

ST. DAVID THE HERMIT

St. David the Hermit, whose memory we celebrate today, was from Thessalonica, Greece. He became a hermit and lived alone. He was a man of intense prayer and fasting. God granted him the gifts of prophetic insight and miraculous healing. Even though a hermit the crowds, of course, found him and came to him for help. Even the Emperor came to visit him. St. David fell asleep in Christ on June 26, 540 A.D.

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

10383 Albion Rd, North Royalton, OH

June 26, 2022

Second Sunday After Pentecost

His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH
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

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Saturday Vespers 5:00 PM

Saturday Confessions 5:30 PM

Sunday Confessions 9:45 AM

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 Blazek family for the health & salvation of Susan Julianna on her 50th birthday; and is offered by the Musarra family for the health and salvation of Gianna on her Saints Day (St. Joanna); and is offered by Youssef & Nellie Rizk for the health & salvation of their granddaughter, Cecelia, on her 3rd birthday; and is offered by Jeff & Susan Joseph for the health and salvation of their grandchildren Lucas, Layla, & Abel and Susan's uncle Gordon Churchill, and in beloved memory of Abraham & Mabel Issa; and is offered by Sandy Tolbert for the health & salvation of her husband, Deacon Macarius, on his birthday (June 28).

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

Josephine Katzbach	Phyllis Simmons	Mary Malaniak
Justin Mosier	Nancy Yanik	David Ries
Tony Burhen	Dolores Kaleal	Athiodoros Vrettakos
Lucy Kinkaid	William	Bob Andrews
Marc Balke	Donna Teaman	Teresa Kolasz
Christopher Samuel	Jerry Morrison	Rick Walters
Peter George	Iliana Radivoj	Clay Frodge
Pauline Hanna	Lena Batina	Oldemar Chincilla
Frank Popovich	Danielle	Rowan Musarra
Issa Zabora	Ruth Zheltov	Cosby Hunter
Argie Katsaros	James Padzerski	Stephanie Speck
Archdeacon Joseph Harb	Ron Hakaim	Rose Almalas
Joseph Watson	James Schwind	Gino
Jean Caldaroni	Norman Fadil	Charles & Judy Burhen
Paraschiva Blaz	Photia Boukis	

And for the newly departed servants of God: Katherine, Juan Vazquez (Deacon Basil's step-father), Maddy Salveter, Father Stephanos Farahat, Terry Provost, Jeremy Burnside (friend of Michael Palmer), Steve Moses (friend of Colton Bose), Ron Teaman, Michelle Matthews, Jean Harmon (Fr. Andrew's aunt)

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 2: 10-16 **GOSPEL LESSON:** Matthew 4: 18-23

EPISTLE READER: Reader Anthony Harmon **USHERS:** Theresa Popovich & Kosta Bokjanc

HOMILY: "The Beatitudes, Part 1: Blessed are the Poor in Heart"

CATECHUMEN BLESSING TODAY---Lena McCoy will receive the blessing to become a Catechumen and begin preparation to enter the Holy Orthodox Church by Holy Baptism.

CAMPER BLESSING--- Miles Hunter will be a camper at Antiochian Village Camp's second session; Justin Nassif will be going to California to be a counselor at St. Nicholas Camp. They will be prayed for at the end of today's liturgy.

CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL MEDAL AWARDS will be presented today at the end of the liturgy to our two winners in the diocese contests: Sebastian Blazek (1st place in poetry for 6th grade) and Gregory Blazek (2nd place in photography for 7th grade). Congratulations!

PLEASE STAY FOR COFFEETIME RIGHT AFTER LITURGY TODAY

YOU'RE INVITED!

It's almost summer so you know what that means: Time for the 3rd Annual St. Matthew Open House at the Blazeks' house!

We'll celebrate on Monday, July 4th starting at noon and going on into the evening. This year we have a few things to celebrate along with a general get together: Xavier turning 15, Susan turning 50, Caleb graduating from high school and Paul graduating from Baldwin-Wallace.

Like in previous years, we'll have hot dogs, hamburgers, s'mores and just general fun. For the kids, our house has a swing set, a trampoline, chickens and a very nice park at the end of the street with a bigger playground, woods to explore and basketball hoops.

If you can, bring something to share - we had a great variety of food and drink last year that made a good event great. But if you can't please just BRING YOURSELF because you being there is the most important thing.

It's an Open House so come when you want, stay as little or as long as you want, leave when you want. There's plenty of on-street parking and a Meijer a 2 minute drive (really) so we can get anything you need.

PLEASE RSVP to Al Blazek on Telegram, via text or a phone call (440-799-2487) or by email

(al.blazek@gmail.com). Bring a friend, bring family, everyone's invited. Hope to see you there!

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFETIME HOSTS NEEDED—sign up in the hall by the bulletin board!

HOLY BREAD OBLATIONS SIGN-UP for 2022 is in the hall to the right of the sink area. Please sign up for what Sundays you wish to offer an oblation.

VACUUMING VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEET is on a little table in the narthex.

What volunteers do is, either after Sun liturgy or later Sun or Mon, is vacuum the church-----nave & narthex entry area. Also, they clean up any stray bulletins or other papers left behind. It is fine for two people to do it together (we have enough vacuum cleaners). They do not do any cleaning in the hall, kitchen, rooms, etc. Please consider signing up to do it one week.

SEEKING WORK— Michael Palmer is seeking work. He has 15 years experience in customer service, most recently as a health screener at Cleveland Clinic. He is seeking a job of 20-25 hours per week in Berea/Middleburg Heights area. If you know of anything, please call him---216-212-7436.

DOG SITTER NEEDED-Someone is looking for a dog sitter for a well behaved 70 pound Doberman, while its owner is on vacation in Romania. The dates for watching the dog are from July 15th to the end of August, 2022. The owner will provide the dog's food and toys, and a daily fee for watching the dog (negotiable). Please let Electra know if you are interested in watching this dog, and she will put you in touch with the owner. Electra Floasiu 216-671-0743 electra.floasiu@yahoo.com

ST. MATTHEW'S CHESS CLUB BEGINNING The first meeting of our parish chess club will be after liturgy TODAY! If you are an experienced player or have never played---please come! At this first meeting---basic info, discussion of scheduling, and some playing. No RSVP needed, but for more details, call Michael Palmer, 216-212-7436.

ZOE for Life® needs your help!---If you have a background in Accounting and have a few hours a month to help with some basic Financial Statements, please contact Karen Contoveros, cell ph. 440-759-6215. Please consider sharing your time and talent with this essential ministry. Thank you.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REQUEST FOR SEPTEMBER--- We need a teacher assistant for the elementary class, grades 1-3. If you are interested, please let Father Andrew or Gail Malaniak know.

THE ST. HERMAN HOUSE ON-LINE AUCTION IS UNDERWAY!---It will end Monday, June 27 at 5:30pm, and is open to everyone. Many exciting items including a Lake Erie boat ride, restaurants, wine and desserts, golf foursomes, museum passes, and much more. To view the auction items and place a bid, please visit:
<https://32auctions.com/StHermansGolfClassic2022>

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2022 TONE 1 / EOTHINON 2; SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & SECOND SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

Venerable David of Thessalonica; John, bishop of the Goths in Crimea

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE ONE (p. 11)

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

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

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 Second Sunday after Pentecost)

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (2:10-16)

Brethren, glory and honor and peace to everyone who does good, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek; for there is no respect of persons with God. For as many as have sinned without the Law will also perish without the Law; and as many as have sinned under the Law will be judged by the Law (for it is not the hearers of the Law who are just before God but the doers of the Law are justified. For when the nations who do not have the Law do by nature the things contained in the Law, these then, in spite of not having the Law, are a law to themselves, in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, and their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them) in the day when God judges the secrets of persons, according to my gospel, through Jesus Christ.

THE GOSPEL

(For Second Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (4:18-23)

At that time, as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. And going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and He called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. And He went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the Kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

FASTING & FEASTING

The Apostles' Fast is now underway and runs through Tuesday, June 28, the day before Saints Peter & Paul Day (although Ss. Peter & Paul Day is actually a fast day too this year, falling on a Wednesday) It is a Lenten-type fast that we keep as a way of venerating the Holy Apostles and as preparation for the Saints Peter & Paul Day on June 29th.

UPCOMING SERVICES

SAINTS PETER & PAUL DAY IS JUNE 29---Our schedule:

Tuesday, June 28---Vespers with Artoklasia, 6:30

Wednesday, June 29---Matins, 9 a.m.; Liturgy, 10 a.m.; Potluck lunch right after liturgy. (Lenten food, please).

AKATHIST SERVICE FOR ST. JOHN OF SAN FRANCISCO---Friday, July 1, 6:30 p.m.

SAT, JULY 2---Vespers, 5pm

SUN, JULY 3---Matins, 8:50 am, Divine Liturgy, 10am; The Holy Bread of Oblation will be offered by Florentina Popa for the birthday of her daughter, Diana Andrea; and by Daniel & Maria Simescu for the birthday of their daughter-in-law, Zita; and by the Blazek family in memory of Andy Sopko III. Also, the Wedding Crown Removal prayers will be done for Nichola & Rose Almalas; and Catechumen Victoria Shaker will enter the Orthodox Faith by Holy Chrismation.

MEETINGS

PATHWAYS TO PEACE--- Mondays 7:15 p.m., at church & by Zoom. "A gathering place for those who are broken from hurts, hangups, or habits. Join us as we renew our minds and encourage each other through the love of Christ." Call Dcn Basil, 440-665-3591, for zoom info. See flier in this bulletin.

SOUTH BIBLE STUDY--- Tues, July 5 at 6:30pm at Craig & Cindy George's, 9451 Sherwood Trl, Brecksville. Regularly meets the 1st & 3rd Tues of the month. The topic is the book of Ephesians.

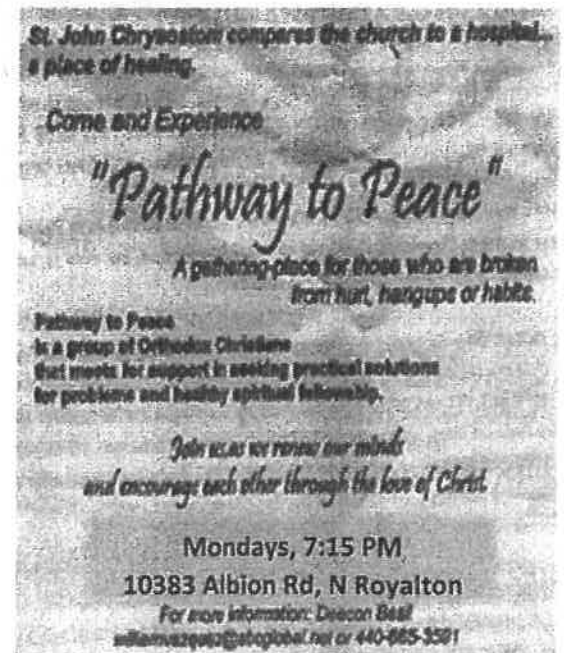
WEST BIBLE STUDY--- June meeting already held, July date to be announced, will be some Sat at 6pm (after 5pm Vespers). Studying I Corinthians.

NORTH BIBLE STUDY--- June meeting already held, July date to be announced, meets at the Parkers' house, 1350 Elmwood Court Rocky River. Continuing with the book of Isaiah.

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP--- June meeting already held, July date to be announced, 1pm, at Tara Reidy's 274 Elmwood, Berea; For more info, call Sandy Tolbert, 440-773-9162.

TEEN GROUP--- July activity to be announced

HOMESCHOOL GROUP---not meeting in the summer, but will resume in August.



MINISTRY NEWS

MEAL SERVING AT ST. HERMAN ORTHODOX HOMELESS SHELTER--- We usually do a meal there on the third Sunday of each month, but another group has specifically requested to serve the meal that Sunday in July, so we will have "a month off". We will resume the normal schedule on Sun, Aug 21.

OUR PARISH'S MINISTRY OF DELIVERY OF FOOD, CLOTHING, ETC. TO THE HOMELESS ON THE STREETS OF CLEVELAND July delivery date to be announced. The alms box to help fund the lunches is near main hall entry door.

FOOD PANTRY--- As of right now, the pantry is well-stocked.... BUT WE ARE AGAIN IN NEED OF GROCERY GIFT CARDS....YOU CAN EITHER BRING OR MAIL TO THE CHURCH.

OCLife ST. MATTHEW CHURCH---Attention: To those who feel God is leading you to do more for life issues, such as the protection of unborn babies in the womb, defending sexual purity for our teens and adults, advocating for the elderly in nursing homes and all issues having to do with living a life pleasing to God: We have a new group at St. Matthew's called OCLife St. Matthew Church. This group is officially affiliated with the national group OCLife, a "non-profit organization dedicated to equipping the Orthodox Christian community to strengthen its commitment to the sacredness of human life from conception to death, illuminating the Church's teaching on life issues through education and engagement." If you wish to get involved in this new ministry, please contact Lisa Palivoda at LDPAL1703@outlook.com or Cindy George at cindyvgeorge127@gmail.com.