ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

10383 Albion Rd, North Royalton, OH

November 3, 2024

Nineteenth 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 the Amer family for the health & salvation of Samir on his saint's day; and by Deacon Basil & Joanne Vazquez for health & salvation of their daughter, Naomi Gazal on her birthday; and by Vincent & Michael DeFillipo for health & salvation of Ginger on her birthday.

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	Christian
Pauline Hanna	Argie Katsaros	Michael & Marilyn Francu	Yun-Zoe Harmon
Frank Popovich	Theodore Bunevich	Tamara Derosset	Alfred & Rita Blazek
Issa Zaboura	Donald Glaser	Dana	Leigh Frank
Corrine George	Mary Violanti	Charlotte Shaheen	Grant Oberlin
James Padzerski	Jerry Morriston	Jared Johnston	Jerry
Josephine Katzbach	Danielle	Christina Bossart	Samuel Harmon
Elias Karam	Roy	Olivia Harmon & baby	Jenna Bshara
Fr. Don Shadid	Sasha Zdinak	Tatiana Santiago	
Judy Yanik	Susan Joseph	Ann Ghianni	

And for the newly departed servants of God: Wayne Gribble (Wally Gribble's father), Tony Susi (Joanne Vazquez's cousin), Stephanie, Archpriest John Downing, Elie Khoury, Charles Burhen

EPISTLE LESSON: EPISTLE READER: Reader Anthony Harmon GOSPEL LESSON: HOMILY: Fr. Fred: "Committing Adultery"

USHERS: Fred Bourjaily & Kosta Bokjanc

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

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

PLEASE STAY FOR COFFEETIME TODAY AFTER LITURGY!

TEEN CLUB— monthly meeting today after liturgy.

ST. MATTHEW'S PRISON MINISTRY--- will meet today to discuss Christmas letter-writing event. CATECHISM (SCRIPTURE TRACK)—today at 1pm in the conference room. All are welcome!

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2024 TONE 2 / EOTHINON 8; NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & FIFTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

Martyrs Akepsimas, Joseph and Aeithalas of Persia; Dedication of St. George Church in Lydda of Palestine; Hieromartyr George of Neapolis; Theodore the Confessor, bishop of Ancyra

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE TWO

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hades with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION FOR THE PERSIAN MARTYRS IN TONE FOUR

(Special melody "Be quick to anticipate")

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

APOLYTIKION FOR ST. GEORGE THE GREAT-MARTYR IN TONE FOUR

Liberator of captives, defender of the poor, physician of the sick, and champion of kings, O trophybearer, Great Martyr George, intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

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 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

The Lord is my strength and my song. The Lord has chastened me severely.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (11:31-12:9)

Brethren, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus Christ, the One who is blessed for evermore, knows that I do not lie. In Damascus, the governor under Arétas the king guarded the city of the Damascenes, willing to seize me, and through a window I was let down in a basket by the wall, and escaped his hands. I must boast, though it is not expedient; but I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body, I do not know, or whether out of the body, I do not know; God knows—who was caught up to the third heaven. And I know that this man—whether in the body or out of the body, I do not know; God knows—was caught up into Paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which no person is allowed to utter. On behalf of this

one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my infirmities. For if I would desire to boast, I shall not be foolish, for I shall speak the truth. But I refrain from it, lest anyone should think of me above that which he sees me to be, or hears from me. And to keep me from being exalted above measure through the abundance of revelations, I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to buffet me, to keep me from being exalted above measure. For this thing I beseeched the Lord three times, that it might depart from me. And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for thee, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Most gladly therefore will I rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

THE GOSPEL (For the Fifth Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (16:19-31)

The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

UPCOMING SERVICES

Tues, Nov 5 *6pm Reading of the Psalter:* a group will gather to pray the Psalms at St. Matthew. As we are all aware of the divisiveness of the presidential election and the potential for turmoil surrounding its outcome, we entreat to God to grant us a spirit of peace and the acceptance of His will. This is NOT a prayer in favor of any candidate or political party and anyone is welcome to participate. See Colton (Polycarp) Bose for more info.

Thurs, Nov 7 6:30pm Great Vespers for Synaxis of the Archangels

Fri, Nov 8 9:00 am Orthros, 10am Divine Liturgy for Synaxis of the Archangels

Sat, Nov 9 5pm Great Vespers

Sun, Nov 10 8:50am Orthros, 10am Divine Liturgy; The Holy Bread of Oblation will be offered by Rudylin Glaser for the health & salvation of her goddaughter, Victoria Thorp, on her birthday; and by Maria Simescu for the health & salvation of her daughter-in-law, Zita, and her friend Florena, and in memory of Zita's mother, Caroline.

Thurs, Nov 14 6pm Pan Orthodox Unction AT ST. INNOCENT CHURCH. See flyer in this bulletin for more details.

Fri, Nov 15 6:30pm Great Vespers with Lityia for St. Matthew Sat, Nov 16 9:00am Orthros, 10am Divine Liturgy for our church patron saint, St. Matthew.

St. Nicholas Workshop for Children ages 10 & under with parent supervision

Saturday, December 7, 10am-noon at St. Matthew's \$5 per child RSVP by Nov 24th

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 <u>dima.hanania@gmail.com</u> 440-444-8446 Georgette Dye <u>georgette.dye@gmail.com</u> 440-429-5398

MEETINGS

CATECHISM—Scripture track will meet TODAY and Nov 17 at 1pm in the meeting room at Church. These sessions are open to anyone, not just catechumens!

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 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---Sat, Nov 9, 6pm. 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.

PATHWAYS TO PEACE- Nov 25 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- Nov 17, after liturgy in the hall. If you don't know how to play, they will teach you!

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----- Nov 17. 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>440-668-9831</u>, 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 Nov 17 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 today 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

IOCC REP NEEDED—St. Matthew's needs a representative of 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.

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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"pouring on oil & wine"

TINCTION

join your fellow cleveland area orthodox christians for this precious sacrament as we prepare to begin the nativity fast together, healed both physically & spiritually

NOV 14, 6PM

saint innocent orthodox church 8526 usher road, olmsted twp, ohio

free will offerings will go to the panorthodox efforts of the greater cleveland council of orthodox clergy

Fill a Thanksgiving Box!

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!

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: Regular Class

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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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



Saint Matthew now has a YouTube channel! Please subscribe to stay on top of our videos 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