

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

10383 Albion Rd, North Royalton, OH

July 21, 2024

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

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

FATHER ANDREW & KHOURIE BONNIE WILL BE IN VIRGINIA FROM LATER TODAY THROUGH SATURDAY MORNING, JULY 27, FOR A FAMILY REUNION. There will be Vespers on Saturday. In case of an emergency need for a priest while Father Andrew is gone, please call Father Costas Keares at St. Paul Greek Orthodox Church, 440-669-1316.

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 Jay & Lisa Amer for the health & salvation of their nephew, Elijah Vazquez, on his Saint Day and their children, Marina & Gabriel, on their Saints Days; and by Maria Simescu for the health & salvation of her brothers, Ioan & Mikhail; and by Cindy George for her goddaughter, Marina Amer, on her Saint Day; and by David Glaser for his godson, Steven Morgan, on his birthday; and by Tony & Fadia Abdulkarim for their grandson, Elias, on his Saint Day; and by the DeFilippo family in thanksgiving for the wedding today of Vinny and Ginger; and by the Patrick family for the health & salvation of Camille and Danny on their birthdays, and in memory of Dan's father, Dan Patrick, Sr.

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

Justin Mosier	Julie Dunn	Josephine Katzbach	Danielle
Tony Burhen	Ed Haddad	Father John Henry	Elias Karam
Lucy Kinkaid	Jean Fadil	Charles & Judy Burhen	Dana
Marc Balke	Victoria Thorp	Constantine & Maria Kornea	Charlotte Shaheen
Christopher Samuel	Paraschiva Blaz	Deacon Macarius Tolbert	Tamara Derosset
Peter George	Argie Katsaros	Sara Scordos and baby	Roy
Pauline Hanna	Theodore Bunevich	Uva & Harold Tolbert, Sr.	Jemma Whorley
Frank Popovich	Donald Glaser	George & Christine Simon	Billy Bose
Issa Zaboura	Mary Violanti	Nancy Yanik	Jared
Corrine George	Jerry Morrison	Michael & Marilyn Francu	Christina Bossart
Jeff Joseph	James Padzerski		

Our Campers: Julianna, Marina, & Xenia Amer, Christos Allen, Eirene & Harry Shaheen, Nawal & Nawar Yared

And for the newly departed servants of God: Mary Malaniak, Thomas Connolly, Elias K. Hebeka, Serge Elias, Father James Bernstein, Father Basil Caldaroni

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 6:18-23

EPISTLE READER: Reader Anthony Harmon

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 8: 5-13

HOMILY: "St. Elias (Elijah), July 20th-A Depressed Prophet"

USHERS: Louise Bouhasin & Michael Fazio

GREETER: Cindy George

ALTAR BOY TEAM 1---Caleb Blazek, captain; Christos Allen, Cosby Hunter, Phillip Roach

PLEASE STAY FOR COFFEETIME TODAY RIGHT AFTER LITURGY!

Thank you to Vinnie and Ginger DeFillipo for hosting today!

THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR WILL HAVE A SPECIAL PRACTICE DURING COFFEE HOUR TODAY.
WEDDING CEREMONY TODAY—Vincent and Ginger DeFillipo will have an Orthodox wedding ceremony today at 1pm. You are all invited! And you are all invited to the reception in the hall immediately afterward.

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, JULY 21, 2024

TONE 3 / EOTHINON 4

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & FOURTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

Righteous Fathers John of Edessa in Mesopotamia &
Simeon of Homs (Emesa), the Fool-for-Christ

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.

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 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost)

Sing praises to our God, sing praises.

Clap your hands all ye peoples.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (6:18-23)

Brethren, having been set free from sin, you have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once yielded your members to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now yield your members to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But then what return did you get from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the return you get is sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Fourth Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (8:5-13)

At that time, as Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, beseeching Him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress." And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion answered Him, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard him, He marveled, and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the Kingdom of Heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; be it done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

UPCOMING SERVICES

SAT, JULY 27-5pm Vespers

SUN, JULY 28- 8:50am Matins, 10am Divine Liturgy; The Holy Bread of Oblation will be offered by Colton Bose for his wife, Veronica, on her birthday; and by Father Andrew & Khourie Bonnie for their son Reader Anthony on his birthday; and by Linda McPherson in memory of her brother, Father Basil William Caldaroni, and her mother Jean Caldaroni; and by Leigh Frank in memory of her husband Jeff and her parents, Bud & Rhea Oberlin. Also Linda McPherson will offer the memorial service for her brother, Father Basil William Caldaroni (40 days) and her mother, Jean Caldaroni, (one year).

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF CHRIST FEAST DAY IS AUGUST 6. Our schedule for it---

Mon, Aug 5- 6:30pm Vespers

Tues, Aug 6- 9am Matins; 10am Liturgy; Potluck lunch after the liturgy. The Dormition Fast is lessened on this day---fish is fine!

MEETINGS

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY— next 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: Subdeacon Samuel Harmon, 216-598-9230, samuelfharmon15@gmail.com or Colton Bose, 440-567-6101

WEST BIBLE STUDY--- next meeting 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, Aug 6, 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!

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP—Aug 20. 10:30am location change just this one time to: Alice Marantides' house: 21344 Oak Bark Trail, Strongsville, OH 44149. For info, call Sandy Tolbert, [440-773-9162](tel:440-773-9162).

HOMESCHOOL ENRICHMENT GROUP--- Will resume August 16th. 9:30-noon on Fridays for infants through Elementary. Contact Olivia Harmon for more information: oharmon15@gmail.com

CHESS CLUB--- next meeting date to be announced.

TEEN CLUB— next meeting date to be announced.

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

MINISTRY NEWS

STREET DELIVERY TO THE HOMELESS----- TODAY is the 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 TODAY, is the 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 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. For more info, contact our local leader, Vincent Defilippo, 330-352-6678 vdefilippo@neo.rr.com *A big focus right now is writing letters to prisoners...contact Vincent to get the info.*

THE NEXT ST. JOHN THE ALMSGIVER OUTREACH TO THE HOMELESS will be the weekend of Aug 24. Donations and volunteers will be needed. More information will be made available as the date draws closer.

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/>

HELP ST. THEODOSIUS REBUILD:

As you are no doubt aware, St Theodosius Cathedral suffered a catastrophic fire. We are all too familiar with what that is like. We are also very familiar with the blessing experienced when others step forward to help.

We would like to be that kind of blessing for the priest and faithful of St Theodosius. If you would like to be part of this, you can donate through St Matthew's and be part of our gift to them. Just donate to St Matthew and earmark it for St Theodosius. We will then gift them as we were gifted in our time of need.

CANCELLED: ORTHODOX FAMILY CAMP OUT--- The 3rd Annual St Matthew's Traditional Family Camp, previously scheduled for Sat Aug 31-Sun Sept 1 is CANCELLED this year due to scheduling conflicts. We hope to resume again next year.

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.

IN CASE YOU'RE INTERESTED---Father Andrew will be teaching a 6 week course through the Baldwin Wallace University ILR adult education program this fall. The title of the course is "THE VIETNAM WAR, PART 2" It is a continuation of the course on Part 1 of the war taught last spring. It will cover 1968 to the war's end in 1975. You can take it without having taken part 1.

YOU MUST BECOME A MEMBER OF OLR TO TAKE A CLASS—Go to Institute For Learning In Retirement at Baldwin Wallace University. GO to "membership" and then to "Become a member". There is a fee to join the program and a separate fee of \$25 per class. No age restrictions. The class will be at Pleasant Hills United Methodist Church, 13206 Bagley Road, Middleburg Heights.

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



Learn and Play

St. Matthew Orthodox Church

Homeschool Enrichment &
Infant/Toddler Play Group

Fridays 9:30am-11:45am Aug 16-Oct 25

Meet and Greet July 19th 10am
@Memorial Park and Splash Pad
14600 State Road, North Royalton

Contact Olivia Harmon to register
Oharmon15@gmail.com 440-220-2624





You are invited to
THE SYNAXIS OF THE ARCHANGEL GABRIEL SLAVA
MONASTERY NEW MARCHA



FRIDAY, JULY 26, 2024

9:30 am - The Vesting of the Bishop

10:00 am - Hierarchal Liturgy

His Grace The Right Reverend Bishop Irinej
Serbian Orthodox Bishop of Eastern America

Honored Kumovi - Alex and Zora Malich

Slava Banquet immediately after Holy Services

Monastery New Marcha
5095 Broadview Road
Richfield, Ohio

RETIREMENT *dinner party*

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A RETIREMENT DINNER
to celebrate thirty-four years with our beloved

V. REV. FR. ANDREW HARMON

SUNDAY • AUGUST 18TH • 5:00PM
ST. SAVA SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
2151 W. WALLINGS RD.
BROADVIEW HEIGHTS, OH 44147

ADULTS & CHILDREN OVER 5 YEARS: \$30.00 PER PERSON
CHILDREN 5 YEARS AND UNDER: \$15.00 PER PERSON

Ticket prices include dinner, dessert, coffee or tea, soft drinks, or beer. Bring your own wine if you choose. Gluten free & vegan meals available by request only.

TICKETS AVAILABLE JUNE 1 - JULY 21

To purchase, please contact
Leigh Frank (330) 685-1764 / loberlinfrank@gmail.com or
Peggy Latina (216) 401-1062 / peggyschmidt1@hotmail.com

July 7, 2024

Dear St. Matthew's parishioners,

Plans for Father Andrew's retirement dinner party on August 18 are shaping up nicely, so we thought we'd take this opportunity to give you an update. Your response to our request for assistance with the dinner has been most generous. God bless you for that. If you would still like to contribute, we will always take additional donations for help with the costs for special, invited guests. Please see Lisa Palivoda if you are interested.

Ticket sales have been steady. Please remember that the deadline for ticket purchase is **July 21**, and please, don't be shy about asking Lisa confidentially for ticket assistance if you need it. We are a family, and we want as much of our family to share in this once in a lifetime event. Your request will remain confidential.

If you have any questions about the event or if you would like to help in anyway, please let Lisa or me know.

Yours in Christ,

Lisa Palivoda Camille Patrick
Banquet Celebration Co-chairs

Dr. Craig George
Parish Council President

SAVE THE DATE

October 18-20, 2024
Clergy: October 17-19

Midwest Diocese
FAMILY FALL
Gathering

ST. NICHOLAS - GRAND RAPIDS, MI

Look for
Registration
in Early
August!



Registration
\$50 - Adults
\$30 - Kids 12
& under



Highlight of Events

Welcoming our new Archbishopal 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



Come & Join
the FUN!

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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.

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

July 2024

		Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Saturday	20			
Sunday	21		Defilippo wedding reception 1-4	
Monday	22			
Tuesday	23			
Wednesday	24			
Thursday	25			
Friday	26			
Saturday	27			
Sunday	28			
Monday	29			
Tuesday	30			

August 2024

		Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Thursday	1			
Friday	2			
Saturday	3			
Sunday	4			
Monday	5			
Tuesday	6			
Wednesday	7			
Thursday	8			
Friday	9			
Saturday	10		Roach Party 10-4	
Sunday	11			
Monday	12			
Tuesday	13			
Wednesday	14			
Thursday	15			
Friday	16	Homeschool Enrichment 9-1		
Saturday	17			
Sunday	18			
Monday	19			
Tuesday	20			
Wednesday	21			
Thursday	22			
Friday	23	Homeschool Enrichment 9-1		Kitchen in use 6-9, St. John mission
Saturday	24	Kitchen in use 8-12, St. John mission		
Sunday	25			

HOLY PROPHET EZEKIEL

St. Ezekiel, whose memory we celebrate today, was a priest in the Jerusalem temple. He was taken as a captive in Babylon in 597 B.C., about 10 years before Babylon completely destroyed the temple and the independence of Judah. He became a spiritual leader of the Jewish exiles in Babylon. He had several divine visions from God, including the famous “wheel within the wheel way up in the middle of the air”---an amazingly complex vision (chapter 1) of angelic beings. And another complex vision of the Cherubim and the glory of God leaving the Jerusalem temple. He promised judgement on Judah but also their future restoration under the Messiah. He spoke of Christ, the Son of David, as the Good Shepherd (chapter 34), of God washing His people and giving them a new heart (chapter 36) and of the rising of the fallen nation to new life in the famous passage about the dead bones coming to life (Ezekiel 37), which we always hear at the Lamentations service on Great & Holy Friday night.

St Matthew Church can now accept donations online:

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

