

### THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE 4<sup>TH</sup> ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

On a Sunday in mid-July each year, the Orthodox Church commemorates the Church Fathers who met at the 4<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council in 451 A.D. in the city of Chalcedon. The main issue at this Council was the Monophysite heresy which implied that Christ was less than fully human---these heretics believed that His humanity had been absorbed into His divinity. The Fathers of the Council---led by the Holy Spirit---interpreted the Bible correctly and taught the truth: that Christ is one person with two natures, human and divine. He was, while on earth, and always remains, both fully human and fully divine. (A historical note---those of that time who rejected this Council were the roots of what are now called the "non-Chalcedonian Churches: or "Oriental Orthodox". Some of these groups are the Coptic Church, the Armenian Church, and the Ethiopian Church. Due to their continued rejection of the 4<sup>th</sup> Council's teaching, we are not in communion with them, although we do have very close and friendly relations.)

### THE HOLY MARTYR MARINA (MARGARET)

St. Marina (sometimes called Margaret) was born in Antioch, Syria during the days of the Roman Empire. Her mother died while she was being born and her father, a pagan priest, found a woman to raise her. It turned out the unofficial "stepmother" was Christian! And thus Marina grew up as a Christian. At age 18 her father, still not knowing she was Christian, arranged for her to be married to a pagan government official. Because he was not Christian she refused. Being our Faith was still illegal at the time this led to her being arrested. She was stripped, flogged, and tortured by fire in an attempt to force her to renounce Christ and go ahead with the marriage. She would not give in. Finally, she was martyred by beheading on July 17, 289 A.D.

### Memorial Wheat (Koliva) Preparation Training

Koliva memorial wheat is an important part of our Orthodox life as it is part of our remembering and praying for our departed loved ones. It would be good if more parishioners know how to prepare it! So there will be some training---

Two step training---

**Step one---**Thursday July 28<sup>th</sup>, 7pm---boiling and drying the wheat

**Step two---**Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 10am---Adding other ingredients to the wheat, and final preparations.

You can come to both sessions, or if you just need one part of the training, to just one session. And you will get to take some home as a sample.

Please RSVP to Joanne Vazquez---440-382-2687

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## ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

10383 Albion Rd, North Royalton, OH

**July 17, 2022**

*Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council*

**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**

**V. Rev. Father Andrew Harmon**

**Rev. Deacon Macarius Tolbert • Rev. Deacon Basil Vazquez**

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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 Musarra family for the health & salvation of Daisy on her Saint Day (St. Maria Skobtsova); and is offered by the Amer family and Cindy George for the health & salvation of Marina on her Saint Day; and by the Amer family for Gabriel on his Saint Day; and is offered by Father Andrew & Khourie Bonnie for the health & salvation of the newly-wed servants of God, Christopher & Yun Zoe Harmon, and in beloved memory of the departed servant of God, Bonnie's brother-in-law, Dennis Wacholtz; and is offered by the Vazquez family in beloved memory of Juan Vazquez, Deacon Basil's stepfather; and is offered by the Malaniak, Meena, and Patrick families in beloved memory of Father Elias A. Meena; and is offered by Florentina Popa in beloved memory of her mother, Georgeta, on the 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her falling asleep in Christ.

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

Josephine Katzbach	Paraschiva Blaz	Norman Fadil
Justin Mosier	Phyllis Simmons	Mary Malaniak
Tony Burhen	Nancy Yanik	Bob Andrews
Lucy Kinkaid	Dolores Kaleal	Oldemar Chincilla
Marc Balke	William	Charles & Judy Burhen
Christopher Samuel	Donna Teaman	Xenia Amer
Peter George	Jerry Morrison	Marina Amer
Pauline Hanna	Iliana Radivoj	Julianna Amer
Frank Popovich	Lena Batina	Lily Scanlon
Issa Zaboura	Danielle	Sophia Skrygan
Argie Katsaros	Ruth Zheltov	Reah
Archdeacon Joseph Harb	James Padzerski	Laura Bourjaily
Joseph Watson	Ron Hakaim	Joe Cacciacarne
Jean Caldaroni	James Schwind	

**And for the newly departed servants of God:**

Ramona Darmour (Craig George's aunt), Jeremy Burnside (friend of Michael Palmer)

**EPISTLE LESSON:** Titus 3: 8-15

**GOSPEL LESSON:** Matthew 5: 14-19

**EPISTLE READER:** Reader Anthony Harmon

**USHERS:** Gail Malaniak & Pam Stephanoff

**HOMILY:** "The Beatitudes, Part 3: Blessed Are The Meek---Matthew 5:5"

**THE EIGHTH DAY WEDDING CROWN REMOVAL PRAYERS** will be said at the end of the liturgy for the newly-wed servants of God, Colton & Veronica Bose.

**THE MEMORIAL SERVICE WILL BE OFFERED TODAY** by Deacon Basil & Joanne for his stepfather Juan Vazquez; and by Father Andrew & Khourie Bonnie for Bonnie's brother-in-law, Dennis Wacholtz.

**PLEASE STAY FOR COFFEETIME RIGHT AFTER LITURGY TODAY**

*Hosted by David & Rudylin & Don Glaser and by Dan & Camille Patrick---thank you!*

**2ND ANNUAL**

**VENDORS INDOORS AND OUTDOORS**

**FOOD TRUCKS ON SITE**

**SATURDAY, JULY 30 2022**  
**10 AM - 6 PM**

ST. HERMAN OF ALASKA  
EASTERN ORTHODOX CHURCH  
5107 DARROW RD, HUDSON, OH 44236

**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](mailto:LDPAL1703@outlook.com) or Cindy George at [cindygeorge127@gmail.com](mailto:cindygeorge127@gmail.com).

### **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.

**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.

**ST. MATTHEW'S CHESS CLUB UNDERWAY**--The next meeting of our parish chess club will be after liturgy on Sunday, July 24. If you are an experienced player or have never played---please come!

No RSVP needed, but for more details, call Michael Palmer, 216-212-7436.

**POSSIBILITY OF YOUNG ADULT ACTIVITIES**--- We now have many young adults in our parish. We have had some good young adult activities in the past but nothing recently, so...If you are interested in participating in or leading some activities, please let Father Andrew know.

### **Sunday School Information**

**2022/23**

#### **Important dates:**

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

September 18- Classes begin

**Parents/ grandparents:** Please respond to Gail Malaniak if your child/grandchild will be attending Sunday School so we can be sure to have enough materials. Include full names, ages, and birth dates. (Ages 3-18 are welcome!)

Send the information to [gailmeen@gmail.com](mailto:gailmeen@gmail.com) by September 1. Thank you!

## **DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2022**

### **TONE 4 / EOTHINON 5**

## **SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF FOURTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL**

**Great-martyr Marina of Antioch in Pisidia**

**Venerable Irenarchos of Solovky**

### **RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FOUR (p. 13)**

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

### **APOLYTIKION OF THE HOLY FATHERS IN TONE EIGHT**

Most glorified art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast established our Fathers as luminous stars upon the earth, and through them didst guide us all to the true Faith. O Most Merciful One, glory be to Thee.

### **APOLYTIKION OF ST. MARINA IN TONE FOUR (Special melody "Joseph was amazed")**

O Lord Jesus, unto Thee Thy lamb doth cry with a great voice: \* O my Bridegroom, Thee I love; and seeking Thee, I now contest, \* and with Thy baptism am crucified and buried. \* I suffer for Thy sake, that I may reign with Thee; \* for Thy sake I die, that I may live in Thee: \* accept me offered out of longing \* to Thee as a spotless sacrifice. \* Lord, save our souls through her intercessions, since Thou art great in mercy.

### **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 Holy Fathers)

*Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O ye righteous.*

*Blessed are those whose iniquities are forgiven!*

**The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to St. Titus. (3:8-15)**

Titus, my son, faithful is the saying, and concerning these things I desire you to affirm confidently, that those who have believed in God may be thoughtful of how to preside in honorable occupations. These things are good and profitable to men. But avoid foolish disputes, and genealogies, and contentions, and controversies about the Law; for they are unprofitable and vain. A man who is a heretic after the first and second admonition reject, knowing that such a one is subverted, and sins, being self-condemned. When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicós, give diligence to come to me to Nicopolis; for I have determined to winter there. Set forward Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey diligently, that they may be lacking in nothing. And let our people also learn how to preside in honorable occupations, so as to help in cases of urgent need, that they should not be unfruitful. All who are with me salute you. Salute those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

**THE GOSPEL** (For the Holy Fathers)

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (5:14-19)**

The Lord said to His Disciples: "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father Who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them, but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

**THE FIRST PHASE OF THE ICONOGRAPHY WORK IN OUR CHURCH IS CONTINUING ON! Our iconographer is Nicholas Papas of Houston. The first phase is to do the apse (altar area). Please welcome him!**

**FATHER ANDREW WILL BE AT THE ANTIOCHIAN CLERGY SYMPOSIUM** tomorrow through Friday, July 22. In case of an emergency need for a priest during his absence, please call Father Kostas Keares of St. Paul Greek Orthodox Church, 440-669-1316. You may also contact Deacon Macarius. Deacon Basil will be at the Symposium.

**UPCOMING SERVICES**

**SAT, JULY 23---Vespers, 5pm**

**SUN, JULY 24---Matins, 8:50 am, Divine Liturgy, 10am;** The Holy Bread of Oblation will be offered by the Vazquez for their grandchildren, Michael & Mia, on their birthdays; and will be offered by Michael Palmer in memory of his friend, Jeremy Burnside. Also the 40 day memorial will be offered for Jeremy Burnside by Michael Palmer. And the 8 Day Wedding Crown Removal prayers will be done for Christopher & Yun Zoe Harmon.

**ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC**

It will be after liturgy on Sunday, August 28. Hosted by the Brotherhood Club---more info later on.....

**MEETINGS**

**PATHWAYS TO PEACE**---Meets 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 19 at 6:30pm at Craig & Cindy George's, 9451 Sherwood Trl, Brecksville. Regularly meets the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues of the month. The topic is the book of Ephesians.

**WEST BIBLE STUDY**--- Sat, July 30, 6pm (after 5pm Vespers) at the church. Studying I Corinthians.

**NORTH BIBLE STUDY**--- Wed, July 27, 6:30pm, meets at the Parkers' house, 1350 Elmwood Court Rocky River. Continuing with the book of Isaiah.

**WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP**--- July 22, 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 Aug 26, meeting in the morning on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of every month at the church.

**MINISTRY NEWS**

**MEAL SERVING AT ST. HERMAN ORTHODOX HOMELESS SHELTER**--- We usually do a meal there on the 3rd Sun of each month, but another group has specifically requested to serve the meal that Sun 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** will take place TODAY Sun, July 17. 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.

