

## SAINT OF THE DAY:

### ST. MAXIMUS THE FOOL FOR CHRIST OF TOTMA

St. Maximus, whose memory we celebrate today, was a parish priest in Totma, Russia in the first half of the 1600's. Midway through life, he became a Fool for Christ. For the rest of his years he lived in total poverty, constant prayer, ate almost nothing, and dressed in rags. (The information Father Andrew checked does not mention if he somehow continued to pastor during these many years.) He drew so close to the Lord that many, many people came to him for prayer, guidance, and healing. He died at a very old age on January 16, 1650. Since then, many pilgrims visit his tomb to ask God for help through St. Maximus' prayers. Many have received miraculous healings.

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#### **WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT FOR BRINGING KIDS TO CHURCH:**

Over the next several weeks we will study the parts of the liturgy and how to engage children in each part. As children learn to predict what comes next, the liturgy will not seem so long and they will wait with more patience for the much anticipated Communion and Holy Bread!

One part of the liturgy that repeats many times is the litanies. Children can learn to sing the simple "Lord have mercy" responses. They can also be taught to listen to each petition and ask God quietly for a specific related intercession. For example, when we hear "for the sick", children could quietly pray to God to help their sick friend.

Spend time at home this week looking at the litany petitions and practicing with your child some personal prayers they might focus their mind on at the next liturgy.

## ST. MATTHEW THE EVAN ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CH

10383 Albion Rd, North Royalton

**January 16, 2022**

*Veneration of the Chains of the Holy Apo*

**His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEF**  
Archbishop of New York and Antiochian Metropolitan

**His Grace Bishop ANTHONY**  
Auxiliary Bishop of the Antiochian Diocese of Toledo

**V. Rev. Father Andrew Harmon**  
**Rev. Deacon Macarius Tolbert • Rev. Deacon**  
**Sub-Deacon Fred N. Bourjaily • Sub-Deacon M**  
**Sub-Deacon Richard Sahley • Sub-Deacon G**  
**Reader Anthony Harmon**

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**Saturday Vespers 5:00 PM**

**Saturday Confessions 5:30 PM**

**Sunday Confessions 9:45 AM**

**Sunday M**

**Divine Lit**

**Sunday S**

**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 Michael on his birthday and of Brooke on her Saint Day (St. Tatiana); and by Florentina Popa for the health & salvation of her goddaughter, Mary Harmon, on her birthday; and is offered by Jack & Lisa Palivoda for the health & salvation of their daughter, Alicia Mlakar, on her birthday.

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

Josephine Katzbach	Jean Caldaroni	Cindy Retzler
Justin Mosier	Paraschiva Blaz	Nolan Bunch
Tony Burhen	Phyllis Simmons	Ruth Zheltov
Lucy Kinkaid	Nancy Yanik	Mark Katzbach
Marc Balke	Dolores Kaleal	Valaria Dovala
Christopher Samuel	William	Jan Kattouf
Peter George	Ron & Donna Teaman	Craig George
Pauline Hanna	Jerry Morrison	Matthew and Ann Roach
Frank Popovich	Marianna Russyn	Elena Maurer
Issa Zaboura	Iliana Radivoj	Kendal & the Schulte family
Argie Katsaros	Lena Batina	Bob & Debbie Elias
Archdeacon Joseph Harb	Norman Fadil	Kosta Bokjanc
Joseph Watson	Danielle	Michael Brooks
		Christ & Photia

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

Officer Shane Bartek, John Simon (cousin of Fred Bourjaily), Sue Palmer (mother of Catechumen Michael Palmer and of Scott Palmer), Ginny Biada (Lisa Palivoda's friend), Clarence Drozdowski, George Hallal, Father John Loejos

**EPISTLE LESSON:** Colossians 3:4-11

**EPISTLE READER:** Reader Anthony Harmon

**GOSPEL LESSON:** Luke 17: 12-19

**HOMILY:** "St. Anthony the Great---January 17"

**USHERS:** Gail Malaniak & Pam Stephanoff

***PLEASE STAY FOR COFFEETIME IN THE HALL RIGHT AFTER LITURGY!***

***SUNDAY SCHOOL AFTER LITURGY TODAY.***

**AND TODAY IS OUR MONTHLY ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** beginning promptly during Coffee hour (to occur while the children are still in Sunday School). Adults should bring their food in to the board room at the back of the hall if they wish to attend. Kristi Tartara will speak on her experience of how illness gave her faith like a child in a talk titled, "There's Always Hope."

*Join us for fellowship, friendship, a*




**SAINT GEORGE**  
ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

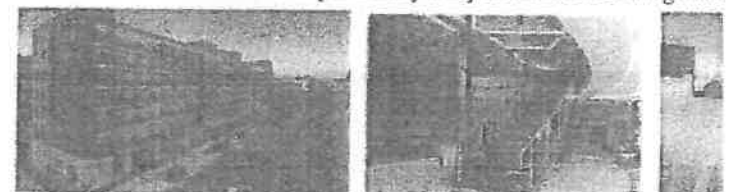
**Grand Rapids, Michigan**  
invites you to join us

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June 15 to June 19

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 <https://group.embassysuites.com/>  
**\$99—\$129 room rates!**

Includes Complimentary Daily Breakfast & Evening Reception



**EVENT WEBSITE IS LIVE**

[www.antiochianevents.org](http://www.antiochianevents.org)

Please visit to register your "AD" in our Souvenir Book  
In Celebration of Bishop Anthony's 10 Years or In Memory of!

**Find us on Socials!**

 **#GRPLC2022**

 **St. George**

**THE ZOE FOR LIFE  
DIAPER DRIVE  
January 2022**

The St. Matthew Sisterhood is hosting it's Annual  
Zoe for Life Diaper Drive each Sunday in January, 2022.

We are asking everyone to please donate an unwrapped package of  
diapers. Any size will do but the smaller sizes may be the most  
helpful.

There will be a decorated box in the church hall to receive the  
diapers and you can bring them in on any Sunday in January.

As always, a monetary donation is also very helpful, and you can  
make your checks out to "Zoe for Life."

Please help to make the Diaper Drive a success and may God Bless  
you for helping those in great need!!

Thank you!!!



**DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES FOR SUNDAY, J  
TONE 5 / EOTHINON 8; TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY  
& TWELFTH SUNDAY OF LUK  
Veneration of the Precious Chains of the Ap  
Peusippos and Neonilla, and the martyrs of Ca  
Hieromartyr Damaskinos of Hilandar monaster**

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the  
the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending t  
death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE II

Thou hast come to us without leaving Rome, O thou who dost pre  
power of the venerable chains thou didst bear. While honoring the  
that through thine intercessions, God may grant us great mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST I

With zeal you followed Christ the Master, Who in His goodness  
called you from the custom house, revealing you to be a chosen a  
the Gospel to the whole world! Therefore, divinely eloquent Mat  
memory. Entreat the merciful God, that He may grant us remissio

KONTAKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIS

Thou Who didst sanctify the Virgin's womb by Thy birth, and d  
was meet, by anticipation hast even now saved us, O Christ God. I  
wars unto Thy commonwealth and strengthen the hierarchs whom  
of man.

THE EPISTLE (For the Twenty-Ninth Sunday aft

*How magnified are Thy works, O Lord; in wisdom hast  
Bless the Lord, O my soul.*

**The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Co**

Brethren, when Christ, Who is our life, appears, then you also  
Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impu  
covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these, the wrath of  
of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in then  
anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do  
that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have pu  
being renewed in knowledge after the image of its Creator. Here ti  
circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free m

THE GOSPEL (For the Twelfth Sunday of Luke—"Ten Lepers")

**The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (17:12-19)**

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When He saw them He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus said, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

**Please join ZOE for Life!®  
and  
St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Cathe  
for a Prayer Service as we  
Pray for the Unbc**



**Sunday, January 16, 2022  
6:00 pm  
6306 Broadview Road  
Parma 44134**

**Prayer Service & Presentation will also  
Streamed**

**Guest Speaker Presentation Follows –**

**His Grace Bishop Irinej  
Serbian Orthodox Church**

**Prayers offered by:  
Father Dragoslav Kosic**

**Registration is Free, but required in order to receive a  
Please register using the link below before Jan  
<https://forms.gle/f3HVhEXrj9j4pF3w>**

## 2022 HOME BLESSINGS

The annual blessing of homes will for the most part take place between Theophany, January 6 and the start of Great Lent, March 7. If needed (commonly it is) some more can be done after Pascha.

Due to the increased size of the parish in the last couple of years (lots more homes to bless!) and also due to the hesitancy of some (due to COVID) to have visitors in their home, it will be up to parishioners (except our shut-ins) to specifically request a houseblessing. Generally speaking, you won't be contacted but will have to request it.

Houseblessings will have to be shorter (like in 2021) than they often were in past years when there were less homes. Visits will be only 15-30 minutes long. If you wish to have me over for more time than that, your home can be scheduled late in the houseblessing season when things are slowing down.

You are welcome to have a bowl of water out to be blessed---if not, I always brings holy water along. An icon and candle are good, but not required.

I will wear a mask in your home if you request, but not during the actual ceremony.

There is certainly no obligation or expectation of food or coffee. **Remember, please, no sweets!**

I look forward to being with you in your home soon! Happy New Year and Blessed Theophany!

-----Father Andrew

St. John Chrysostom compares the church to a hospital...  
a place of healing.

Come and Experience

## "Pathway to Peace"

A gathering place for those who are broken  
from hurt, hangups or habits.

Pathway to Peace  
is a group of Orthodox Christians  
that meets for support in seeking practical solutions  
for problems and healthy spiritual lifestyles.

Join us as we renew our minds  
and encourage each other through the love of Christ.

Mondays, 7:15 PM

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For more information: Deacon Basil  
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**2022 church calendars are available in the narthex---  
Mallchok's Funeral Home for donating them!**

## UPCOMING SERVICES

SAT, JAN 22- Vespers 5pm

SUN, JAN 23- Matins 8:50am, and Divine Liturgy, 10am; The Holy Br by The Blazeks for Al's birthday and for Susan's Saint Day (St. Julianna their daughter Wynter's Saint Day (St. Julianna); by the Amers for Mari Day; and by the Palivodas for their godson, Luke Harmon, on his birthd the annual Human Life Sunday, remembering the Roe v. Wade Supreme 1973 that legalized abortion on demand. We will pray the prayers issued at the end of liturgy.

**UPCOMING VISIT FROM BISHOP ANTHONY**---His Grace Bisho next month to ordain Samuel Harmon to be a subdeacon. Here is the sch Tues, Feb 1---Vespers with Artoklasia, 6:30pm

Wed, Feb 2---Matins 9am; Liturgy for the great holy day of the Presenta with the blessing of candles, 10am. The ordination takes place at the enc 10am. Following liturgy there will be a meal coordinated by Kh Bonnie, Fish, dessert, and drinks provided. They ask that you please bring salads

## MEETINGS

**PATHWAYS TO PEACE**---Mondays, 7:15 p.m., at church & by Zoon who are broken from hurts, hangups, or habits. Join us as we renew our through the love of Christ." Call Dcn Basil, 440-665-3591, for zoom inf

**SOUTH BIBLE STUDY**--- Jan 18 at 6:30pm at Craig & Cindy George Brecksville. Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues of the month. The topic will be the **WEST BIBLE STUDY**--- Jan 22; 6pm (Meets monthly at church after book, "The Wisdom of Sirach."

**NORTH BIBLE STUDY**--- Not meeting in Jan as host family is not av Isaiah.

**WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP**---Jan 21, 1pm. Meets monthly at Tara For more info, call Sandy Tolbert, 440-773-9162.

**HOMESCHOOL SUPPORT GROUP**--- Friday, Feb 11, 9am

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**--- Feb 20. Bob Snyder, the regional Chri our archdiocese, will speak on The Prodigal Son.

**NEW MUSIC REHEARSAL** - Sunday, Jan. 23, shortly after Liturgy, We will spend about 30 minutes learning the Alt. #1 of "Father, Son, an Alt. #1 of the Anaphora hymns (p. 38-49), which we will sing congregat time the following Sunday.

**TEEN GROUP**---Sun, Jan 23 after liturgy. Father Andrew will be leadi

## MINISTRY NEWS

**ST. HERMAN'S MINISTRY TEAM**— TODAY IS OUR PARISH'S MONTHLY TURN TO PROVIDE, COOK, & SERVE A MEAL TO THE HOMELESS AT ST. HERMAN ORTHODOX HOMELESS SHELTER IN CLEVELAND. We may still need a few more volunteers to serve the food—please see Deacon Basil after liturgy.

**OUR PARISH'S MINISTRY OF DELIVERY OF FOOD, CLOTHING, ETC. TO THE HOMELESS ON THE STREETS OF CLEVELAND** will not take place in January. The next delivery will be Sun, Feb 20. Alms box to help fund this is on counter right by main hall entry door.

**FOOD PANTRY**- We are "in the middle" between Christmas and Holy Week deliveries and the pantry is well-stocked for now. But we can always use more grocery gift cards if you are able to bring or mail some to the church. *Thank you for helping the needy!*

## 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.

**DONATE BY TEXT**- You can now donate to St. Matthew's via text message. It's secure, quick, and free to sign up and takes seconds to make a donation. Send a text message to 440-390-4330 to get started. Reach out to Al Blazek (440-799-2487 by text or phone) if you'd like help or further info.

**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.

**A SINGLE YOUNG WOMAN IN THE CHURCH IS INQUIRING IF ANY PARISHIONERS HAVE A ROOM to rent her, or if they know a safe property that would allow Section 8 housing.** She is specifically looking for something on the West Side (preferably in or near Berea, Parma, or Middleburg Hts.) so that she can still be close to work. If anyone has any availability or could help in any way, please contact her through Father Andrew.

**SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION**---started Jan 8 for Antiochian Village. Go to [avcamp.org](http://avcamp.org) to register and get more information.

**SEEKING WORK**---Catechumen 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.

We want to thank all of you for your kindness, your concern, and especially for your prayers during my illness. Whether you have lit a candle, offered prayer, sent a text or email of care and concern, mailed a care package, called, left something at our front door or brought over home-made goodness, we are grateful beyond words. We have truly been overwhelmed by your love and support demonstrated by you, our wonderful Matthew's family.

In Sincere gratitude,

Craig & Cindy George

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

**Who:** All St. Matthew parishioners, plus your family & friends (plus

**What:** The First Annual Chili Cook-off, Bake Sale, and Silent Auction

**When:** Saturday, February 19, 2022

**Time:** 6:00-8:00 pm (after vespers)

**Where:** St. Matthew Parish Hall

**Admission (includes chili tastings):** \$5 per person/\$10 per family

**Why:** To raise funds for summer church camp tuition\* for St. Matthew

\*Note: A 2-week summer session at Antiochian Village is now \$50

### **CALLING ALL CHILI CHEFS!**

Do you have a secret or not-so-secret chili recipe you'd be willing to make? This is your chance!

In the weeks leading up to February 19, please visit our Sign-Up table in the narthex (with your chili types!) of chili you intend to make for our First Annual Chili Cook-off, Bake Sale & Fundraiser for Campers. (Instructions will be given upon signing up).

During this chili cook-off fundraising event, attendees will vote with \$\$ for their favorite chilis, and the creators of the chilis that raise the most money in each category will each win the **2022 Golden Ladle (plus bragging rights)!**

The more pots of chili the better, so please consider signing up today!

Feel free to contact coordinator Kendra Hunter with questions.

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