

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

10383 Albion Rd, North Royalton, OH

October 6, 2024

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

His Eminence Metropolitan SABA

Archbishop of New York and Antiochian Metropolitan of all North America

Rt. Rev. Archimandrite Jeremy Davis

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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 the Blazek family for the health & salvation of Al's parents, Alfred & Rita Blazek on their 74th wedding anniversary; and by Nellie & Youssef Rizk for the health & salvation of their granddaughter Zayna on her 3rd birthday; and by Livia Dinu in memory of her brother, Dan Mihai (8 years) on his birthday; and by Vinny, Ginger, & Michael DeFilippo in memory of Ginger's parents, Horace & Barbara Davenport.

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

Charles Bossart, Dean Albashani, Zachary Beltz, Nizam Jawhari

And for the health & safety of:

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| Justin Mosier | Nancy Yanik | Father John Henry | Ann Ghianni |
| Lucy Kinkaid | Julie Dunn | Judy Burhen | Don Ambrose |
| Marc Balke | Ed Haddad | Constantine & Maria Kornea | Tony Branson |
| Christopher Samuel | Jean Fadil | Sara Scordos & baby | Metropolitan LONGIN |
| Peter George | Victoria Thorp | George & Christine Simon | Sharon Mack |
| Pauline Hanna | Argie Katsaros | Michael & Marilyn Francu | Craig George |
| Frank Popovich | Theodore Bunevich | Tamara Derosset | Christian |
| Issa Zaboura | Donald Glaser | Dana | Susan Joseph |
| Corrine George | Mary Violanti | Charlotte Shaheen | Yun-Zoe Harmon |
| James Padzerski | Jerry Morrison | Jared Johnston | Alfred & Rita Blazek |
| Josephine Katzbach | Danielle | Christina Bossart | Judy Yanik |
| Elias Karam | Roy | Olivia Harmon & baby | |
| Fr. Don Shadid | Sasha Zdinak | Tatiana Santiago | |

And for the newly departed servants of God: Eli Khouri, Charles Burhen, Noble Trenham (Fr. Josiah's father), Josef Pabwajlo, Tom Thomas (Gail Malaniak's uncle), Christos Yannaras, Dmitry, John Zerilla (Larry Malaniak's uncle), Hani Farahat (friend of Hani Saddic)

EPISTLE LESSON: II Corinthians 4:6-15

EPISTLE READER: Teen Month Reader

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 7:11-16

HOMILY: Fr. Fred: "Only Begotten"

USHERS: Theresa Popovich & Gloria Zabala

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

OCTOBER IS YOUTH AND SEMINARY MONTH IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE. Teens will be reading the epistle this month. Next Sunday there will be a special collection for seminarians. Please read the letter from our Metropolitan at the end of this bulletin.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES TODAY FOR CHILDREN AGES 3.5-19! Students and teachers will be first in line for communion & will go directly to their classrooms after they receive communion.

PLEASE STAY FOR COFFEETIME TODAY AFTER LITURGY!

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN'S SISTERHOOD—Meeting today after liturgy in the board room.

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024

The Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas

Innocent, Apostle to the Americas; Venerable Kendeas of Cyprus

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 ST. THOMAS IN TONE THREE

O holy Apostle Thomas, intercede with the merciful God that He grant unto our souls forgiveness of offences.

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 (p. 17)

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 the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. Unto Thee will I cry, O my God.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (4:6-15)

Brethren, seeing that it is the God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, the same also shone in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the exceeding greatness of power is from God, and not from us. We are pressed on every way, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; smitten down, but not destroyed; always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our mortal flesh. So, then, death is working in us, but life in you. But having in us the same spirit of faith, according to that which is written, "I believed, and therefore I spoke," we also believe, and therefore we also speak, knowing that the One who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up through Jesus, and will make us stand together with you. For all things are for your sakes, that the grace, which is multiplied through the thanksgiving of many, may abound to the glory of God.

THE GOSPEL (For the Third Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (7:11-16)

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and many of His disciples and a great crowd went with Him. As He drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep.” And He came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And Jesus said, “Young man, I say to you: arise.” And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and “God has visited His people!”

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sat, Oct 12 4:30pm *Great Vespers* (note the time change due to the visit of the Archbishopal Vicar)

Sun, Oct 13 8:50am *Orthros*, 10am *Divine Liturgy*; The Holy Bread of Oblation will be offered by Craig & Cindy George in memory of Craig’s mother, Evonne (8 years). Rt. Rev. Archimandrite Jeremy Davis, the Archbishopal Vicar of the Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest will be with us!

MEETINGS

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY— Next date to be announced. Meets monthly. Studying 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, Oct 15, 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 Servant Songs in book of Isaiah---all are welcome!

WEST BIBLE STUDY---will resume on Oct 19 at 6pm. They meet monthly at the church after Sat Vespers. They are studying the Book of Revelation. All are welcome!

WOMEN’S PRAYER GROUP—Tues, Oct 15, 10:30 am at Tara Reidy’s house (274 Elmwood Dr., Berea, OH 44017) For info, call Sandy Tolbert, [440-773-9162](tel:440-773-9162).

TODDLER STORY TIME AND HOMESCHOOL ENRICHMENT GROUP--- Meets from 9:30-noon on Fridays for infants through Elementary. Contact Olivia Harmon for more information: oharmon15@gmail.com

TEEN CLUB— events to be announced.

PATHWAYS TO PEACE- Oct 28 at 7pm in the church conference room. The meetings will be held monthly 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- Sun Oct 13, in the hall after liturgy. If you don’t know how to play, they will teach you!

MINISTRY NEWS

STREET DELIVERY TO THE HOMELESS----- Oct 20. 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. They will go to St. Mary of Egypt Food Pantry this month.

MEAL SERVING AT ST. HERMAN ORTHODOX HOMELESS SHELTER Oct 20 is our next monthly date to provide, cook, and serve a meal to the poor at St. Herman Orthodox Homeless Shelter in Cleveland. If you can help in any way, please talk with Deacon Basil, 440-665-3591

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.

ST. MATTHEW'S PRISON MINISTRY---in conjunction with the national Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry. It is possible to help with prison ministry even without ever going inside a prison. *A big focus right now is writing letters to prisoners.* For more info, contact our local leader, Vincent Defilippo, 330-352-6678 vdefilippo@neo.rr.com

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

BREAD OBLATION SIGN-UP—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, just 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 parish flower fund to decorate our church for one of our many feast days, please contact Lisa Amer 216-415-9126 or 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)

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY--St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church in Rocky River is hiring a part-time youth events coordinator. 20 hours per week/\$20 per hour. If you are interested send cover letter and resume to alentz@saintdemetriosrr.org. For more detail please see Fr. Fred.

FALL RETREAT WITH FATHER STAVROS---The Sts. Constantine and Helen Cathedral St. Makrina Bible Study is hosting a **Fall Retreat, Saturday November 9, 2024** from 10 am to 3 pm. There will be a Liturgy of St. Nektarios on Saturday at 8:30 a.m. with breakfast and retreat to follow. **Father Stavros Akrotirianakis** will speak on "**Finding Gratitude**". Tickets, including breakfast & lunch, are \$10 (\$15 after Sunday Nov 3rd). Please make checks payable to Sts Constantine and Helen Cathedral (put 'retreat' in the memo) and mail to 3352 Mayfield Road, Cleveland Hts., Ohio 44118. For more information, contact Anna Warren at 216 287-6890.

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.

UPCOMING VISIT FROM OUR ARCHBISHOPAL VICAR

Following the transfer of Bishop Anthony to the Diocese of Los Angeles and the West, Metropolitan Saba appointed Rt. Rev. Archimandrite Jeremy Davis as the Archbishopal Vicar to administer the affairs of the Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest.

In this new role Fr. Jeremy will be visiting our parish October 11-13. Saturday morning will be a get to know each other time along with his comments on the vision of our Archdiocese and Orthodoxy in general. This will be an opportunity to ask any questions you may have. In the afternoon he will be speaking on Death and the Afterlife.

There will be a complimentary continental breakfast and light lunch. Please plan to attend and please respond to Craig George so we can plan accordingly for the food. His email address is craig427@outlook.com.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOOP:

Today Shortened Class followed by choir practice

10/13 No class- Vicar Visit

(choir practice after liturgy)

10/20 Shortened class followed

by choir practice

10/27 Choir sings in church

(then regular class)

If you are interested in leading the children's Christmas program, please see Dawn Heatwole.

Also, the Sunday School is looking for new or gently used items for our new sensory area. Acceptable items include balls of any size, squishy toys, fidgets, beads, popping toys, etc. Small soft chairs or loveseat and small lamps also needed. No play doh or sand. Thank you!

This year's theme verse: "Behold the maidservant of the Lord. Let it be to me according to your word." (Luke 1:38)



St. Paul Ladies Philoptochos Society

Autumn

• CRAFT FAIR •

Saturday, October 12, 2024
9am-4pm, Cash Entry \$2

St. Paul Hellenic Center
4548 Wallings Road
North Royalton, Ohio 44133

A variety of unique vendors and artisans!

Authentic Greek Food, Pastries, and Other Treats!

Indoor Event!

Proceeds to benefit
St. Paul Ladies Philoptochos Society Charities

St. Paul Greek Orthodox Church
North Royalton, Ohio

October, 2024

Dear St. Matthew Parishioners and Friends:

It is once again time to subscribe to our annual Christmas card. The card has become a project of the St. Matthew's Antiochian Women's Sisterhood and we need your support now more than ever to make it a successful endeavor. The parish council generously turned the project over to us a few years ago to help us help others. Between now and the end of the year, we will be making contributions to the Children's Relief Fund for our adopted child (\$400), to Gifts for Jesus (\$500), to Christmas Gifts for the needy (\$250), to our Midwest Antiochian Women's dues (\$200), and to St. Matthew's needs throughout the year.

Continuing a tradition for this year...We are looking for about ten people who would like to sponsor a Christmas card for one of our shut-ins. If you know of a particular shut-in you would like to sponsor, just complete the Christmas card form and submit it as directed with your donation. However, if you are unsure of whom to sponsor, see Camille Patrick or ask Fr. Fred for a recommendation.

So, please, submit the Christmas card form on the back of this letter before the November 10th deadline.

If you have any questions about the card itself, please see or call Camille Patrick (440-655-0236). I handle the subscriptions and Laura handles the design, layout and printing. We hope you will help us make 2024 the most successful Christmas card project EVER! May God bless you for all the support you have given us in the past. You have been most generous.

Yours in Christ,
Camille Patrick and Laura Gasbarro

The Antiochian Women's Sisterhood Christmas Card Committee



DEAR FRIENDS AND PARISHIONERS:

Christmas is just around the corner and a special time to join us in extending a holiday greeting through our St. Matthew Community Christmas Card and to support the ministries of our Antiochian Women's Sisterhood.

Please complete the form below and return it with your \$20.00 donation to: St. Matthew Sisterhood 10383 Albion Rd. North Royalton, OH. 44133-1408.

You can also give your form to Camille Patrick or Laura Gasbarro, co-chairs.

Each subscriber will receive a card with the names of every participant, sending their Christmas greeting of love and friendship at this holy season!

_____ (Please print your name(s) as you wish it to be printed.)

_____ (address) _____ (city) _____ (state) _____ (9 digit zip)

_____ (phone) _____ (email)

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ST. MATTHEW ORTHODOX CHURCH, PLEASE.

DEADLINE: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2024

\$20.00 donation enclosed (please check) _____ cash OR check # _____

IF YOU ARE SPONSORING A CARD FOR A SHUT-IN, PLEASE COMPLETE A SEPARATE FORM.

October 18-20, 2024

Clergy: October 17-19



Midwest Diocese
FAMILY FALL
Gathering

ST. NICHOLAS - GRAND RAPIDS, MI

Welcoming our new Archbishop Vicar, Archimandrite Jeremy Davis

Clergy Synaxis

John Maddex - "Difficult Conversations"

- Complimentary Outing for Clergy Wives & kids to Frederik Meijer Gardens

Family Fall Gathering

Speaker: Dn. Gabriel Otte - "Stillness in the Storm: Orthodoxy on Conquering Anxiety"

- Live Music & Pizza Party
- Activities for Teens & Youth
- Offsite Teen Service Project
- Midwest Diocese Information
- "Best Practice" Round Table Breakouts
- Cookout with Trivia & Game Night
- Young Adult Pickleball

"Best Practice" Round Table Breakouts

*SHARE IDEAS FROM YOUR PARISH
& LEARN FROM OTHERS IN THE MIDWEST!*

- Priest & Parish Council - Working Towards a Higher Partnership
- Motivating Parish Stewards in the 21st Century
- Surfing the Wave - Evangelism & Welcoming Visitors
- Works of Mercy - Connecting Parishioners to the Least of the Brethren
- Guiding Them In - Organizing a Catechesis Program for Your Parish
- Building a Men's Ministry

**His Eminence
The Most Reverend
Metropolitan SABA**



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TO BE READ FROM THE PULPIT

October, 2024

“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” (Matthew 9:37-38)

Beloved Clergy and Faithful of our Archdiocese:

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The month of October in our God-protected Antiochian Archdiocese is designed as “Youth Month and Seminary Month.” This is intended to bring awareness to the importance of the pastoral and theological training initiative of our Archdiocese.

This year’s records of our Archdiocese show more than 25 students enrolled in three seminaries whose training supply our churches with priesthood candidates, choir directors, youth workers and Christian education leaders.

Your generous donations today in support of our seminarians and these institutions will ensure that our parishes will continue to be supplied with exemplary priests equipped to serve the needs of our parishioners, and competent staffing that will be able to perpetuate their vigorous programs. These men are preparing for the holy labors of baptizing our infants, marrying our young people, preaching the gospel, laying to eternal rest our loved ones, granting solace to those in distress, and offering guidance to those in need of direction. In other words, we are supporting them as they prepare to support all of us in our journey to the Kingdom of Heaven.

We are grateful for your invaluable and innumerable initiatives in providing financial and moral support over the many past decades toward this worthy cause, and for subsidizing the vital educational programs of these institutions, and the needs of our seminarians.

Also, we appreciate the hand-on training and the financial support offered to our students by the following parishes this year: St. Anthony, Bergenfield; St. George, Allentown; St. George, Little Falls; St. George, Boston; St. George, Worcester; St. Ignatius, Florida; St. Mary, Brooklyn; St. Mary, Wilkes-Barre; St. Mary, Yonkers; St. Nicholas, Bridgeport; St. Nicholas, Brooklyn; St. Paul, Emmaus; St. Philip, Souderton; and St. Stephen, South Plainfield.

Recent studies have shown that we are facing a shortage of clergy in the coming years. We need your generous financial support to educate as many priestly candidates and their families as possible to work in the Vineyard of our Savior. May the Lord reward you accordingly for your emotional and financial support in his name and to his glory. Your thoughtfulness has made you worthy recipients of the spiritual dividends of the fruits produced through the labor of these schools and the priests they have trained.

Your Father in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "T. Saba". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "T" and a period after the first name.

+SABA

Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

“The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch” (Acts 11: 26)

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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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| Tuesday | 1 | | | |
| Wednesday | 2 | | | |
| Thursday | 3 | | Burhen mercy meal 11-2 | |
| Friday | 4 | Homeschool Enrichment 9-1 | | |
| Saturday | 5 | | | |
| Sunday | 6 | | | |
| Monday | 7 | | | |
| Tuesday | 8 | | | |
| Wednesday | 9 | | | |
| Thursday | 10 | | | |
| Friday | 11 | Homeschool Enrichment 9-1 | | |
| Saturday | 12 | | | |
| Sunday | 13 | | | |
| Monday | 14 | | | |
| Tuesday | 15 | | | |
| Wednesday | 16 | | | |
| Thursday | 17 | | | |
| Friday | 18 | Homeschool Enrichment 9-1 | | |
| Saturday | 19 | | | |
| Sunday | 20 | | Samantha Eadeh 3-6 PM Trunk-or-Treat | |
| Monday | 21 | | | |
| Tuesday | 22 | | | |
| Wednesday | 23 | | | |
| Thursday | 24 | | | |
| Friday | 25 | Homeschool Enrichment 9-1 | | |
| Saturday | 26 | | | |
| Sunday | 27 | | | |

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<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>