

**ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST ANTIOCHIAN
ORTHODOX CHURCH
JUNE/JULY, 2022, NEWSLETTER**

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**SATURDAY VESPERS—5 p.m.
SUNDAY MATINS—8:50 a.m. SUNDAY LITURGY—10 a.m.
CONFESSION—after Vespers and during Matins on Sundays & by
appointment.**

EXTRA SERVICES

**ASCENSION DAY IS JUNE 2 as we celebrate our Lord's return to heaven 40 days
after His Resurrection. Our schedule:**

Wednesday, June 1—Vespers with Artoklasia, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 2 ---Matins, 9 a.m.; Liturgy, 10 a.m. Potluck lunch after liturgy.

**PENTECOST IS SUNDAY, JUNE 12 as we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit
Upon the Church 50 days after Christ's Resurrection. Saturday Vespers and
Sunday morning times are the same as usual. The Pentecost Kneeling Prayers will
take place at the end of the Sunday liturgy—the first time we kneel to pray since
Pascha.**

**SAINTS PETER & PAUL DAY IS WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29. On this day, we venerate
the two greatest Apostles. Our schedule:**

Tuesday, June 28—Vespers with Artoklasia, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 29—Matins, 9 a.m.; Liturgy, 10 a.m. Potluck lunch after liturgy

AKATHIST SERVICE FOR ST. JOHN OF SAN FRANCISCO, Friday, July 1, 6:30 pm.

**PARISH ORGANIZATIONS, STUDY GROUPS, MINISTRY
TEAMS**

**PATHWAYS TO PEACE—BOTH IN PERSON AT CHURCH AND BY
ZOOM—Each Monday, 7:15 pm. “A gathering place for those who are broken
from hurts, hang-ups, or habits. Join us as we renew our minds and encourage
each other through the love of Christ.” Call Deacon Basil, 440-665-3591, for Zoom
information.**

NORTH BIBLE STUDY---Thursday, June 23, at Parker's, 1350 Elmwood Ct., Rocky River, 6:30. July date to be announced.

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP—Friday, June 24, 1 pm. All women welcome! The location is at Tara Reidy's, 274 Elmwood, Berea. For more info, call Sandy Tolbert, 440-773-9162. July date to be announced,

WEST BIBLE STUDY—Saturday, June 25, 6 pm at the church. Studying I Corinthians. July date to be announced.

SOUTH BIBLE STUDY—Tuesdays, June 7 & 21; July 5 & 19, 6:30 p.m. at Craig & Cindy George's, 9451 Sherwood Trail, Brecksville. All are welcome. The study will be on the book of Ephesians.

NEXT TEEN CLUB MEETING---**June & July activities** to be announced.

ST. HERMAN'S MINISTRY TEAM—Sunday, June 19, is our parish's next monthly turn to provide a meal to the poor at St. Herman Orthodox Homeless Shelter in Cleveland. If you can help with either the providing or cooking or serving of the meal, please contact Deacon Basil, 440-665-3591. Thank you to the Dn. Basil, Samir Amer, Matt Roach, Veronica Scanlon and Colton Bose for serving the May meal. July date to be announced.

OUR PARISH'S MINISTRY OF DELIVERY OF FOOD, CLOTHING, ETC. TO THE HOMELESS ON THE STREETS OF CLEVELAND WILL BE ON SUNDAY, JUNE 12. Alms box to help fund is by hall entrance. July date will be announced.

HOMESCHOOL SUPPORT GROUP---Not meeting in Summer and will resume in September.

SISTERHOOD MEETING—After liturgy, Sunday, June 5.

FASTING AND FEASTING IN JUNE

Time period between Ascension and Pentecost--- normal Wednesday & Friday fasting.

Week after Pentecost---Fast free in celebration.

The Apostles' Fast —a Lenten-type fast in preparation for the celebration of Ss. Peter & Paul Day on June 29. This fast is from June 20-28.

NEW PARISHIONERS IN MAY

Eli & Michelle Jammal

Rose

4408 Archmere Avenue

Cleveland, OH 44109

440-668-1279

EJammal723@gmail.com

Please welcome them to our parish family and add them to your phone list.

Please join us for the

FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH!!!

Hosted by the
St. Matthew Sisterhood

on

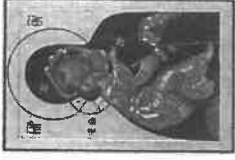
Sunday, June 19, 2022
During coffee hour.

We are happy to honor
Our wonderful
Fathers, Step-Fathers,
Grandfathers and God-Fathers!!

Join us for good food and fellowship!!
and

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!!

Thank you!!!



Theotokos of Vladimir

EASTERN ORTHODOX WOMEN'S GUILD OF GREATER CLEVELAND Unity Through Participation



Saturday, June 11, 2022
10:00 A.M.



Monastery Marcha
5095 Broadview Road
Richfield, OH 44286

- **Potluck Picnic** (hotdogs & hamburgers provided)
- **Followed by Program: *Book Review***
 - "*Giver of Life - The Holy Spirit in Orthodox Tradition*"
 - By Father John W. Oliver
- Discussion led by: Sub-deacon Leon Felon
- Prior reading of book not necessary
- To purchase book (\$20), see Karen Felon

OUR CONDOLENCES---

---Marianna Russyn, a very active member of our parish since its beginning days, fell asleep in Christ on May 3rd.

---Antonios Payamgis, father of parishioner Helen Mozden, fell asleep in Christ on May 9th.

May their memories be eternal!

ST. MATTHEW'S CHESS CLUB BEGINNING

The first meeting of our parish chess club will after liturgy on Sunday, June 26th. If you are an experienced player or have never played----please come! At this first meeting---basic info, discussion of scheduling, and some playing. No RSVP needed, but for more details, call Michael Palmer, 216-212-7436.

NEW INFANT BAPTISMAL FONT

Many thanks to the family of Father James & Khourie Ruth Meena for the gift of our beautiful new infant baptismal font in their memory! It will get off to a big start in June with 3 babies being baptized!

OUR CURRENT CATECHUMEN LIST We pray for them at each liturgy. Please pray for them during the week as well as they prepare to enter the Orthodox Church----

Mariya Butt

Michael Palmer

Jamie & Lucas Domonkos

Victoria Shaker

Lindsey Katsaros

OUR PARISH'S GRADUATES

Congratulations to this spring's graduates from St. Matthew's-----

Caleb Blazek---graduating from a combination of home schooling and Brunswick High School. Summa Cum Laude & Brunswick valedictorian. He will attend Baldwin-Wallace University to study pre-med and allied health.

Paul Blazek---graduating from Baldwin-Wallace University in Computer Science and Math. 4.0 grade point and Summa Cum Laude. He is now working as a systems analyst at Joyce Manufacturing in Berea.

Shawn Scanlon---graduating from Berea-Midpark High School and Polaris Career Center. After knee surgeries this summer, he will be attending a vocation day program called HELP Foundation where he will get hands-on kitchen training and do curriculum-based learning. He will review hard and soft skills, have experiential learning, take field trips, build math skills, and practice navigating conflict in the work place.

Nawar Yared---graduating from Lakewood High School. She will first attend Cleveland State University and then later attend Ohio State University to study optometry.

ST. MATTHEW'S MESSAGE BOARD

Contact Bonnie Harmon if you wish to submit a message.

YOU'RE INVITED TO A WEDDING! Mark the date for the wedding of parishioners Veronica Scanlon and Colton Bose. SATURDAY, JULY 9th at 12 noon. The wedding and reception will both be held here at St Matthew's.

Please RSVP at <http://withjoy.com/colton-and-veronica> by June 19 so they can plan accordingly. For those who don't wish to use the Internet, please RSVP by texting or calling Veronica at 440-657-8904.

Also, LADIES are invited to a potluck Bridal Shower for Veronica, on Friday, JUNE 10th, 6pm at the home of Susan Blazek, 1498 Oak Tree Dr, Brunswick. Please RSVP at the following evite: <http://evite.me/9kB1CbfKQh> or email to :Susan.blazek@gmail.com.

The couple is registered at Target, in-store and at

Target.com.<https://www.target.com/gift-registry>

They invite you all to join in their great joy!

WE ARE LOOKING TO HIRE A COUPLE ADULT SERVERS AT OUR SON'S WEDDING ON JULY 16. Contact Kh. Bonnie at 216-258-4837 if interested.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY MEET-UP

Let me tell you about the oldest person in our parish. Our matriarch, Pauline Hanna, who up until about a year ago was living by herself in her own home, was born on March 16, 1917 (the year of the Russian Revolution and the year America entered WWI), making her 105 years old! I had the privilege of visiting her for the first time. What a sweet woman she is! God has blessed her with still having a sharp mind and intact memory.

Pauline was born in Akron to Frieda and Sam Thomas who were from Lebanon. There were eleven children in the family. Only five of them made it past childhood.

Pauline grew up in Cleveland. At the age of 13, her father and future father-in-law who had just arrived from Lebanon, shook hands agreeing to the marriage of their two children. Pauline had not even met her future spouse, but was now engaged. Because there was a death in the family, the wedding had to wait a year, so it wasn't until Pauline was 15 that she finally married 25-year-old John Hanna. He ended up being a wonderful husband. Pauline says it was too bad that he treated her so good and she thus loved him so much because it has made it harder to be without him. He passed from this life about 38 years ago.

John worked as a manager of various businesses. He did not like working for anyone, so he owned his own businesses. Pauline stayed at home with her children until her youngest was 14.

Pauline talked about being young and a bit immature in her early years of marriage. One time she packed her bags and was going to go home. Her father-in-law who she greatly loved and respected, talked her out of it. She says that her in-laws made her life a second heaven on earth.

John and Pauline were blessed with five children. There was George, Carol, Arlene, Judy, and Janice—the last three being members of St. Matthew's. Carol was born with a heart defect. She had surgery for it when she was about 5, but had health problems her entire life. Every night Pauline would first thank God for everything and then she would pray, "Please let me have her until she is 33." God more than answered that prayer, for she was 54 when God took her. Both Carol and Arlene (Glaser) devoted their lives to loving and serving God.

Pauline and John were members of St. George Orthodox Church in Cleveland for many years. It was only the last several years that Pauline and her daughters have become members of St. Mathew's. Pauline's son-in-law, Don Glaser, commented that St. Matthew's is like the United Nations where everyone gets along.

Throughout her years, Pauline particularly enjoyed gardening, reading, taking long walks, and keeping her house neat and clean.

I asked her if there was any advice she could give us. She replied, "If you are married and have a husband who is "bossy" and you have an argument, you should stop arguing, nod your head in agreement and pat his head. Then walk out of the room whispering to your woman friend, 'He thinks he won!'"

I also asked her to what does she attribute her long life. She says it is from always eating a Mediterranean diet. She also says that the only thing about living so many years is she gets lonely. She has many visitors from her family, but she sorely misses those people who have gone on before her.

In her later years, Pauline had wanted to be able to work and save up money to give to her kids when she is gone. She said she never was able to do that. However, I believe she has accomplished a much higher goal and that is the great love she gives to her family. What a great example she is to us of a life well lived.



It's almost summer so you know what that means: Time for the 3rd Annual St. Matthew Open House at the Blazeks' house!

We'll celebrate on Monday, July 4th starting at noon and going on into the evening. This year we have a few things to celebrate along with a general get together: Xavier turning 15, Susan turning 50, Caleb graduating from high school and Paul graduating from Baldwin-Wallace.

Like in previous years, we'll have hot dogs, hamburgers, s'mores and just general fun. For the kids, our house has a swing set, a trampoline, chickens and a very nice park at the end of the street with a bigger playground, woods to explore and basketball hoops.

If you can, bring something to share - we had a great variety of food and drink last year that made a good event great. But if you can't please just BRING YOURSELF because you being there is the most important thing.

It's an Open House so come when you want, stay as little or as long as you want, leave when you want. There's plenty of on-street parking and a Meijer a 2 minute drive (really) so we can get anything you need. PLEASE RSVP to Al Blazek on Telegram, via text or a phone call (440-799-2487) or by email (al.blazek@gmail.com). Bring a friend, bring family, everyone's invited. Hope to see you there!

Join us for fellowship, friendship, and worship!



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Grand Rapids, Michigan
invites you to join us for the

2022 Parish Life Conference

June 15 to June 19, 2022

HOTEL NOW ACCEPTING RESERVATIONS!

<https://group.embassysuites.com/huwwp>

\$99—\$129 room rates!

Includes Complimentary Daily Breakfast & Evening Reception



EVENT WEBBISTE IS LIVE!

www.antiochianevents.org

Please visit to register your "AD" in our Souvenir Journal
In Celebration of Bishop Anthony's 10 Years of In Memory of Fr. John Wadley

Find us on Socials!

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StGeorge.org

GOLFER REGISTRATION

- Specialty Goods**
- \$175 - Regular Registration
- POURCHASE:**
 - \$650 - Early Bird Registration - Prior to June 10th
 - \$700 - Regular Registration
- Pay in Advance for Maldives & Spa**
- MULLIGANS - \$40 PER TEAM**
Includes 4 Mulligans that can be used by anyone on team
- SEMP - \$40 PER TEAM**
100% percent of what we need during course of play

When registering to participate in events - complete all areas for each golfer and your full payment.

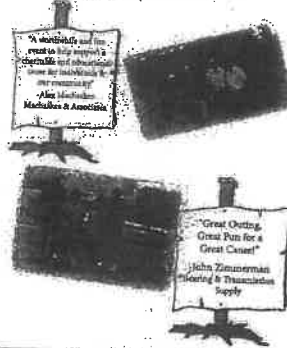
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Join the Fun!
Enjoy some words from those that have participated in past Golf Classics!



On-Line Auction

Begins Sunday, June 19th at 8:00am
Ends: Monday, June 27th at 5:30pm
Link to Auction Site:
<https://www.32auctions.com/StHermansGolfClassic2022>

Auction is open to everyone!
All proceeds from the auction go to support the day-to-day operations of St. Herman House!



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NEW MINISTRY BEGINNING AT ST. MATTHEW'S

St. Matthew's is now officially affiliated with 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 would like to get involved in this new ministry, please contact Lisa Palivoda at ldpal1703@outlook.com or Cindy George at cindygeorge127@gmail.com.

St. Matthew Orthodox Church

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A hearty THANK YOU to everyone who supported and/or camped out at our Inaugural St. Matthew Traditional Orthodox Camp.

We had 81 participants - old and young, parishioners and guests - who spent time on Saturday and Sunday playing games, attending Church, and generally just having a great time together.

Special thanks to Fr. Andrew for his leadership and providing a great Q&A session, Mike & Erin Musarra for working the grill, Hani Saddic for running an incredibly popular archery clinic, the Glasers, Pappadakes', and several other generous anonymous donors, and everyone who set up, cleaned up or helped keep things running smoothly for a great 2 day period.

We will, God willing, make this an annual event every Memorial Day weekend, so mark your calendars now for 2023... and invite a friend or three!