

**ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST
ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**

10383 Albion Rd, North Royalton, OH

May 26, 2024

Sunday of the Paralytic

His Eminence Metropolitan SABA
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 during Matins

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 Westley & Besan Collado & Isaac Kash for the health & salvation of Westley & Besan Kash's new son, Xavier, on his Churching day; and is offered by Georgette Dye in beloved memory of her grandparents, Genevieve & Elias Karam, her parents, Maurice Mack & Norma Buettner, and for Norman & Georgette Sullivan, Lillian & Ernest Audey, Gary Audey, Norman & Hallie Karem and George Karam; and is offered by Corrine George in beloved memory of her husband, Thomas, on the 11th anniversary of his falling asleep in Christ; and is offered for the health & salvation of David Harmon on his 5th birthday by his godparents, Jack & Lisa Palivoda and by his grandparents, Fr. Andrew & Khourie Bonnie; and is offered by Maria Simescu for the health & salvation of her brothers Ioan and Mikhael; and is offered by Dan & Camille Patrick in memory of Camille's father, V. Rev. Father James Meena on his 98th birthday.

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

Justin Mosier	Mary Malaniak	James Padzerski	Nancy Brown
Tony Burhen	Julie Dunn	Jerry Morrison	Mary Violanti
Lucy Kinkaid	Ed Haddad	Father Basil Caldaroni	Elias Karam
Marc Balke	Michael Francu	Charles & Judy Burhen	Shirley Fuller
Christopher Samuel	Jean Fadil	Constantine & Maria Kornea	Robert Weber
Peter George	Victoria Thorp	Deacon Macarius Tolbert	Dana
Pauline Hanna	Paraschiva Blaz	Sara Scordos and baby	Charlotte Shaheen
Frank Popovich	Dolores Kaleal	Ginger DeFilippo	Denny Hicks
Issa Zaboura	Josephine Katzbach	Uva & Harold Tolbert, Sr.	Pagona
Argie Katsaros	Father John Henry	George & Christine Simon	Christian Mavros
Theodore Bunevich	Corrine George	Donald Glaser	
Nancy Yanik	Danielle	Father James Bernstein	

And for the newly departed servants of God: Thomas Abdow, George N. Nassar, John Schweitzer, Audrey Nicoloff, Daniel, Rocky Farage (Beth Snyder's brother), Father Andrew Short

EPISTLE LESSON: Acts 9: 32-42

EPISTLE READER: Reader Anthony Harmon

GOSPEL LESSON: John 5:1-15

USHERS: Larry & Gail Malaniak

HOMILY: "What to do after God answers a prayer- John 5"

GREETER: Cindy George

ALTAR BOY TEAM 2—Samir Amer, captain; Sebastian Blazek, Miles Hunter, Isaac Kash

THE MEMORIAL SERVICE IS BEING OFFERED TODAY by Georgette Dye in beloved memory of her grandparents, Genevieve & Elias Karam; her parents, Maurice Mack & Norma Buettner; and in memory of Norman & Georgette Sullivan; Lillian & Ernest Audey, Gary Audey, Norman & Hallie Karam, & George Karam.

THE 40-DAY CHURCHING will be held today for Besan Kash and her son, Xavier.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO COFFEETIME TODAY! FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

Thank you, Group F, for hosting: Group F is chaired by Georgette Dye. The other members are: Judy & Anthony Yanik, Camille & Dan Patrick, Karen Hoyt, Penny Sent.

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES FOR SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2024

Tone 3 / Eothinon 5; Fourth Sunday of Pascha (Sunday of the Paralytic)

Apostle Karpos of the Seventy; Apostle Alphaeus and his children, Martyrs Abercius and Helen

VERSES OF THE FIRST ANTIPHON

- Shout with joy to God, all the earth; sing to His Name, give glory to His praises.
- Say to God: How awesome are Thy works; let all the earth worship Thee, and sing to Thee. Let it sing a song to Thy Name, O Most High.
- Glory... Both now...

VERSES OF THE SECOND ANTIPHON

- May God have mercy upon us, and bless us, and may He cause His face to shine upon us, and have mercy upon us.
- That Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy salvation among all nations; let the peoples give thanks to Thee, O God, let all the peoples give thanks to Thee.
- May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear Him.
- Glory... Both now... O only begotten Son and Word of God...

VERSES OF THE THIRD ANTIPHON (*Refrain: "Christ is risen from the dead..."*)

- Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered, and let them that hate Him flee from before His face.
- As smoke vanisheth, so let them vanish; as wax melteth before the fire.
- So let sinners perish at the presence of God, and let the righteous be glad.
- This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad therein.

THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF PASCHA

In the congregations bless God, the Lord from the wellsprings of Israel. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE THREE (p. 12)

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great 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.

THE KONTAKION OF PASCHA IN TONE EIGHT

Though Thou didst descend into the grave, O Immortal One, yet didst Thou destroy the power of Hades, and didst arise as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh-bearing women, Rejoice, and giving peace unto Thine Apostles, O Thou Who dost grant resurrection to the fallen.

THE EPISTLE

O chant unto our God, chant ye. Clap your hands, all ye nations.

The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles. (9:32-42)

In those days, as Peter went throughout all regions, he came down also to the saints who dwelt at Lydda. There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who was bedridden for eight years and paralyzed. And Peter said to him: "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; arise and make your bed." And immediately he arose. And all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned back to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha (which means Gazelle). She was full of good works and of charitable deeds which she did. And it came to pass in those days that she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they placed her in an upper chamber. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him: "Come to us without delay!" So Peter arose and went with them. And when he arrived, they took him into the upper chamber. All the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and other garments which Tabitha made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body, he said: "Tabitha, arise!" And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up. And he gave her his hand, and raised her up. Then he called the saints and widows and presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (5:1-15)

At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethesda, which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first, after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had. One man was there, who had been ill for 38 years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the Sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet." But he answered them, "The man who healed me said to me, 'Take up your pallet, and walk.'" They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet, and walk'?" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befalls you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus Who had healed him.

MEGALYNARION FOR PARALYTIC SUNDAY IN TONE ONE

The angel cried aloud to the Virgin Theotokos: "Rejoice, O full of grace, and again I say, rejoice now! For truly, thy Son has risen from the grave on the third day."

With one voice, O Virgin, all we the faithful call thee blessed. Rejoice, thou living city! Rejoice, portal of the Lord! Rejoice, for today doth a radiant light shine from thy Son's brilliant Resurrection on all of us and on all mankind.

KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) OF PASCHA

Receive the Body of Christ; taste the fountain of immortality. Alleluia.

THE TEEN CLUB will meet today after liturgy.

IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE RETURN YOUR LENTEN ALMS BOXES TO THE CHURCH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

UPCOMING SERVICES

SAT, JUNE 1-5pm Vespers

SUN, JUNE 2- 8:50am Matins, 10am Divine Liturgy; The holy bread of oblation is offered by Beth Snyder in memory of her brother, Rocky Farage, and her mother Evelyn Farage; and is offered by Dan & Camille Patrick in memory of Camille's grandfather, Father Economos Elias Meena. The Memorial Service will be offered by Beth Snyder for her brother, Rocky Farage (40 days), and for her mother, Evelyn Farage (5 years).

ON ASCENSION DAY WE CELEBRATE WHEN CHRIST RETURNED TO HEAVEN 40 DAYS AFTER HIS RESURRECTION. IT IS JUNE 13TH

Our schedule---Wednesday, June 12th---Vespers with Artoklasia, 6:30 p.m.

---Thursday, June 13th---Matins, 9; Liturgy, 10; Potluck lunch, 11:30

HOLY PENTECOST IS SUNDAY, JUNE 23

MEETINGS

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY— June date to be announced. Meets one Sat a month, 6pm at the church. Studying the Gospel of St. Mark. Bible, fellowship, food.....For more info, contact: Sbdcn Samuel Harmon, 216-598-9230, samuelharmon15@gmail.com or Colton Bose, 440-567-6101

WEST BIBLE STUDY--- June date to be announced. Meets at the church one Sat a month at 6pm (after 5pm Vespers). We are studying the book of Revelation.

SOUTH BIBLE STUDY--- Tuesday, June 4, 6:30 p.m., at Craig & Cindy George's, 9451 Sherwood Trail, Brecksville. Beginning a study on the Servant Songs in book of Isaiah---all are welcome!

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP— next date to be announced. Meets monthly 10:30am. at Tara Reidy's (274 Elmwood, Berea). For info, call Sandy Tolbert, [440-773-9162](tel:440-773-9162).

HOMESCHOOL ENRICHMENT GROUP--- Is on break for the summer. Next year we plan to meet Aug-Oct 9:30-noon on Fridays. Infants through Elementary School children are welcome to participate. Contact Olivia Harmon for more information: oharmon15@gmail.com

KNIT/CROCHET GROUP---Next date to be announced. Meets quarterly at the church. Do you knit or crochet? Would you like to learn? Please join us! Contact Lisa Bowden at [440-667-2767](tel:440-667-2767) for info.

CHESS CLUB--- June date to be announced. If you don't know how to play, you are welcome to come and they will teach you!

TEEN CLUB— Next meeting: After liturgy today!

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN'S SISTERHOOD—Meeting Aug 11 after liturgy.

MINISTRY NEWS

STREET DELIVERY TO THE HOMELESS----- TODAY is the next monthly Sunday that 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. Herman's Homeless Shelter this month.

MEAL SERVING AT ST. HERMAN ORTHODOX HOMELESS SHELTER JUNE 16 is the next monthly date that we 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 contact 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--This new ministry is beginning in conjunction with the national Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry. If you wish to get involved or just want more info for now, please attend! It is possible to help with prison ministry even without ever going inside a prison. For more info, contact our local prison ministry 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 Andrew.*

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!

FIRST EVER ANCIENT FAITH MEN'S RETREAT- at Antiochian Village in Bolivar, PA Aug 22-25, 2024; Join us for engaging speakers, daily services, and fellowship with like-minded Orthodox men! Get more info and register at: <https://store.ancientfaith.com/2024-ancient-faith-mens-retreat/>

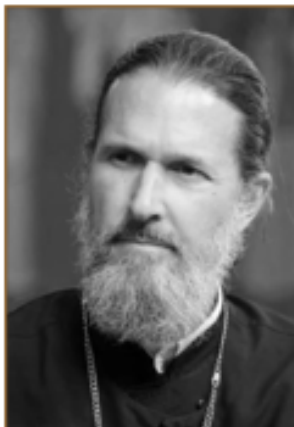
BAPTISM ANNOUNCEMENT—Patrick & Laura Allen wish to invite you to the baptism of their daughter, Zoe Elizabeth, at 3pm, Saturday, June 8th. And you are also invited to the reception in the hall right afterwards.

BOOKS FOR FREE----THERE ARE STILL SOME FREE BOOKS (because Father Andrew & Bonnie are slightly shrinking their library) on table at back of hall. There is an information sheet. Please take whatever you like. A larger number will be on that table sometime in June as they work their way through the shelves!

SAVE THE DATE

FOR A WEEKEND RETREAT
WITH

FATHER JOSIAH
TRENHAM, PH.D.



DATE: SEPTEMBER 20 – 22, 2024

TIME AND SCHEDULE: TBA

LOCATION:

St. Matthew the Evangelist
Orthodox Church
10383 Albion Road
North Royalton, OH 44133

A native Southern Californian, Father Josiah attended Westminster Seminary California, receiving his M.Div. in 1992 while studying under some of the most influential teachers in the Reformed tradition.

In 1993, he was ordained to the Holy Priesthood of the Orthodox Church and in 2004 he was awarded a Ph.D. in Theology from the University of Durham, England.

Father Josiah has published numerous articles and two books and is also the founder of Patristic Nectar Publication, a non-profit ministry. His weekly homilies are entitled "The Arena Podcasts", and are available on Patristic Nectar Publications, Apple Podcasts, Spotify and Google Podcast.

You can find links to his homilies at <https://www.saintandrew.net/arenapodcast>. His video reflections are available on YouTube under Patristic Nectar Films.

New to the Orthodox Faith or want to learn more? This is a great opportunity to learn what the Orthodox Church teaches.

Come with your questions and learn what our ancient Church Fathers have taught us. Father Josiah will inspire with his wealth of knowledge and understanding of our church teachings.

For more information or to get the latest schedule with Father Josiah, contact Cindy George at cindygeorge127@gmail.com





SAVE THE DATE

2024 DIOCESE OF TOLEDO PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE

All Saints and Holy Transfiguration invite you to join us for a few days of Christian fellowship, prayer, and fun for all ages. Whether you are new to the Diocese or have been attending PLCs for many years, we welcome each of you and your families.

We look forward to seeing you and getting to know you at the Toledo Diocese Parish Life Conference in Chicago-Land in June 2024!

DATE

June 26-29
Wednesday - Saturday

LOCATION

Chicago Marriott Oak Brook
1401 W 22nd St, Oak Brook, IL 60523



DONATING ITEMS

Please do NOT drop household items off at the church unless you have made arrangements with someone that needs them. We don't have anyone in charge of delivering these items or sorting through them. That includes toys and clothes. Neither do we have space to store extra items. Our hall is rented out often and we need to keep it looking presentable.

PASCHA TIME GRAVE BLESSINGS have now been done at 4 cemeteries----- Brooklyn Heights, St. Theodosius, Holy Cross, Riverside. Contact Father Andrew if you have loved one's graves to be blessed at other cemeteries.

ST. JOHN THE ALMSGIVER MISSION TO THE POOR was held this last Friday and Saturday----many homeless were fed! Thanks to parishioners who organized, cooked, assembled lunches, delivered lunches, etc. God will bless you for being a blessing to the poor!

ORTHODOX FAMILY CAMP OUT--- Join us for 3rd Annual St Matthew's Family Camp, Sat Aug 31-Sun Sept 1. All are welcome; come for part of the day or stay and camp overnight! Enjoy our beautiful church grounds, fun, and fellowship. If you can, please bring a side dish to the Saturday night cookout! But if you can't, don't worry, we just want YOU there! Contact Al Blazek if you have questions.

Saturday Aug 31:

12 noon: Arrival and set up your campsite

1-3pm: Field games (Egg Race, Sprints, Relay Race, Red Rover, Volleyball, Soccer)

3-4pm: Snack Break and Q&A session with Fr. Andrew

5pm: Vespers

6:30pm: Cookout (Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Potluck Sides)

Evening : AV Ball, Softball, CAMPFIRE w/ S'mores and Sing-Along

Sunday Morning Sept 1

8:50am: Orthros

10:00am: Liturgy

After Liturgy: Pizza Feast

Clean-Up & Breaking down of camp.



Theotokos of Vladimir

EASTERN ORTHODOX WOMEN'S GUILD
OF GREATER CLEVELAND
SENDS AN OPEN INVITATION
TO MEMBERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Annual Pan-Orthodox Luncheon



Holy Trinity Orthodox Church Hall
6822 Broadview Road
Parma, OH 44134

Date: Saturday, June 8, 2024
Time: Doors open @ 12:00 AM
Luncheon @ 12:30 PM

Reservations required
No tickets sold at the door
Tickets: Adults - \$15.00
Children 6 to 12 - 7.50
Children under 6 - FREE

Program to include:

- A delicious luncheon
- with heavenly homemade appetizers and desserts
- Socialize and relax with family and friends!
- **Auction Gift Baskets / Door Prizes**
- Opening prayer and speaker: Father Andrew Harmon



- For tickets, see Parish Representative Gloria Zabala
gzabala104@gmail.com
- Reservations deadline is **Monday, June 3, 2024**

All proceeds go to Orthodox organizations
see list compiled by EOWG -- <https://www.eowgcle.org/charities>

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.

Electra Floasiu [216-671-0743](tel:216-671-0743) **Gail Malaniak** [440-552-4586](tel:440-552-4586)

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26		Hall Rental Bonnie Harmon 3-7	
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CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!

THE HOLY SEASON OF PASCHA

Although Orthodox people in the West may sometimes use the Anglo-Saxon term “Easter”, the proper and historical term for this holiest of all days is “Pascha” ----Greek for “Passover”. The Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of the Old Testament Passover---our Lord “passed over” from death to life.

During this season (until Pentecost, June 23) we do not kneel to pray at home or at church---this is an expression of our joy at the Resurrection. We greet each other with “Christ is risen!” and the response, “Truly He is risen!”. Wednesdays and Fridays (by Antiochian practice and ancient practice of all Orthodox) are not fast days until after Ascension Day, June 13th.

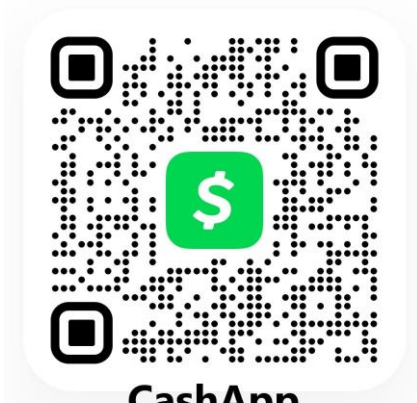
THE HOLY APOSTLE AMONG THE 70 CARPUS

In addition to the more famous 12 Apostles, Jesus also had an “outer ring” of followers called the 70 Apostles. Today we commemorate one of them---St. Carpus. After being with Jesus in his earthly ministry, Carpus later became a friend and sometime traveling companion with St. Paul. He is mentioned by St. Paul in II Timothy 4: 13. Later in his life, St. Carpus was made a bishop in Thrace.

St Matthew Church can now accept donations with these online services:

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