

The St. Matthew Antiochian Women's Membership Drive 2023

Dear Ladies of St. Matthew.....

The Antiochian Women will be holding their annual Membership Drive for 2023 in September. *You can mail your \$3.00 dues donation to church or give it to Electra Floasiu, Georgette Dye or Camille Patrick anytime you see them at church.* You will then be added to the roster and receive emails on all the Women's activities which we hope you will all participate in!! *Make sure we have your email address and phone number, too!!*

Also, we will have a Coffee Hour to "wrap-up" the Membership Drive and to express our thanks on Sunday, September 25th!!

2022 Blessed us with 44 members, but Ladies...there are still more of you out there and we have plenty of room for you!! *We would LOVE for you to join us!!* Please give it some thought...Your bright new faces and ideas are most welcome!!!

Checks should be made out to: St. Matthew Sisterhood.

(Because our new name hasn't been put on our bank account just yet!!)

Please send your dues donation to: St. Matthew Orthodox Church
10383 Albion Road —OR— P.O.Box 33183
North Royalton, OH. 44133 North Royalton, OH. 44133

ATTEN: SISTERHOOD MEMBERSHIP

We are so looking forward to a successful Membership Drive!! Sincerely,
The Antiochian Women Membership Team, Electra Floasiu, Membership Chairman
Georgette Dye, President Camille Patrick, Treasurer

The Eastern Orthodox Women's Guild Membership Drive

Dear Ladies of St. Matthew,

September is the EOWG's annual Membership Drive for the New Church Year. EOWG is a Pan-Orthodox organization that joins women together from the Greater Cleveland area Orthodox Churches not only to socialize but also foster fellowship, propagation of our Faith and present a United Orthodox front when called upon.

Members who joined in previous years should receive their renewal reminder in the mail. For women who would like to join as a new member or those who want more information, please see Gloria Zabala.

SAINT OF THE DAY: ST. MOSES THE BLACK

St. Moses the Black, whom we commemorate today, was from Ethiopia in the 300's A.D. He was a huge, strong man and a very wicked person who for years was a ferocious highway robber in Egypt. One night he and his robber band attacked a monastery to pillage it. He got into a conversation with a holy monk---this conversation led to his repentance of his evil ways and a full conversion to Christ. He became a monk of great holiness, kindness, and humility. Years later, he became abbot of a monastery. The monks there warned that a fierce group of Bedouins were about to attack the monastery to rob it and possibly murder the monks. He urged his monks to flee but said he would stay. He believed that because he had previously lived by the sword, it would be fitting for him to die by the sword. He and those who stayed with him were all slaughtered by the raiders. His death took place on Aug 28, late in the 300's A.D.

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

10383 Albion Rd, North Royalton, OH

August 28, 2022

Righteous Father Moses of Ethiopia

His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH
Archbishop of New York and Antiochian Metropolitan of New York

His Grace Bishop ANTHONY
Auxiliary Bishop of the Antiochian Diocese of Toledo

V. Rev. Father Andrew Harmon
Rev. Deacon Macarius Tolbert • Rev. Deacon Macarius
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Saturday Vespers 5:00 PM

Saturday Confessions 5:30 PM

Sunday Confessions during Matins

Sunday Matins

Divine Liturgy

Sunday School

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 Daniel & Maria Simescu for the health & salvation of their grandchildren, Brian, Zack, & Emma; and is offered by the Tolbert family for the health & salvation of Sandy & Greg on their birthdays and for the health & salvation of all in the Tolbert & Rahall families and the members of St. Matthew Church; and is offered by the Blazeks in thanksgiving to God on the 7th anniversary of their baptisms into the Orthodox Church; and is offered by Cole & Danielle Gest for the health & salvation of their son, Tytus, on his Saint Day (St. Titus).

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

Josephine Katzbach	Joseph Watson	Ruth Zheltov
Justin Mosier	Jean Caldaroni	James Padzerski
Tony Burhen	Paraschiva Blaz	Ron Hakaim
Lucy Kinkaid	Phyllis Simmons	Norman Fadil
Marc Balke	Nancy Yanik	Mary Malaniak
Christopher Samuel	Dolores Kaleal	Bob & Adrienne Andrews
Peter George	William	Charles & Judy Burhen
Pauline Hanna	Donna Teaman	Laura Bourjaily
Frank Popovich	Jerry Morrison	Joe Cacci Carne
Issa Zaboura	Iliana Radivoj	Constantine & Maria Kornea
Argie Katsaros	Lena Batina	Lydia Aramouni
Archdeacon Joseph Harb	Danielle	

And for the newly departed servants of God: Luis Sandoval, Ralph Parker

EPISTLE LESSON: I Corinthians 9: 2-12 **GOSPEL LESSON:** Matthew 18: 23-35
EPISTLE READER: Reader Anthony Harmon **USHERS:** Kosta Bokjanc & Theresa Popovich
HOMILY: "The Beatitudes, Part 8: Blessed Are Those Who Are Persecuted For Righteousness'
 Sake---Matthew 5:10"

THE 40-CHURCHING for Lindsey Katsaros and her son Peter Constantine will take place at the end of the liturgy.

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC RIGHT AFTER LITURGY TODAY

*ALL ARE INVITED---FREE OF CHARGE! HOSTED BY THE BROTHERHOOD
 FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, FUN, GAMES---LOTS FOR THE KIDS!
 PLEASE STAY AND ENJOY!*

PHOTOS FOR PARISH DIRECTORY—will be taken today after liturgy. The photos will be used in our online directory, and therefore can be updated as needed. The directory can be downloaded or printed out. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this effort! After liturgy, please come to the library with your family members to have your photo taken.

**OUR SCHEDULE FOR THE HOLY DAY: THE BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST---
 TODAY**—Vespers with Artoklasia, 3 p.m. (early so as to coordinate with picnic ending...)
TOMORROW—Matin, 9 a.m.; Liturgy, 10 a.m. *No potluck lunch because tomorrow is an especially strict one-day fast.*

SEEKING WORK— Michael Palmer is seeking work. He has 15 year service, most recently as a health screener at Cleveland Clinic. He is se week in Berea/Middleburg Heights area. If you know of anything, pleas
POSSIBILITY OF YOUNG ADULT ACTIVITIES— We now have 1 parish. We have had some good young adult activities in the past but not interested in participating in or leading some activities, please let Father



Theotokos of Vladimir

**EASTERN ORTHODOX WORSHIP
 OF GREATER CLEVELAND
 Unity Through Participation**

*"Make new friends but keep
 the old. One is silver, the other is gold."*

**Saturday, September 10, 2011
 10:00 A.M.**

**St. Matthew the Evangelist
 10383 Albion Road
 North Royalton, OH 44130**

**BLESSINGS FOR THE NEW CHURCH YEAR
 60th anniversary year**

- Installation of Officers with Father John Zdirac
- Welcome to new members and visitors
- Fellowship and refreshments
- 60th Anniversary Update
- IOCC School Bag Service Project



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 cindygeorge127@gmail.com.

SEPTEMBER MISSION TO THE HOMELESS---We will have our 4th large-scale one-day parish mission to the homeless on Sat, Sept 3. It will involve the distribution of hundreds of sack lunches, clothes, and Bibles. Obviously, much help is needed!

VOLUNTEERS---To assemble sack lunches in church kitchen at 9 a.m., Sat., Sept. 3

---or to help deliver and distribute on streets and at shelters

---to help with sorting of clothes in days leading up to Sat

---to help with purchasing and pick-up of food ahead of time.

DONORS---of items needed for the lunches (bread, bologna, cheese slices, lettuce, water, bananas, chips, sandwich baggies, brown paper bags, little packets of mustard and mayo

---hygiene products ---clothing in bags ---Bibles

MONEY FOR FOOD---please contribute through St. Matthew's treasury.

A FEW OTHER WAYS TO HELP---There is no room for clothes storage at the church, so can you store some somewhere before distribution day?

---someone to give haircuts

---One or two people with van or truck with trailer for transporting lunches, etc./ and for a place to give haircuts.

TO DONATE FOOD, ETC/ TO VOLUNTEER/ TO GET MORE INFO--- contact Jon Scordos, 216-618-8007, joninchrist888@gmail.com

IMPORTANT!!!!!!.....IF YOU CAN HELP WORK ON THIS MISSION, PLEASE VOLUNTEER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO AS TO HELP WITH PLANNING!!!!

God bless those who help the poor as the poor are very dear to Him!

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEETIME HOSTING---Coffeetime after Sunday liturgy is a hugely important part of our parish life! We rely on parishioners to volunteer to take a turn to host. The sign-up sheet is on the wall on the north side of the hall. Lots of empty spots in the weeks ahead! It does not need to be a meal! Just light refreshments is fine. You can either sign up by yourself, or together with some one else, or as part of one of our coffeetime host groups. If you have questions, you can either speak to, or call, coffeetime coordinator, Electra Floasiu---216-671-0743

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.

CHURCH VACUUMING--- We do not hire cleaning for the nave (the temple) part of the building, so we need to have a volunteer or volunteers who can sign up for a Sunday to vacuum either after Sunday liturgy or early in the week. There is a sign up sheet on a little table in the narthex/entryway. There are lots of openings coming up! For details, you can contact Subdeacon Fred Bourjaily, 216-219-4656.

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, AU TONE 2 / EOTHINON 11; ELEVENTH SUNDAY AF & ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF MATTH

Righteous Father Moses of Ethiopia

Martyrs Diomedes, Damon and Laurence; Martyr Susa

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE 1

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless an didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst rais earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. MOSES THE ETHIOPIAN I

Thou didst prove to be a citizen of the desert, an angel in the flesh, an our God-bearing Father. By fasting, vigil, and prayer thou didst obt healest the sick and the souls of them that have recourse to thee w hath given thee strength. Glory to Him that hath crowned thee. healings for all through thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST IN

With zeal you followed Christ the Master, Who in His goodness ap called you from the custom house, revealing you to be a chosen ap the Gospel to the whole world! Therefore, divinely eloquent Matth memory. Entreat the merciful God, that He may grant us remission c

KONTAKION OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKC

Joachim and Anna were freed from the reproach of childlessness, a corruption of death, O immaculate one, by thy holy Nativity, which the guilt of offenses, celebrate by crying to thee: The barren woman g the nourisher of our life.

THE EPISTLE (For the Eleventh Sunday after Pe

The Lord is my strength and my song. The Lord has chaste

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Cor

Brethren, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? D accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lc Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not tl written in the Law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is tre oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake?"

because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the Gospel of Christ.

THE GOSPEL (For the Eleventh Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (18:23-35)

The Lord spoke this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also My heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

UPCOMING SERVICES

SAT, SEPT 3---*Vespers, 5pm*

SUN, SEPT 4---*Matins, 8:50 am, Divine Liturgy, 10am*; The Holy Bread of Oblation will be offered by the Marantides family for Harry's birthday; and by the Roach family for Emmelia's birthday; and by David Glaser for Rudylin's birthday; and by Daniel & Maria Simescu for Maria's birthday, for health & salvation of their family, and in memory of Maria's brother, Cristian.

Sunday School 2022/23 Important dates:

September 11- Open house/Visit classrooms/Meet the teachers

September 18- Classes begin

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

SPECIAL TEACHING EVENING---SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 6 P.M.

What does our Orthodox Faith teach concerning the currently very controversial topic of abortion? A teaching evening to explain it all will be led by Paul Finley, the director of St. Herman FOCUS Orthodox Homeless Shelter in Cleveland. Teaching, discussion, refreshments, fellowship....please come and invite your friends.

PLEASE MARK THE WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 30 ON YOUR CALENDARS-----Bishop ANTHONY will be visiting our parish that weekend.

MEETINGS

PATHWAYS TO PEACE---Mondays at 7:15pm at church & by Zoom 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, Sept 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--- Sat, Sept 24, 6pm (meets at church one Sat a month after 5pm Vespers) Studying I Corinthians.

NORTH BIBLE STUDY--- Sept date to be announced. Meets monthly at the Elle Parkers' house, 1350 Elmwood Court Rocky River. Continuing with the book of Isaiah.

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP--- Fri, Sept 23, 1pm. Meets monthly at Tara Reidy's 274 Elmwood, Berea; For more info, call Sandy Tolbert, 440-773-9162.

HOMESCHOOL GROUP---Sept 9th at 9am, meeting in the morning on the 2nd and 4th Friday of every month at the church.

TEEN GROUP---- Sept activity to be announced

MINISTRY NEWS

MARTHA MINISTRIES---"Whatsoever you do..."

We are seeking parishioners who like to cook or would be willing to do time of need. Families with brand new babies, parishioners who are rec those grieving a loss.... Everyone could use a little help sometimes. Mar our brothers and sisters by preparing and delivering meals in difficult tim delivering a freezer meal? Do you have other ideas for how we can conct family? Please see/email/call Erin Musarra at 440-799-0838 or Erin.musa

MEAL SERVING AT ST. HERMAN ORTHODOX HOMELESS SE

September 19 is our monthly day to serve the evening meal to the poor at Pantry in Cleveland. Our usual coordinator, Deacon Basil, has to be out c coordinate? Please contact Deacon Basil Vazquez at 440-665-3591.

SACK LUNCH DELIVERY TO THE HOMELESS--- After liturgy St 19....parishioners delivering food, clothing, etc. to homeless in downtow help fund the lunches is near main hall entry doors.

FOOD PANTRY--- As of right now, the pantry is well-stocked.... **BUT OF GROCERY GIFT CARDS....YOU CAN EITHER BRING OR MAIL**

OCLife ST. MATTHEW CHURCH---**Attention:** To those who feel Go life issues, such as the protection of unborn babies in the womb, defendin

