

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

10383 Albion Rd, North Royalton, OH

November 17, 2024

Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost

His Eminence Metropolitan SABA

Archbishop of New York and Antiochian Metropolitan of all North America

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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 Craig George for the health & salvation of his wife, Cindy, on her birthday; and by the Roach family for the health & salvation of Matthew and Phillip on their saints' day; and by Jeb and Irene Brooks for the return to health of Irene, and for the health and salvation of Kalliope and Helen; and by the Alsaifi family for the health & salvation of Nawar on her birthday, and for Rim, Miladeh, Manar, Nawal, Rabab, and Mays, and in memory of Haitham, Ibrahim, Edwar, and Khaithom.

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

Charles Bossart, Dean Albashani, Zachary Beltz, Nizam Jawhari, Andrew Richards

And for the health & safety of:

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

And for the newly departed servants of God: Rumzi Rafeedie, Rose Zrake, Wayne Gribble (Wally Gribble's father), Tony Susi (Joanne Vazquez's cousin), Stephanie, Archpriest John Downing

EPISTLE LESSON: Galatians 2:16-20

EPISTLE READER: Reader Anthony Harmon

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 12:16-21

HOMILY: Deacon Macarius

USHERS: Louise Bouhasin & Michael Fazio

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES TODAY AFTER COMMUNION for children 3.5-19 years old.

PARENTS: Please have children line up as the chanters finish the last hymn before Holy Communion.

PLEASE STAY FOR COFFEETIME TODAY AFTER LITURGY!

Thank you to Electra Floasiu for hosting today in memory of her Aunt Roze.

CHESS CLUB- today in the hall after liturgy. If you don't know how to play, they will teach you!
CATECHISM—Scripture track will meet TODAY at 1pm in the meeting room at Church. These sessions are open to anyone, not just catechumens!

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2024
TONE 4 / EOTHINON 10; TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST &
NINTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

Gregory the wonderworker, bishop of Neo-Caesarea

Gennadios and Maximos, patriarchs of Constantinople;

Nikon the wonderworker, disciple of Sergios of Radonezh; Hilda, abbess of Whitby

Today we will use alternate musical settings for the following hymns:

*- First Antiphon: **Alt. #2 (p. 4)***

*- Second Antiphon and “Only-Begotten Son”: **Alt. #2 (p. 7)***

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 FOR ST. GREGORY OF NEO-CAESAREA IN TONE EIGHT

By vigilance in prayer, and continuance in the working of wonders, thou didst acquire thine achievement as a surname; wherefore, intercede with Christ our God, O Father Gregory, to enlighten our souls, lest we sleep in sin unto death.

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.

KONTAKION OF ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE 4

(Special melody “Thou Who wast raised up”)

The sacred treasury of God’s holy glory, * the greatly precious bridal chamber and Virgin, * the Savior’s most pure temple, free of stain and undefiled, * into the House of the Lord * on this day is brought forward * and bringeth with herself the grace * of the Most Divine Spirit; * her do God’s Angels hymn with songs of praise, * for she is truly the heavenly tabernacle.

THE EPISTLE (For the Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost)

O Lord, how magnified are Thy works. In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (2:16-20)

Brethren, you know that a man is not justified by works of the Law but through faith in Jesus Christ. Even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the Law, because by works of the Law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the Law died to the Law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me.

THE GOSPEL (For the Ninth Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (12:16-21)

The Lord spoke this parable: “The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ And he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.” As He said this, Jesus called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

UPCOMING SERVICES

Wed, Nov 20 6:30pm *Great Vespers for the Entrance of the Theotokos*

Thurs, Nov 21 8:50am *Orthros*, 10am *Divine Liturgy for the Entrance of the Theotokos*

Sat, Nov 23 *NO VESPERS at St. Matthew’s. All are invited to attend Vespers at 5pm at St. George in Cleveland where Metropolitan SABA will be visiting.*

Sun, Nov 24 8:50am *Orthros*, 10am *Divine Liturgy*; The Holy Bread of Oblation will be offered by the Amer family for the health & salvation of Nadeema Gazal on her birthday; and by Dave & Rudylin Glaser for the health & salvation of their son, Daniel, on his birthday; and by Florentina Popa for the health & salvation of her goddaughter, Aglaïa, on her birthday; and by Maria Simescu for the health & salvation of her grandchildren, Brian, Zack, & Emma, and her brothers, Mihail & Ioan; and by Jeb and Irene Brooks for the return to health of Irene, and for the health and salvation of Kalliope and Helen; and by Polycarp Bose in memory of his grandfather, Dean Rickard (20 years); and by Elaine Nassar and her children Assad, Wissam, and Rania in memory of Emil (1 year). Also, the memorial service will be offered for Dean Rickard and Emil Nassar.

Wed, Nov 27 6:30pm *Akathist “Glory to God for All Things”*

St. Nicholas Day services: *Thurs Dec 5 Vespers 6:30pm; Fri Dec 6 Orthros 9am, Liturgy 10am*

**PLEASE TURN IN YOUR TITHING/PLEDGE FORMS
BEFORE SUN, DEC 1!**

**THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING WILL BE
AFTER LITURGY ON SUN, DEC 8.**

NATIVITY OF CHRIST (CHRISTMAS) SERVICES:

Tuesday, December 24

9am Royal Hours and Typica

4:30pm Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

Wednesday, December 25

8:45am Festal Orthros

10am Festal Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

St. Nicholas Workshop for Children

RSVP by Nov 24th

for ages 10 & under with parent supervision

Saturday, December 7, 10am-noon at St. Matthew's \$5 per child

Coloring, crafts, cookie decorating and a surprise visit from St. Nick!

Hosted by the St. Matthew's Antiochian Women's Sisterhood

Give payment and children's names & ages to Dima Kash, Georgette Dye,
or the parish office.

Dima Kash dima.hanania@gmail.com 440-444-8446

Georgette Dye georgette.dye@gmail.com 440-429-5398

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOOP:

Today: Regular Class

If you would like to help with the children's Christmas program, please see Dawn Heatwole.

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

Nativity program rehearsal schedule

Sunday, November 17- Choir practice before class.

-Grades 1-6 practice lines during class

Sunday November 24- No class. Play rehearsal without music

Sunday December 1- No Class. Choir followed by play rehearsal.

Sunday December 8-No Class. Play rehearsal without music

Saturday December 14, 3:45- Full rehearsal with music

Sunday December 15- No Class. Full rehearsal with music

Saturday December 21, 3:45- Dress rehearsal

Sunday December 22- No Class- Final rehearsal

Sunday December 22- 4:30- Arrive at church. Program at 5:00.

MEETINGS

YOUNG ADULT GROUP—Nov 30, 6pm. Meets monthly to study 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, Nov 19, 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---Dec date to be announced. They meet monthly at the church after Sat Vespers. They are studying the Book of Revelation. All are welcome!

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP—Tues, Nov 19, 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).

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN'S SISTERHOOD—December 15th in the board room after liturgy.

TODDLER TIME AND HOMESCHOOL ENRICHMENT GROUP--- Is on a break for the holidays. Will resume in Jan. Contact Olivia Harmon for more information: oharmon15@gmail.com

PATHWAYS TO PEACE- Nov 25 at 7pm in the church conference room. The meetings will be held 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

MINISTRY NEWS

USHERING MINISTRY--- Ushers rotate once every other month and are vital to the welcoming ministry of our Church. If you would like to be added to the rotation or have any questions about this, please let Cindy George know. cindygeorge127@gmail.com

STREET DELIVERY TO THE HOMELESS----- TODAY. 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 TODAY 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. Meals are currently needed for the Eadeh family who had a baby girl named Zara born on Oct 27.

ST. MATTHEW'S PRISON MINISTRY--- It is possible to help with prison ministry even without ever going inside a prison. For more info, contact our local leader, Vincent Defilippo, 330-352-6678 vdefilippo@neo.rr.com

IOCC REP NEEDED—St. Matthew's needs a representative to the Cleveland chapter of the International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC). The group meets about four times a year to plan their two fundraising events. This is a wonderful opportunity to do something to help suffering people in Greece, Ukraine, Lebanon, Palestine, Uganda, Ethiopia, and elsewhere. For more information, please see Camille Patrick.

ST JOHN THE ALMSGIVER---Black Friday, Nov 29, will be the next quarterly outreach to the homeless. We will prepare and deliver 70 turkey sandwiches to the streets of Cleveland (and possibly also Akron). 3-4 people are needed to help prepare the sandwiches and 1-2 people are needed to help deliver them. If you can help please contact Colton Bose coltonmichaelbose@gmail.com

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY BREAD OBLATION SIGN-UP—*If you would like to add an oblation for next Sunday, please contact Olivia Harmon (oharmon15@gmail.com 440-220-2624).* For all other Sundays, 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)

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.

Fill a Thanksgiving Box!

November 2024

Every year for Thanksgiving we provide and deliver boxes for the needy in our area. We need about 20 filled boxes. Would you like to help with this valuable ministry and provide a box?

If you can help with this ministry, thank you! It is a great help! Please bring your box to the church by November 24.

The following foods are examples of what you can put in your box:

Scalloped potato mixes in a packet
Instant potato packets
Pasta sauce
Pasta
Small jars or cans of applesauce
Canned vegetables, ie, green beans, corn
Good canned soups
Cake or brownie mix
Detergent (sensitive skin)
Toilet paper (4 pack)
Kleenex or Puffs
6 packs of little candy bars
Fruit juice
Macaroni and cheese (boxed or microwavable)
Cans of chili, stew, ravioli
Creamy peanut butter and jellies

Please put all items into 1 box or 2 reusable grocery bags (makes it easier for delivery).
Feel free to add additional items (if scented, please place in plastic bag).

We also need turkeys and grocery store gift cards.

(If you would like to deliver a box, please let us know!)

Please contact one of the following to let us know you'll be bringing a box by November 22:

Louise Bouhasin 216-544-2319

Leigh Frank 330-685-1764

Lisa Bowden 440-667-2767

If something comes up or you need help or have questions, don't hesitate to reach out. Thank you SO much for your kindness!

Who will win this year's Golden Ladle???

⚡ SAVE THE DATE! ⚡
4th annual

CHILI COOK-OFF FOR CAMPERS!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2025

6:00-8:00 PM

Bake Sale
& Raffle!

FREE-WILL
admission!
Vote with
Cash!

Invite
Friends &
Family!



All proceeds
benefit our
15
Antiochian
Village
Campers!

Chili Chef and Bake Sale Sign-Ups coming soon...
Contact Kendra Hunter or Lisa Amer with Questions

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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Thursday	28		Abdelkarim Thanksgiving	
Friday	29		Abdelkarim birthday party 3-8	Abdelkarim birthday party 3-8
Saturday	30		Grigson baby shower 11-4	

St Matthew Church can now accept donations online:

<https://giving.servantkeeper.com/stmatthewchurch>

or use the QR code to the right



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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>

