

SAINT OF THE DAY:

ST. SERGIUS OF RADONEZH

St. Sergius, whose memory we celebrate today, was born in Rostov, Russia in 1314 A.D. A very pious boy, he decided to enter monasticism when his parents died when he was 20. The bishop blessed him and his brother to start a hermitage dedicated to the Holy Trinity in the forests near Radonezh. The brother soon moved to a monastery in town and Sergius remained alone in the forests with the wolves and bears. He tamed a bear who became his pet. And gradually other men joined him and he, against his will, ended up being made abbot of a new monastery. His life of prayer and humility and gentleness led to his exercising the gift of prophecy and being granted visions by God. There was an attempt to make him a bishop but he managed to turn that down. Through his counsel and prayers, Great Prince Dimitri liberated Russia from the pagan Mongol Empire at the great battle of Kulikovo in 1380. St. Sergius is often called "the father of Russian monasticism". Many new monasteries began through his influence. He died at age 78 on September 25, 1392.

**St. Luke the Evangelist
Antiochian Orthodox Church**

Presents a free public lecture series:

"Get to Know the Original"

A series of four presentations that explore basic understandings of the Orthodox Church through key terms. All presentations by Fr. Matthew Thurman

Dates:

Time: 7:00 p.m.

September 29, 2022: *"We're not Jewish, but we are Orthodox"*

October 13, 2022: *"We're not Roman, but we are Catholic"*

October 27, 2022: *"We're not Protestant, but the Bible came from us."*

November 10, 2022: *"We're not Denominational, we're Pre-denominational"*

All sessions are in person at:

St. Luke the Evangelist Antiochian Orthodox Church
18046 Chillicothe Rd
Bainbridge, OH 44023

For more information:

Email: info@stluke.us or call (440) 384-3285

**ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST
ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**

10383 Albion Rd, North Royalton, OH

September 25, 2022

Righteous Mother Euphrosyne

His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH
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

V. Rev. Father Andrew Harmon
Rev. Deacon Macarius Tolbert • Rev. Deacon Basil Vazquez
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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

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 Jay and Julianna on their birthdays; and will be offered by Daniel & Maria Simescu for the the health and salvation and traveling safety of their son and daughter-in-law Cornel & Vasilica.

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

Josephine Katzbach	Phyllis Simmons	Charles & Judy Burhen
Justin Mosier	Nancy Yanik	Joe Cacciacarne
Tony Burhen	Dolores Kaleal	Constantine & Maria Kornea
Lucy Kinkaid	William	Ed Haddad
Marc Balke	Donna Teaman	Oldemar Chinchilla
Christopher Samuel	Jerry Morrison	Michael Francu
Peter George	Iliana Radivoj	Courtney & Maia Welch
Pauline Hanna	Lena Batina	Judy Yanik
Frank Popovich	Danielle	Katy Scanlon
Issa Zaboura	Ruth Zheltov	Val & Al
Argie Katsaros	James Padzerski	Gloria Harb
Archdeacon Joseph Harb	Ron Hakaim	Billy Kingzett
Joseph Watson	Norman Fadil	Ted Mallo
Jean Caldaroni	Mary Malaniak	Georgette Dye
Paraschiva Blaz	Bob & Adrienne Andrews	

And for the newly departed servants of God: Justin Dixon (friend of Nicholas Sprinkle), David, Luis Sandoval

EPISTLE LESSON: II Corinthians 4: 6-15 **GOSPEL LESSON:** Luke 5: 1-11
EPISTLE READER: Reader Anthony Harmon **HOMILY:** "Bottles and Aromas"
USHERS: Larry & Gail Malaniak

PLEASE STAY FOR COFFEETIME RIGHT AFTER THE LITURGY

Hosted by The Antiochian Women of St. Matthew's as a "thank you" to the parish at the completion of their annual Membership Drive

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMED LAST SUNDAY---CHILDREN (FROM 3 THROUGH 19) WILL BE DISMISSED TO GO TO CLASS RIGHT AFTER BENEDICTION.

TEEN GROUP---TODAY! FREE Fall fun. After liturgy, we'll head over for a nice 45 min walk on the beautiful Princess Ledges Nature Reserve trail (4361 Spruce Ave in Brunswick) followed by tasty cider, hot chocolate, and donuts at Mapleside Farms right next door. Sponsored by the illustrious St. Matthew Teen Club. Please RSVP to Mr. or Mrs. Blazek, and feel free to ask them any questions. We hope to see you there. Bring a friend!

Special Teaching Evening with Paul Finley

What does our Orthodox Faith teach concerning the currently very controversial topic of abortion? A teaching evening to explain it all will be led by Paul Finley, the director of St. Herman FOCUS Orthodox Homeless Shelter in Cleveland. Teaching, discussion, refreshments, fellowship ... Please come and invite your friends.

Topic: **The Pro-Life Christian: "Fighting Without and Fear Within"**

(2 Cor. 7:5)



Where: St. Matthew the Evangelist Antiochian Orthodox Church
10383 Albion Rd, North Royalton

When: Sunday, October 23, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.

Sponsored by:



2022 MIDWEST DIOCESAN FAMILY FALL GATHERING

Friday, October 21

- 7:00 PM Hospitality at St George
8:00 PM Ask Sayidna and his Sidekicks (Spiritual Advisors)
9:30 PM Fellowship

Saturday, October 22

- 9:00 AM Supplication Service
9:30 AM Bishop Anthony - A Longing to Belonging
11:00 AM Antiochian Women Meeting
11:00 AM Christian Education Workshop with Bob Snyder
11:00 AM Teen Session with Fr Chris Shadid
11:00 AM Presentation on Iconography of St George Church
1:00 PM Lunch at St George
2:00 PM Community Service
CropWalk
Diaper Bundling
5:00 PM Great Vespers
6:00 PM Dinner at St George
7:00 PM Teen Campfire
7:00 PM Fellowship & Game Night

Sunday, October 23

- 8:50 AM Matins followed by Hierarchal Divine Liturgy
Lunch after the Divine Liturgy
Departure



Midwest Diocese
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GATHERING**
OCTOBER 21-23

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DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2022 TONE 6 / EOTHINON 4; FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & FIRST SUNDAY OF LUKE

Our Righteous Mother Euphrosyne

Venerable Martyr Paphnoutios of Egypt and those slain with him;
repose of Venerable Sergios of Radonezh

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SIX (p. 14)

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. EUPHROSYNE IN TONE EIGHT

In thee the image was preserved with exactness, O Mother; for taking up thy cross, thou didst follow Christ, and by thy deeds thou didst teach us to overlook the flesh, for it passeth away, but to attend to the soul since it is immortal. Wherefore, O righteous Euphrosyne, thy spirit rejoiceth with the Angels.

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 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. Unto Thee will I cry, O my God.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (4:6-15)

Brethren, seeing that it is the God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, the same also shone in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the exceeding greatness of power is from God, and not from us. We are pressed on every way, yet not distressed; we are

perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; smitten down, but not destroyed; always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our mortal flesh. So, then, death is working in us, but life in you. But having in us the same spirit of faith, according to that which is written, "I believed, and therefore I spoke," we also believe, and therefore we also speak, knowing that the One who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up through Jesus, and will make us stand together with you. For all things are for your sakes, that the grace, which is multiplied through the thanksgiving of many, may abound to the glory of God.

THE GOSPEL

(For the First Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (5:1-11)

At that time, Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. And He saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, Jesus asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when Jesus had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at Thy word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished; and all that were with him, at the catch of fish, which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed Him.

UPCOMING SERVICES

SAT, OCT 1---Vespers, 5pm

SUN, OCT 2---Matins, 8:50 am, Divine Liturgy, 10am; The Holy Bread of Oblation will be offered by Besan Kash & Jean Rafeedie for Westley Collado on the day of his Chrismation; and will be offered by Dima Kash for the recovery from illness of Father Yacoub Khoury; and will be offered by the Palivodas for their daughter and son-in-law, Justine and John Kelly, on their birthdays; also, Catechumen Westly Collado will enter the Orthodox Faith by Holy Chrismation at the end of the liturgy.

PLEASE MARK THE WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 30 ON YOUR CALENDARS-----Bishop ANTHONY will be visiting our parish that weekend.

Wine Tasting

TO BENEFIT IOCC

Monday, October 24, 2022

Dinner 6:00 pm

Enjoy a four-course dinner w/ wine pairings, baskets raffle, and cash bar, & learn how your gifts help families in need around the world.

St. Michael's Woodside Event Center

5025 Mill Road | Broadview Heights, OH 44147

TICKETS \$60 For tickets, see your parish representative or visit iocc.org/Cleveland

Or, mail checks for IOCC to Julie Hall, PO Box 560185 | Macedonia, OH 44056



ST MARY OF EGYPT ORTHODOX MISSION NEEDS MORE VOLUNTEERS

More and more people are needing food lately---and so St. Mary of Egypt Shelter needs more volunteers to help with various aspects of distributing food to the poor at their mission center. The Mission Director, Tara Reidy, is part of our parish and so we have a good connection to find out how we can help. See details below... To volunteer or get more info, please go to www.saintmaryofegypt.org or call 440-473-3885 or 216-351-3533. Or speak to Tara at church. God will bless you as you bless the poor with your help!

Dear Father Andrew -- your expression of interest on behalf of St. Matthew Church is at a very good time! We are experiencing a great increase in the number of families/individuals coming for food. Our regular volunteer list is short. Because of co-vid we changed from an indoor distribution to drive-through with some walkers lining up by our entrance. Our normal distribution is on the third Saturday of each month with volunteers encouraged to be there by noon to prepare for 1 to 3 open hours. Preparation is essential -- dividing big bags of produce when necessary and setting up carts with prepared allocation for large, medium and small families. At 3 we complete cleaning and sanitizing our tables.

Need:
A: Monday before the 3rd Saturday - People who will join our bagging crew at 7 pm or who can be called on if the regular crew is short-handed -- prepare the canned and dry foods bags that will be put in carts on Saturday

B: Friday (day before) the 3rd Saturday -- The Cleveland Foodbank truck arrives sometime between 11 AM and 1 PM. Need able bodied helpers to move the food from skids into place in the warehouse.

C: 3rd Saturday -- Need men to help with street sign in of clients, organizing and directing movement of cars and walkers outside. Able to be firm when questions raised re who was first.



Theotokos of Vladimir

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

Thursday, October 13, 2022

**60th Diamond Anniversary Celebration
Eastern Orthodox Women's Guild**



**St. Sava Cathedral Main Hall
6306 Broadview Road
Parma, OH 44134**

- Enjoy appetizers at social hour with friends and family - **All invited**
 - Catered dinner prepared by St. Sava Caterer
 - Delicious Pastry
 - Program to celebrate our past, present and future!
 - Doors open at 6:00 PM / Dinner at 7:00 PM
 - Tickets: Adults - \$25 / Children 6-12 \$12.50 / Under 6 - FREE
 - for tickets see Parish Representative Gloria Zabala
 - or Helen Beverly (440-212-5545)
 - Reservations must be made by Monday, October 3, 2022
 - All proceeds will go to Orthodox Charities
- see list compiled by EOWG -- <https://www.eowgcle.org>

Sunday School Scoop:



Today is the first day of choir practice which is during Sunday School time in room 3. Our children will be learning songs to sing during liturgy and communion. Thank you to Lisa Amer and Maggie George!

October 2- All classes will resume.

"Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness." Genesis 1:26

"When the priest censes the holy icons, he also censes all the people, because we are created by God as icons of His holiness. We are called to be images of His holiness, reflections of God. The icons represent those who have achieved holiness, the Saints. We are always striving to be holy." Father Stavros Akrotirianakis

MEETINGS

PATHWAYS TO PEACE—Mondays at 7:15pm at church & by Zoom. "A gathering place for those who are broken from hurts, hangups, or habits. Join us as we renew our minds and encourage each other through the love of Christ." Call Dcn Basil, 440-665-3591, for zoom info. See flier in this bulletin.

SOUTH BIBLE STUDY--- Tues, Oct 4 at 6:30pm at Craig & Cindy George's, 9451 Sherwood Trl, Brecksville. Regularly meets the 1st & 3rd Tues of the month. The topic is the book of Ephesians.

WEST BIBLE STUDY---Oct date to be announced; (meets at church one Sat a month after 5pm Vespers) Studying I Corinthians.

NORTH BIBLE STUDY--- Oct date to be announced Meets monthly at the Elle Parkers' house, 1350 Elmwood Court Rocky River. Continuing with the book of Isaiah.

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP— Oct date to be announced. Meets monthly at Tara Reidy's 274 Elmwood, Berea; For more info, call Sandy Tolbert, 440-773-9162.

HOMESCHOOL GROUP---Fri, Oct 14 at 9am, meeting in the morning on the 2nd and 4th Friday of every month at the church. Contact Olivia Harmon for more information.

TEEN CLUB MEETING---After liturgy, next Sunday, October 2. By teen request we will do some "apologetics"---Topic---"Is There A God?"---led by Father Andrew. There will be pizza!

YOUNG ADULTS---Bonfire at the church property on Sat, Oct 8, 6pm More details soon... Additional activities being organized soon! For more info contact either Colton or Veronica Bose... Colton: 440-567-6101 coltonmichaelbose@gmail.com Veronica: 440-657-8904 vkscanlon@gmail.com

MINISTRY NEWS

STREET DELIVERY TO THE HOMELESS--- After liturgy Sunday, Oct 16...parishioners delivering food, clothing, etc. to homeless in downtown Cleveland. The alms box to help fund the lunches is near main hall entry doors.

FOOD PANTRY--- As of right now, the pantry is well-stocked.... BUT WE ARE AGAIN IN NEED OF GROCERY GIFT CARDS....YOU CAN EITHER BRING OR MAIL TO THE CHURCH.

MARTHA MINISTRIES---seeking parishioners who like to cook or would be willing to deliver some meals to families in time of need (new babies, recovering from illness or surgery, those grieving a loss...). Everyone could use a little help sometimes. Can you help by cooking or delivering a freezer meal? Do you have other ideas for how we can concretely help each other as a parish family? Please see/email/call Erin Musarra at 440-799-0838 or Erin.musarra@gmail.com.

**MEAL SERVING AT ST. HERMAN
ORTHODOX HOMELESS SHELTER---** Sunday,
Oct 16 is our monthly day to provide, cook, and serve
the evening meal to the poor at St. Herman Orthodox
Food Pantry in Cleveland. Please speak with Deacon
Basil if you can help in any of these ways.

**CURRENT NEEDS FOR ST. HERMAN
ORTHODOX HOMELESS SHELTER--**
18" heavy duty foil

3 section styrofoam take out trays for meals

Coffee creamer powder

Bottled water

Bus passes

Hygiene wipes

Toilet paper

Cheap rain ponchos

10-12 oz. paper coffee cups (not styrofoam)

Kool-aid or ice tea

*There is a large, marked box by coat rack in hall
to leave donations. Help if you can!*

OCLife ST. MATTHEW CHURCH--- officially affiliated with the national group 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." To get involved in this new ministry,
contact Lisa Palivoda at LDPAL1703@outlook.com or Cindy George at cindygeorge127@gmail.com.

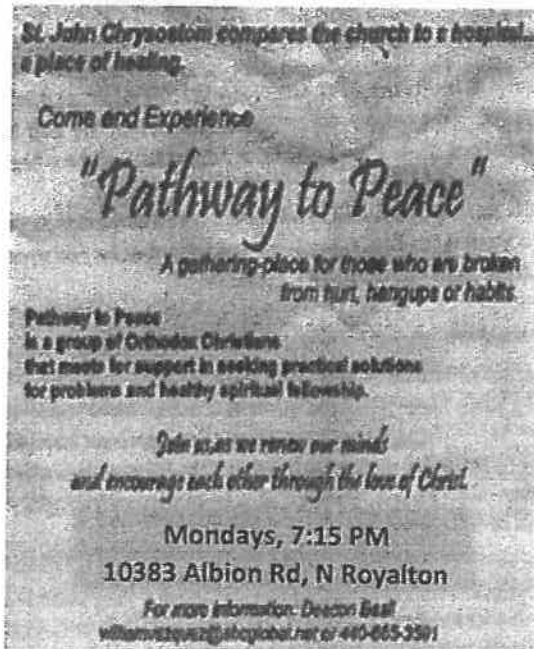
OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFETIME HOSTING---Coffetime after Sunday liturgy is a hugely important part of our parish
life! We rely on parishioners to volunteer to take a turn to host. The sign-up sheet is on the wall on the
north side of the hall. Lots of empty spots in the weeks ahead! It does not need to be a meal! Just light
refreshments is fine. You can either sign up by yourself, or together with some one else, or as part of
one of our coffetime host groups. If you have questions, you can either speak to, or call, coffetime
coordinator, Electra Floasiu---216-671-0743

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.

CHURCH VACUUMING--- We do not hire cleaning for the nave (the temple) part of the building, so
we need to have a volunteer or volunteers who can sign up for a Sunday to vacuum either after Sunday
liturgy or early in the week. There is a sign up sheet on a little table in the narthex/entryway. There are
lots of openings coming up! For details, you can contact Subdeacon Fred Bourjaily, 216-219-4656.

MEN'S MEAT FEST---Sat, Oct 1, 6pm (after 5pm Vespers) at our picnic pavilion. Men of St.
Matthew's: please join us to eat, sit by a fire, and play Cornhole and Horseshoes. We will be having
Briskett, Ribs, and Chicken. Feel free to bring a side or just come. See you there!



The St. Matthew Antiochian Women's Membership Drive 2023

Dear Ladies of St. Matthew.....

The Antiochian Women will be holding their annual Membership Drive for 2023
in September. *You can mail your \$3.00 dues donation to church or give it to
Electra Floasiu, Georgette Dye or Camille Patrick anytime you see them at church.*
You will then be added to the roster and receive emails on all the Women's
activities which we hope you will all participate in!! *Make sure we have your
email address and phone number, too!!*

Also, we will have a Coffee Hour to "wrap-up" the Membership Drive and to
express our thanks on Sunday, September 25th!!

2022 Blessed us with 44 members, but Ladies...there are still more of you out
there and we have plenty of room for you!! *We would LOVE for you to join us!!*
Please give it some thought...Your bright new faces and ideas are most welcome!!

Checks should be made out to: St. Matthew Sisterhood.

(Because our new name hasn't been put on our bank account just yet!!)

Please send your dues donation to: St. Matthew Orthodox Church

10383 Albion Road

—OR—

P.O.Box 33183

North Royalton, OH. 44133

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ATTEN: SISTERHOOD MEMBERSHIP

We are so looking forward to a successful Membership Drive!! Sincerely,
The Antiochian Women Membership Team, Electra Floasiu, Membership Chairman
Georgette Dye, President Camille Patrick, Treasurer

The Eastern Orthodox Women's Guild Membership Drive

Dear Ladies of St. Matthew,

September is the EOWG's annual Membership Drive for the New Church Year. EOWG
is a Pan-Orthodox organization that joins women together from the Greater Cleveland area
Orthodox Churches not only to socialize but also foster fellowship, propagation of our Faith
and present a United Orthodox front when called upon.

Members who joined in previous years should receive their renewal reminder in the
mail. For women who would like to join as a new member or those who want more
information, please see Gloria Zabala.

WEDDING INVITATION:

Cathy Snyder-Sage and Bob Snyder are pleased to announce the upcoming marriage of their
son, **Sam Snyder, to Lena McCoy** Church friends are invited to join them:

Saturday, November 12, 2022 1:30 pm

Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church

2187 West 14th Street, Cleveland, OH

Please visit www.theknot.com/samandlenawedding to RSVP for the wedding and cocktail
reception by **October 14th**! If you prefer to avoid the internet, call, or text Sam at
330.495.6532