analysis and more
- Men’s Leisure – round of golf, car washes, whiskey, cigars!
- Bath and Body Works Bundle – soaps, lotions, and perfumes
- Japanese Ramen Bundle – all the ingredients you need to make delicious ramen at home!
- Coffee Bundle – Keurig machine, mugs, and more!
- Clean House Bundle – let someone else clean your house for a change
- Greek Food Bundle – have your dinner cooked and served by Fr. Fred and Kh. Michelle!
- Gardening Bundle – including tickets to the Cleveland Botanical gardens

The drawing will be held at the Chili Cook-off on Saturday, February 8, 2025. You can purchase your tickets directly from our campers at our table in the hall, or scan the QR code to buy them online.

Calling all Chili Chefs and Bakers!

Do you have a famous or not-so-famous Chili recipe that you are willing to make for our 2025 Chili Cookoff for Campers?! Or a scrumptious baked good we can add to our bake sale? Please see Kendra Hunter in the hall after church to SIGN UP to bring a chili and/or a baked good. Don't let the competition intimidate you... it's all in fun! The Golden Ladle goes to the chili in each category that receives the most money in their bucket during our event on February 8, so bring your friends AND your cash! It's all for the worthy cause of helping to send our parish's 15 campers to Antiochian Village this summer! Thank you for your support - May God bless our efforts!

Who will win this year's Golden Ladle???

⚡ SAVE THE DATE! ⚡
4th annual

CHILI COOK-OFF FOR CAMPERS!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2025

6:00-8:00 PM

Bake Sale
& Raffle!

FREE-WILL
admission!
Vote with
Cash!

Invite
Friends &
Family!



All proceeds
benefit our
15
Antiochian
Village
Campers!

Chili Chef and Bake Sale Sign-Ups coming soon...
Contact Kendra Hunter or Lisa Amer with Questions

IT TAKES A VILLAGE...

Adopt a Camper

Here's how:

- CHOOSE A CAMPER YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR. (SEE KENDRA HUNTER OR FR. FRED 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 1, 2025.

Cost:

- TUITION IS \$1,150 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!

2025 Campers

Updated 1/8/25

1. Xenia Amer
2. Marina Amer
3. Julie Amer
4. Gabriel Amer
5. Ana Blazek
6. Xavier Blazek (CIT hopeful)
7. Miles Hunter
8. Cosby Hunter
9. Isaac Kash
10. Christos Simmons
11. Brooke Musarra
12. Gia Musarra
13. Nawal Alsafi
14. Eirene Shaheen
15. Harry Shaheen

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• CAMPER'S NAME: _____

• AMOUNT: _____

• SPONSOR'S NAME: _____

• DO YOU WISH TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS? _____

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.

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Sunday	19			
Monday	20			
Tuesday	21			
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Friday	24	Homeschool Enrichment 9-noon		
Saturday	25			
Sunday	26			
Monday	27			
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Friday	31	Homeschool Enrichment 9-noon		
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	7	Homeschool Enrichment 9-noon		Set up for chili cook off 4-8
	8		Hall not available	Chili cook-off 5-9
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	14	Homeschool Enrichment 9-noon		
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St Matthew Church can now accept donations online:

<https://giving.servantkeeper.com/stmatthewchurch>

or use the QR code to the right



Saint Matthew now has a YouTube channel! Please subscribe to stay on top of our videos

<https://m.youtube.com/@saintmattheworthodoxchurch>

Additionally, you can subscribe to Fr. Fred's own YouTube channel, *A Light to the*

Nations <https://tinyurl.com/ALight2> and his podcast is available to listen to on multiple

platforms <https://tinyurl.com/ALightpodcast>