ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

10383 Albion Rd, North Royalton, OH

October 20, 2024

Great-Martyr Artemius

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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 Jay & Lisa Amer in thanksgiving to God for their 20th wedding anniversary; and by Deacon Basil & Joanne Vazquez for the health & salvation of Lynette on her 6th birthday; and by Dan & Camille Patrick in memory of the Farris family: Richard, Louis, Lou Jr., Najeeb & Amelia (Jamilee), Edmund, Pamela, Ruth (Farris) Meena, & Dolores Farris (Hanna), Edna Farris Anter.

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

Charles Bossart, Dean Albashani, Zachary Beltz, Nizam Jawhari

And for the health & safety of:

Justin Mosier	Nancy Yanik	Father John Henry	Don Ambrose	
Lucy Kinkaid	Julie Dunn	Judy Burhen	Tony Branson	
Marc Balke	Ed Haddad	Constantine & Maria Kornea	Metropolitan LONGIN	
Christopher Samuel	Jean Fadil	Sara Scordos & baby	Sharon Mack	
Peter George	Victoria Thorp	George & Christine Simon	Craig George	
Pauline Hanna	Argie Katsaros	Michael & Marilyn Francu	Christian	
Frank Popovich	Theodore Bunevich	Tamara Derosset	Yun-Zoe Harmon	
Issa Zaboura	Donald Glaser	Dana	Alfred & Rita Blazek	
Corrine George	Mary Violanti	Charlotte Shaheen	Leigh Frank	
James Padzerski	Jerry Morriston	Jared Johnston	Jenna Bshara	
Josephine Katzbach	Danielle	Christina Bossart	Grant Oberlin	
Elias Karam	Roy	Olivia Harmon & baby		
Fr. Don Shadid	Sasha Zdinak	Tatiana Santiago		
Judy Yanik	Susan Joseph	Ann Ghianni		
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And for the newly departed servants of God: Archpriest John Downing, Hani Farahat (Hani Saddic's friend), Elie Khoury, Charles Burhen, Noble Trenham (Fr. Josiah's father), Josef Pabwajlo

EPISTLE LESSON: 2 Cor. 6:16–7:1 **EPISTLE READER:** Teen Month Reader **HOMILY:** Fr. Fred: "Cleansed By The Word"

USHERS: Marianne Nader & Richard Sahley **GREETER:** Leigh Frank

ALTAR BOY TEAM 2—Samir Amer, captain; Sebastian Blazek, Miles Hunter, Isaac Kash **OCTOBER IS YOUTH AND SEMINARY MONTH IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE.** Teens will be reading the epistle this month.

20TH **ANNIVERSARY CROWNING CEREMONY** will be done today for Jay & Lisa Amer. **SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY** for Special Olympics.

ALSO, SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY AND THE REMAINING SUNDAYS IN OCT for the

Archdiocese Hurricane Relief Fund. See the letter from our Metropolitan at the end of this bulletin.

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

PLEASE STAY FOR COFFEETIME TODAY AFTER LITURGY!

Thank you to Jay & Lisa Amer for hosting today!

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2024 TONE 8 / EOTHINON 6

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & SIXTH SUNDAY OF LUKE Great-martyr Artemius at Antioch

Venerable Gerasimos the New Ascetic of Kephallonia; Venerable Matrona of Chios

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE EIGHT (p. 15)

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. ARTEMIUS THE GREAT-MARTYR IN TONE FOUR

(Special melody "Be quick to anticipate")

Thy Martyr, O Lord, in his courageous contest for Thee * received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. * For since he possessed Thy strength, he cast down the tyrants * and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. * O Christ God, by his prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

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 the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost)

Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.

God is known in Judah; His Name is great in Israel.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (6:16-7:1)

Brethren, we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Therefore, come out from them, and be separate from them," says the Lord, "and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Sixth Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (8:26-39)

At that time, Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And as He stepped out on land, there met Him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes, and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What hast Thou to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech Thee, do not torment me." For Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. [For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.] Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged Jesus not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged Jesus to let them enter these. So He gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked Jesus to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so He got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Jesus; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare all that God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city all that Jesus had done for him.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sat, Oct 26 5pm Great Vespers

Sun, Oct 27 8:50am Orthros, 10am Divine Liturgy; The Holy Bread of Oblation will be offered by Maria Simescu for the health & salvation of her husband Dan and her brother Valentin and in memory of her parents, Christian & Maria. Also the 40-day memorial will be offered by Hani Saddic for Hani Farahat and Melanie Myers.

MEETINGS

YOUNG ADULT GROUP— *Bonfire Sat Oct 26, 6pm.* Next date Bible study date to be announced. Usually 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 5, 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---next 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.

TODDLER STORY TIME AND HOMESCHOOL ENRICHMENT GROUP--- The final meeting for this semester is this Fri, Oct 25. Contact Olivia Harmon for more information: oharmon15@gmail.com

TEEN CLUB— annual fundraiser coffee hour on Oct 27; next monthly meeting: Nov 3 after liturgy.

PATHWAYS TO PEACE- Oct 28 at 7pm in the church conference room. The meetings will be held monthly 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

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN'S SISTERHOOD—Sun Nov 10 after liturgy in the board room.

CHESS CLUB- next meeting to be announced. If you don't know how to play, they will teach you!

MINISTRY NEWS

USHERING MINISTRY--- An opportunity has opened up in the ushering ministry. Ushers currently 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. cindygeorge 127@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, <u>440</u>-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 Erin.musarra@gmail.com.

ST. MATTHEW'S PRISON MINISTRY--- will meet after coffeetime on Nov 3 to discuss our upcoming Christmas letter-writing event. 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

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY BREAD OBLATION SIGN-UP—If you would like to add an oblation for next Sunday, please contact Olivia Harmon (<u>oharmon15@gmail.com</u> 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 **Gail Malaniak** 440-552-4586

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY--St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church in Rocky River is hiring a part-time youth events coordinator. 20 hours per week/\$20 per hour. If you are interested send cover letter and resume to alentz@saintdemetriosrr.org. For more detail please see Fr. Fred.

FALL RETREAT WITH FATHER STAVROS---The Sts. Constantine and Helen Cathedral St. Makrina Bible Study is hosting a **Fall Retreat**, **Saturday November 9**, **2024** from 10 am to 3 pm. There will be a Liturgy of St. Nektarios on Saturday at 8:30 a.m. with breakfast and retreat to follow. **Father Stavros Akrotirianakis** will speak on "**Finding Gratitude**". Tickets, including breakfast & lunch, are \$10 (\$15 after Sunday Nov 3rd). Please make checks payable to Sts Constantine and Helen Cathedral (put 'retreat' in the memo) and mail to 3352 Mayfield Road, Cleveland Hts., Ohio 44118. For more information, contact Anna Warren at 216 287-6890.

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.

October, 2024

Dear St. Matthew Parishioners and Friends:

It is once again time to subscribe to our annual Christmas card. The card has become a project of the St. Matthew's Antiochian Women's Sisterhood and we need your support now more than ever to make it a successful endeavor. The parish council generously turned the project over to us a few years ago to help us help others. Between now and the end of the year, we will be making contributions to the Children's Relief Fund for our adopted child (\$400), to Gifts for Jesus (\$500), to Christmas Gifts for the needy (\$250), to our Midwest Antiochian Women's dues (\$200), and to St. Matthew's needs throughout the year.

Continuing a tradition for this year...We are looking for about ten people who would like to sponsor a Christmas card for one of our shut-ins. If you know of a particular shut-in you would like to sponsor, <u>just complete the Christmas card form</u> and submit it as directed with your donation. However, if you are unsure of whom to sponsor, see Camille Patrick or ask Fr. Fred for a recommendation.

So, please, <u>submit the Christmas card form on the back of this letter before the November 10th deadline.</u>

If you have any questions about the card itself, please see or call Camille Patrick (440-655-0236). I handle the subscriptions and Laura handles the design, layout and printing. We hope you will help us make 2024 the most successful Christmas card project EVER! May God bless you for all the support you have given us in the past. You have been most generous.

Yours in Christ, Camille Patrick and Laura Gasbarro

The Antiochian Women's Sisterhood Christmas Card Committee



DEAR FRIENDS AND PARISHIONERS:

Christmas is just around the corner and a special time to join us in extending a holiday greeting through our St. Matthew Community Christmas Card and to support the ministries of our Antiochian Women's Sisterhood.

Please complete the form below and return it with your \$20.00 donation to: St. Matthew Sisterhood 10383 Albion Rd. North Royalton, OH. 44133-1408.

You can also give your form to Camille Patrick or Laura Gasbarro, co-chairs.

Each subscriber will receive a card with the names of every participant, sending their Christmas greeting of love and friendship at this holy season!

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ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA

Prot. no.: 523/2024

October 9, 2024

Dear Reverend Clergy and Esteemed Members of our Parish Councils,

Grace and peace to you in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord!

Everyone across our nation has witnessed with sadness as Hurricane "Helene" cut a path of destruction across many states in our land from Florida to Tennessee and the Carolinas. Winds, rain, and flooding in many areas led to collapse of roads, destruction of properties, loss of businesses and livelihood, much suffering and loss of human lives.

As words have been received regarding the parishes that suffered damages asking for help through our hurricane funds, we continue to monitor until after the passing of the second Hurricane "Milton" to know the full damage that our parishes have sustained, their parishioners, and their surroundings.

In response to appeals from several of our clergy and their parishes that requested a directive from the Archdiocese as to where they may direct their help, I call upon all our parishes to take a special collection for those who have suffered losses from these two unprecedented storms.

Once you have had a chance to collect all donations, please forward one check from your parish to the Archdiocese (memo: "Hurricane Relief")— no later than the end of this month. All donations will go directly to those in need.

Please demonstrate your love in a practical way by lifting prayers and supplications to our good and saving God on behalf of all that suffered distresses, pains, and losses because of the hurricanes, that they might "find hope under His wings" (Ps. 90:4).

Give any amount of love offering in the name of Jesus Christ for the sake of the victims of these two hurricanes. Offer whatever you are able. No amount is too small. May God's blessings come upon you and reward your generosity preserving you and your families from all harms.

Your Father in Christ,

+SABA

Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America



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ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA

Prot. no.: 527/2024

October 15, 2024

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." (Galatians 5:22-23)

Dear Reverend Clergy, Esteemed Members of our Parish Councils, and all the faithful parishioners of our God-protected Antiochian Archdiocese,

May the divine grace and peace of Christ Jesus our Lord come upon you and our entire world!

Our main office at the archdiocese has been receiving a considerable number of inquiries from clergy, parish council members, as well as other various organizations who have the desire to help the Antiochian Archdioceses in Lebanon.

The inquiries are related to the news and Social Media posts about events taking place in several archdioceses in the Antiochian Motherland.

In response to the aforementioned inquiry, all interested donors that want to help this humanitarian need may mail their donations to the Archdiocese noting on the memo section of their checks "Relief Fund - LB". All donations will go directly to those in need.

During these challenging times as well as all times, love is practiced and demonstrated by prayers and supplications on behalf of all that are in pain, distress and loss of comfort.

Please pray for peace in the entire world and upon all of God's creation so that the Lord Jesus Christ may wipe every tear of all the afflicted.

Your Father in Christ,

+SABA

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ADOPT A POINSETTIA

If you would like to offer a poinsettia to beautify our church for the Christmas season, please fill out the form below and submit it to the church office with your donation.

Offered by:		
For the health & safety of:		
In beloved memory of:		

Poinsettias will adorn the church beginning on December 23. The deadline to order is **Nov 10.** The donation amount is \$20 per poinsettia. Attach cash or check and submit to the church office via mail or the offering box. See Lisa Amer if you have questions.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOOP:

Today: Choir practice and shortened class

10/27 Choir sings in church (then regular class)

11/3, 11/10, & 11/17 Regular Class

11/24 Christmas Play Rehearsal

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)

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 Gail Malaniak 440-552-4586

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		Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Sunday	13			
Monday	14			
Tuesday	15			
Wednesday	16			
Thursday	17			
Friday	18	Homeschool Enrichment 9-1		
Saturday	19			
Sunday	20		Samantha Eadeh 3-6 PM Trunk-or-Treat	
Monday	21			
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Friday	25	Homeschool Enrichment 9-1		
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https://giving.servantkeeper.com/stmatthewchurch or use the QR code to the right



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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

Fraudulent Email Alert---There have been emails going out purporting to be from Fr. Fred. Do not respond to them. Remember that all official correspondence from him will come from his personal email (shaheenf@hotmail.com) or through the St. Matthew mail chimp list. Any other addresses claiming to be him are fake.