

**ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST  
ANTIOCHIAN  
ORTHODOX CHURCH  
APRIL, 2023, NEWSLETTER  
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**SATURDAY VESPERS—5 p.m.  
SUNDAY MATINS—8:50 a.m. SUNDAY LITURGY—10 a.m.  
CONFESSION—after Vespers and during Sunday Matins & by  
appointment.**

**REMAINING LENTEN SERVICES**

**GREAT COMPLINE—6:30, MONDAY, APRIL 3**

**PRE-SANCTIFIED LITURGY—6:30, MONDAY, APRIL 5 Potluck meal afterwards**

**BRIGHT WEEK SERVICE----**

**BRIGHT WEDNESDAY VESPERS—6:30, APRIL 19 Potluck meal afterwards**

**SEE FULL HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE ON NEXT PAGE**

**And....Bright Wednesday Vespers, April 19<sup>th</sup>** Service at 6, followed by potluck  
Dinner. *Continuing to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord!*

**PASCHA PARISH POTLUCK FEAST ----**

After the Midnite Pascha Service. Please stay after the liturgy for the  
Potluck of Potlucks as we break the Lenten Fast and celebrate the  
Resurrection of Jesus Christ! If you can help that night, please contact our  
Feast Committee: Susan Blazek, Electra Floasiu, Tony Latina, and Sondra  
Palivoda. Or just let Fr. Andrew know.

**GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR WONDERFUL GENEROSITY TO THE VICTIMS OF  
THE TURKEY/SYRIA EARTHQUAKE---**

You contributed \$5165 in our weekly special offerings; and \$1328 through the lunch  
served by our Women's Society----a beautiful thing! May God help the people of Turkey  
and Syria!

**OUR 2023 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

- FRIDAY, APRIL 7**----Little Compline with Canon of Raising of St. Lazarus, 6:30 p.m.
- LAZARUS SATURDAY, APRIL 8**----Matins, 9 a.m.; Liturgy, 10 a.m.; Potluck Brunch, 11:30 a.m.. GRAVE BLESSINGS start at noon. Vespers, 6 p.m.---note later time than usual (due to grave blessings)
- PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 9**---Matins, 8:50 a.m.; Liturgy with Palm Procession, 10 a.m.; FIRST BRIDEGROOM SERVICE, 6:30 p.m.
- HOLY MONDAY, APRIL 10**---Second Bridegroom Service, 7:30 p.m.
- HOLY TUESDAY, APRIL 11**---Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, 10 a.m.; Third Bridegroom Service, 6:30 p.m.
- HOLY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 6:30 P.M.**--- Unction Healing Service
- HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 13**----Matins, 8:30 a.m.; Liturgy, 10 a.m.; Potluck brunch after liturgy. SERVICE OF THE 12 PASSION GOSPEL READINGS, 6:30 p.m.
- GREAT & HOLY FRIDAY, APRIL 14**----
- ROYAL HOURS, 7 A.M., 9 A.M., NOON, 3 p.m.
- GREAT VESPERS (Taking Down From Cross), 4 p.m.
- LAMENTATION MATINS, 7 p.m.
- GREAT & HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 15**----HARROWING OF HELL LITURGY, 10 a.m.
- GREAT & HOLY PASCHA, APRIL 16**----RUSH, OUTDOOR PROCESSION, MATINS, LITURGY SERVICE----10:30 p.m. (Saturday night) With blessing of Pascha baskets
- Parish Pascha Feast, approximately 1:15 a.m.
- AGAPE VESPERS, noon, on Pascha Day

*Diocese of Toledo & the Midwest  
Parish Life  
Conference 2023*

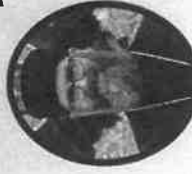
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Speaker:

Fr. Jeremy Davis



Teen  
Speaker:

Mother Gabriella



Young Adult  
Speaker:

Fr. Joseph  
Honeycutt



Women's  
Speakers:

Cynthia Pamaskos  
Molly Sabourin

**NEW PARISHIONERS IN MARCH**

**STEVEN MORGAN**

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[Ornella---Ornella\\_1010@hotmail.com](mailto:Ornella---Ornella_1010@hotmail.com)

*Please welcome them to our parish and add them to your directory.*

**NEW CATECHUMEN**—Tammy DeRossett received the blessing to become a Catechumen at our March 5<sup>th</sup> liturgy.

**OUR CURRENT CATECHUMENS**----We pray for them at each liturgy. Please pray for them during the week as they prepare to enter the Orthodox Faith by either Baptism or Chrismation.

Will Parker  
Mariya Butt  
Victoria Rodgers

Jamie & Lucas Domonokos  
Leigh Frank  
Tammy DeRossett

Mikaela Cihon

**HOLY CHRISMATION**---Congratulations to Catechumen Steven Morgan who entered the Orthodox Faith through Chrismation on March 26

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Cole & Danyelle Gest on the birth of their new son, Maximos.

**SOME HOLY WEEK/PASCHA ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**IF ENOUGH ALTARS BOYS ARE AVAILABLE** for the Holy Thursday April 13<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. liturgy, we will have the **foot-washing** ceremony. If you can be present, let Fr. Andrew or a deacon or subdeacon know.

**TOMB DECORATING AND EGG DYING** will take place during the day in between services on Holy Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.

**BLESSING OF PASCHA BASKETS** will be at end of our midnight Pascha service. It is traditional to include in the baskets food that you fasted from in Lent. There will be tables in church for to put your basket on.

**CAN YOU READ IN A FOREIGN LANGUAGE?** At Agape Vespers, noon on Pascha Day, the gospel is read by lay people in various languages. Let Fr. Andrew know....first come, first served on who reads which language

**LAZARUS SATURDAY GRAVE BLESSINGS, April 8**---about noon following liturgy and lunch. On this day, Father Andrew will bless graves at Brooklyn Hts. and St. Theodosius Cemeteries. Other cemeteries will be done on later dates. Let him know what graves to bless....

**ANNUAL CHILDREN EGG'S HUNT**---after liturgy on St. Thomas Sunday, April 23. The teens are heading it up. Can you help? Please bring in candy or money for candy. Especially needed---those little empty plastic eggs!

**LENTEN HOME ALMS BOXES**—Please remember to fill your alms box with money for the poor. Then bring them back at Pascha----the money will be sent to the Archdiocese to help the poor all over the world.

**PARISH ORGANIZATIONS, STUDY GROUPS, MINISTRY TEAMS**  
**PATHWAYS TO PEACE—BOTH IN PERSON AT CHURCH AND BY ZOOM**—Each Monday, 7:45 pm. “A gathering place for those who are broken from hurts, hang-ups, or habits. Join us as we renew our minds and encourage each other through the love of Christ.” Call Deacon Basil, 440-665-3591, for Zoom information.

**WOMEN’S PRAYER GROUP**—Friday, April 28, 1 p.m. All women welcome! The location is at Tara Reidy’s, 274 Elmwood, Berea. For more info, call Sandy Tolbert, 440-773-9162. We’re reading and discussing the book, “The Ascetic of Love.”

**WEST BIBLE STUDY**—Saturday, April 29, 6 pm at the church. Studying I Corinthians.

**SOUTH BIBLE STUDY**—Tuesday, April 4 and 18, at Craig & Cindy George’s, 9451 Sherwood Trail, Brecksville. All are welcome. The study will be on the first part of Genesis.

**TEEN CLUB**—Monthly meeting after liturgy, Sunday, April 30.

**YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY** Saturday, April 29, 6 p.m. On the book of Daniel. If you want more info, please contact the study leaders: Subdeacon Samuel Harmon, 216-598-9230, [samuelharmon15@gmail.com](mailto:samuelharmon15@gmail.com) or Colton Bose, 440-567-6101, [coltonmichaelbose@gmail.com](mailto:coltonmichaelbose@gmail.com)

**MARTHA MINISTRIES IS NOW UNDERWAY**—This is a ministry to provide meals for families in need of some help—new babies, illness, grieving, etc. If you can help, see/email/call Erin Musarra at 440-799-0838.

**ST. HERMAN’S MINISTRY TEAM**—Not serving a meal in April due to date conflict with Pascha. Contact Deacon Basil, 440-665-3591 to help in May.

**MONTHLY DELIVERY OF FOOD, CLOTHING, ETC. TO HOMELESS ON STREETS OF DOWNTOWN CLEVELAND**—Sunday, April 23. Alms box to help this outreach is near hall entrance.

**HOMESCHOOL ENRICHMENT GROUP**—Friday, April 28, 9 a.m.

**CHESS CLUB**—After church, Sunday, April 30.

#### **NEW MINISTRY BEGINNING AT ST. MATTHEW’S**

St. Matthew’s is now officially affiliated with 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 would like to get involved in this new ministry, please contact Lisa Palivoda at [ldpal1703@outlook.com](mailto:ldpal1703@outlook.com) or Cindy George at [cindygeorge127@gmail.com](mailto:cindygeorge127@gmail.com).

**ALL-NIGHT PRAYER VIGIL AT THE TOMB OF CHRIST**-----Starts at 9 p.m. after Holy Friday evening service and continues until Holy Saturday Liturgy at 10 a.m. There will be a sign-up sheet in narthex to sign up for an hour at a time. Colton Bose and Michael Musarra are coordinating.....

**SAVE THE DATE**----**2<sup>nd</sup> annual St. Matthew's Family Camp**, Saturday, May 27-28 Details soon.....

### **CHURCH FAMILY MEET-UP**

One of our newest members of St. Matthew's is Robert Williford, born on January 8, 1951, in Detroit, Michigan. Bob's mother was born in Greece and was Greek Orthodox. His parents owned a bar and restaurant in Detroit.

In 1974, Bob earned a B.S. degree in business from Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Michigan. For the next two years, he worked for a printing company in Dayton, Ohio; then for a printing company back in Detroit.

Bob decided to join the Navy. During his training, he got into a fight with another recruit and Bob received an injury to his head. He describes his head injury as breaking the blood chemistry of his mind. After just four months in the Navy, he was forced to leave due to this disability. He tried to work, but because of this affliction, he was not able to hold a job.

Bob moved back to Dayton where he shared a house with his father. His father died in 1978, leaving him alone. While in Dayton, he attended the Russian Orthodox Church.

Bob eventually moved to Millersburg to be a resident at Scenic Point Nursing Home. His goal is to move back to Dayton and buy a condominium. He's been saving his money and says he is close to that goal.

Bob's hobbies are shooting pool, playing ping pong, and swimming. When he was in college, he belonged to the Theta Xi Fraternity. He is proud of the fact that the fraternity wanted him to be appointed to the national fraternity as a rush chairman.

When asked about his religious life, Bob said he is reverent, but doesn't like to talk about it.

Bob Williford, from the few times I have talked to him, has shown himself to be a very pleasant man who enjoys visiting. He has no family or friends in this area that come to see him, so I'm sure he would welcome any of you.



### **SUNDAY SCHOOL RIGHT AFTER LITURGY EACH WEEK**

For ages 3-19—please bring your child! For more information, call Superintendent Gail Malaniak at 440-552-4586 or [gailmeen@gmail.com](mailto:gailmeen@gmail.com).

The St. Matthew Antiochian Women's Sisterhood's

## Palm Sunday Bake Sale

Sunday, April 9, 2023

(Right after Liturgy)

Please help to make our Bake Sale a great success by baking,  
bringing and/or buying!!!

Bring in your springtime sweet or savory specialties.

We'll all be so **HAPPY!!!**

(Our wonderful bakers are the **BEST!!!**)

And please feel free to price your donations, if you prefer....

which would help us a lot!!!

So, mark your calendars....

(It's coming up sooner than you think!!!)

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Thank you!!!  
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### **CALLING ALL BAKERS!**

We need as many participants as possible.

Contributions can be savory or sweet, vegan for Holy Week, or celebratory for Paschal!

### **Pascha Food Box Ministry**

We are in need of about 20 filled Pascha boxes for needy homes. Please bring your filled box to the church by Palm Sunday, April 9th. (If you can deliver, please let us know.)

Have fun packing and thank you! It is a great help!

#### Fill each box with the following items:

- 1 bag (5lbs+) of flour
- 1 bag (4lbs+) of white granulated sugar
- 1 box or bag of white rice (1lb+)
- 1 box (16oz+) pasta
- 1 bag dry beans
- 1 jar pasta sauce
- 1 pack of toilet paper (4+rolls)
- 1 bottle of dish soap (16+ oz)
- 1-4 bars of soap
- 1 container of laundry detergent (30+loads, "free &amp;amp; clear" preferred)
- Easter candy

We also need ham and grocery gift cards!

Contact Lisa Rowden 440-667-2767 or Louise Broussin 216-544-2319 to let them know you are filling a box. Please put hams in church freezer or refrigerator. If something comes up or you need help or have questions, don't hesitate to reach out. We usually need around 20 filled boxes.

Thank you SO much for your kindness!

There will be a festal fish meal for Palm Sunday following the bake sale. So please buy some bakery and stay to enjoy fellowship with one another on this Blessed Feast!

The Pallivas are providing the fish. If you can help with a side dish, please contact Lisa---  
lisa11703@outlook.com or 216-235-2991

St. Matthew's Homeschool Enrichment Group is sponsoring an

### ARTS and SPORTS Summer Camp

JUNE 5-9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 9am-noon

at St. Matthew's (10383 Albion Rd)



Courses offered will be  
choir, drawing, baking, soccer, and ballet.

The camp is open to all children ages 3-18  
(not just homeschoolers!)

Cost is \$30 per child

Please contact Olivia Harmon to sign up and for information  
about scholarships.

[oharmon15@gmail.com](mailto:oharmon15@gmail.com)

### OUR NEXT GIANT MISSION TO THE HOMELESS---(usually about every 3 months)

**SATURDAY, APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup>**  
Lunches and more will be distributed to the needy on streets of Cleveland and at  
homeless shelters. And cooked meals will be distributed at 2 shelter locations.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** on both April 28 and 29  
**ITEMS NEEDED** -Hygiene items, sleeping bags, blankets, spring jackets, socks, new  
underwear, tampons, razors, clothes (only men and women, not children's), Bibles,  
Orthodox religious pamphlets. Bologna, cheese, bread, chips, lettuce, bananas,  
bottled water, empty boxes, lunch bags

**MONEY DONATIONS TO CHURCH** for this mission are, of course, very helpful!  
**TO GET MORE INFO, TO DONATE, TO VOLUNTEER---**Call or text **Jon Scordos,**  
**216-618-8007** Volunteering as early as possible helps!

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# Save the DATE

PARISH RETREAT

Father Sergius Bowyer,  
Abbot of St. Tikhon's  
Monastery

August 18 & 19, 2023

Fr. Bowyer will speak on his book  
Acquiring the Mind of Christ:

Embracing the Vision of the Orthodox Church

The miraculous icon of St. Anna,  
the Mother of the Holy Virgin  
Mary, will be brought to St.  
Matthew's on that weekend for  
veneration.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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RSVP to (216)258-4837 or  
[fatherharmon@outlook.com](mailto:fatherharmon@outlook.com)

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## **ST. MATTHEW'S MESSAGE BOARD**

*Contact Bonnie Harmon if you wish to submit a message.*

**SWIMMING INSTRUCTOR NEEDED:** The Harmon children are seeking a private instructor for swim lessons this summer. Email Olivia if you or someone you know could instruct them. [oharmon15@gmail.com](mailto:oharmon15@gmail.com)

**BABY SHOWER INVITATION:** All women of the parish are invited to join us in a baby shower to honor Sam and Anna Harmon as they prepare to welcome their baby girl. Saturday, May 6, 2023, 11 a.m., at St. Matthew's. *Just a suggestion: You can, if you wish, bring a children's book and sign your name in it instead of a card. Any book is fine.* Please RSVP to Olivia Harmon at [oharmon15@gmail.com](mailto:oharmon15@gmail.com) or (440)220-2624. Sam and Anna are registered at Amazon

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