

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

10383 Albion Rd, North Royalton, OH

June 30, 2024

All Saints Sunday, Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles

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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 Tom George family for the health & salvation of Tom on his 60th birthday; and is offered by the Blazek family for the health & salvation of Paul & Josiah on their Saints Days (Apostle Paul & King Josiah); and is offered by Sami Conrad for the health & salvation of her son, Alexander, on his birthday; and is offered by Maria Simescu for the health & salvation of her brothers Ioan and Mikhael; and is offered by Jay & Lisa Amer for the health & salvation of their godson, Leonidas Allen, on his birthday; and is offered by Sandy Tolbert for the health & salvation of Deacon Macarius on his birthday; and is offered by Electra Floasiu in memory of her Aunt Roze (departed on 11/15/23).

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

Justin Mosier	Julie Dunn	Josephine Katzbach	Jeff Joseph
Tony Burhen	Ed Haddad	Father John Henry	Elias Karam
Lucy Kinkaid	Michael Francu	Charles & Judy Burhen	Dana
Marc Balke	Jean Fadil	Constantine & Maria Kornea	Charlotte Shaheen
Christopher Samuel	Victoria Thorp	Deacon Macarius Tolbert	James Padzerski
Peter George	Paraschiva Blaz	Sara Scordos and baby	Jerry Morriston
Pauline Hanna	Argie Katsaros	Danielle	Steven Tricomo
Frank Popovich	Theodore Bunevich	Uva & Harold Tolbert, Sr.	Lisa Thompson
Issa Zaboura	Donald Glaser	George & Christine Simon	Jemma Whorley
Corrine George	Mary Violanti	Nancy Yanik	

Our Campers: Miles and Isaac

And for the newly departed servants of God: Mary Malaniak, Thomas Connolly, Father Nikolai Kotelnikov, Elias K. Hebeka, Serge Elias, Father James Bernstein, Father Basil Caldaroni, Julian Wood (cousin of Jack Aude), Dolores Kaleal, Eleanor Katzbach

EPISTLE LESSON: Hebrews 11: 33-12:2

EPISTLE READER: Reader Anthony Harmon

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 9:36-10:8

USHERS: Leigh Frank & Cindy George

HOMILY: "The Saints Are Praying For Us"

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

OUR PARISH'S 2024 GRADUATES WILL BE HONORED & PRAYED FOR AT THE END OF TODAY'S LITURGY. They are: Josiah Blazek, Maria Fazio, Emily George, & Asa Heatwole. There is some info about them elsewhere in this bulletin.

PLEASE STAY FOR COFFEETIME TODAY RIGHT AFTER LITURGY!

Thank you to Electra Floasiu who is hosting in memory of her Aunt Roze, who fell asleep in Christ on November 15, 2023. May her memory be eternal!

OUR PARISH CHESS CLUB WILL MEET TODAY AFTER LITURGY—

If you don't know how to play, they will teach you!

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 2024
TONE 8 / EOTHINON 1; FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:
COMMEMORATION OF ALL SAINTS &
SYNAXIS (“GATHERING”) OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES

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 ALL SAINTS IN TONE FOUR

Adorned in the blood of Thy Martyrs throughout all the world as in purple and fine linen, Thy Church, through them, doth cry unto Thee, O Christ God: Send down Thy compassions upon Thy people; grant peace to Thy commonwealth, and great mercy to our souls.

APOLYTIKION FOR THE SYNAXIS OF THE APOSTLES IN TONE THREE

O Holy Apostles, intercede with the merciful God that He grant unto our souls forgiveness of offences.

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.

KONTAKION OF ALL SAINTS IN TONE EIGHT

(***The original melody***)

As first-fruits of our nature to the Planter of created things, * the world presenteth the God-bearing martyred Saints in off'ring unto Thee, O Lord. * Through their earnest entreaties, * keep Thy Church in deep peace and divine tranquility, * through the pure Theotokos, O Thou Who art greatly merciful.

THE EPISTLE (For All Saints Sunday)

God is wonderful among His saints. Bless God in the congregations.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (11:33-12:2)

Brethren, all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfection of our faith.

THE GOSPEL (For the Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (9:36-10:8)

At that time, when Jesus saw the crowds, He had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His Disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” And He called to Him His twelve Disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every infirmity. The names of the twelve Apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Him. These twelve Jesus sent out, charging them, “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And preach as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying, give without pay.”

KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) OF ALL SAINTS (*Psalm 32(33)*)

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous; praise is comely for the upright. Alleluia.

UPCOMING SERVICES

SAT, JULY 6-5pm Vespers

SUN, JULY 7- 8:50am Matins, 10am Divine Liturgy; The holy bread of oblation will be offered by Polycarp & Veronica Bose for their wedding anniversary (July 9) and for Veronica’s Name Day (July 12); and by the Amer family for Samir’s birthday; and by Maria Simescu for John Popego on his birthday; and by the Zogheib family (Rachid, Elie, & Salwa) and the Rabab Mardini family in memory of their sister, Najia Zogheib; and by the Katzbach family in memory of Eleanor Katzbach; and by the Kaleal family in memory of Dolores Kaleal, and by Don Glaser and David & Rudylin in memory of Arlene Glaser. Also, the Trisagion Memorial service will be held for Eleanor Katzbach, (40 days); and for Dolores Kaleal (40 days); and for Vanessa Maculaitis (D’Lorenzo Thomas’ mother; 1 year); and for Arlene Glaser (5 years). And the 40 Day Churching will take place for Rebecca Aboumrad and her daughter, Leila. Also, at the end of liturgy, D’Lorenzo Thomas will be chrismated.

FRI, JULY 19- Vespers with Artoklasia for the Eve of St. Elias Day—6:30 p.m., Friday, July 19th—The blessing of cars, traditional for this day, will take place at the end of the service.

MEETINGS

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY— July 20. Meets one Sat a month, 6pm at the church. Studying the Gospel of St. Mark. Bible, fellowship, food.....For more info, contact: Sbdcn Samuel Harmon, 216-598-9230, samuelharmon15@gmail.com or Colton Bose, 440-567-6101

WEST BIBLE STUDY--- Sat, July 13. Meets at the church one Sat a month at 6pm (after 5pm Vespers). We are studying the book of Revelation.

SOUTH BIBLE STUDY--- Tuesday, July 2, 6pm at Craig & Cindy George's, new house---4414 Brookhaven Drive, North Royalton. Studying the Servant Songs in book of Isaiah---all are welcome! Their new house will be blessed. Please let Cindy know if you are attending—330-309-9491.

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP— July meeting date to be announced. Meets monthly 10:30am. at Tara Reidy's (274 Elmwood, Berea). For info, call Sandy Tolbert, [440-773-9162](tel:440-773-9162).

HOMESCHOOL ENRICHMENT GROUP--- Will resume August 16th. 9:30-noon on Fridays for infants through Elementary. Contact Olivia Harmon for more information: oharmon15@gmail.com

CHESS CLUB--- today after liturgy. If you don't know how to play, they will teach you!

TEEN CLUB— July activities to be announced.

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN'S SISTERHOOD—Meeting Aug 11 after liturgy.

MINISTRY NEWS

STREET DELIVERY TO THE HOMELESS----- TODAY is the next monthly Sunday that 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, [440-668-9831](tel:440-668-9831), 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 Sunday, July 21, is the next monthly date that we 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](tel:440-799-0838) Erin.musarra@gmail.com.

ST. MATTHEW'S PRISON MINISTRY--This new ministry is beginning in conjunction with the national Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry. If you wish to get involved or just want more info for now, please attend! It is possible to help with prison ministry even without ever going inside a prison. For more info, contact our local prison ministry leader, Vincent Defilippo, 330-352-6678
vdefilippo@neo.rr.com

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

BREAD OBLATION SIGN-UP—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 Andrew.*

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!

FIRST EVER ANCIENT FAITH MEN'S RETREAT- at Antiochian Village in Bolivar, PA Aug 22-25, 2024; Join us for engaging speakers, daily services, and fellowship with like-minded Orthodox men! Get more info and register at: <https://store.ancientfaith.com/2024-ancient-faith-mens-retreat/>

ORTHODOX FAMILY CAMP OUT--- Join us for 3rd Annual St Matthew's Family Camp, Sat Aug 31-Sun Sept 1. All are welcome; come for part of the day or stay and camp overnight! Enjoy our beautiful church grounds, fun, and fellowship. If you can, please bring a side dish to the Saturday night cookout! But if you can't, don't worry, we just want YOU there! Contact Al Blazek if you have questions.

OUR 2024 GRADUATES ARE BEING HONORED AND PRAYED FOR TODAY AT THE END OF THE LITURGY. THEY ARE-----

JOSIAH BLAZEK--Graduated from Brunswick High School (1st in his class). He will attend Baldwin-Wallace to study computer science.

MARIA FAZIO--Graduated from Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy. She will attend Cleveland State University. She will study in CSU's Theater Design/Technical program---they work directly with Playhouse Square for their productions.

ASA JAMES HEATWOLE—Graduated from Berea Midpark High School. He has gone on to work full-time as a Passenger Assistant at Hopkins Airport.

EMILY GEORGE---Graduated from Bowling Green State University with a BA degree in Marketing. She has moved back home to search for a marketing and event coordinator position.

May God bless you all in all of your endeavors!

July 15, 2024

11TH ANNUAL

GOLF CLASSIC & AUCTION

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+
ST. HERMAN HOUSE · CLEVELAND

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

GRAND BENEFACTOR Signage at Registration/Dinner Sign on Tee or Green Reserved Table at Dinner Event/Program Recognition One Foursome	\$5,000
BENEFACTOR Sign on Tee or Green Event/Program Recognition One Foursome	\$1,750
DINNER SPONSOR Signage at Dinner Event/Program Recognition One Foursome	\$2,500
LUNCH SPONSOR Sign at Lunch Event/Program Recognition 4 Dinners	\$1,750
REGISTRATION SPONSOR Sign at Registration Event/Program Recognition 2 Dinners	\$1,500
BEVERAGE SPONSOR (2) Sign on Beverage Cart Event/Program Recognition	\$1,000
HOLE SPONSOR Sign on Tee or Green	\$350
PROGRAM AD SPONSORSHIPS	
Full Page Ad	\$250
1/2 Page Ad	\$125
1/3 Page Ad	\$75
DINNER TICKET ONLY	\$75

All proceeds benefit the daily operations of St. Herman House - FOCUS Cleveland. St. Herman House provides on average 200 hot meals a day to the community and houses up to 40 men per night between the Main House & Transitional House. Thank you in advance for your support of St. Herman House!



GOLF

4-PERSON SCRAMBLE

- 18 Holes of Golf w/Cart, Lunch, Beverages, & Dinner

SINGLE GOLFER

- \$195, Regular Registration
- Save \$20/golfer by registering an Early Bird Foursome

FOURSUME

- \$700, Early Bird, Prior to June 25th
- \$780, Regular Registration

ONLINE AUCTION

AUCTION IS OPEN TO EVERYONE!

- Begins: Sunday, July 7th at 8AM
- Ends: Monday, July 15th at 9:00PM
- Link to Auction Site:
<https://www.32auctions.com/SaintHermans2024>

MORE INFORMATION

CONTACT & REGISTRATION

- Email: golfsthermans@focusna.org
- Call Kirk Ries: 216-973-9391
- Register online: www.sainthermans.org/golf

NEW LOCATION!

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ELYRIA, OH 44035



RETIREMENT *dinner party*

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A RETIREMENT DINNER
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SUNDAY • AUGUST 18TH • 5:00PM
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2151 W. WALLINGS RD.
BROADVIEW HEIGHTS, OH 44147

ADULTS & CHILDREN OVER 5 YEARS: \$30.00 PER PERSON
CHILDREN 5 YEARS AND UNDER: \$15.00 PER PERSON

Ticket prices include dinner, dessert, coffee or tea, soft drinks, or beer. Bring your own wine if you choose. Gluten free & vegan meals available by request only.

TICKETS AVAILABLE JUNE 1 - JULY 21

To purchase, please contact
Leigh Frank (330) 685-1764 / loberlinfrank@gmail.com or
Peggy Latina (216) 401-1062 / peggyschmidt1@hotmail.com

May 28, 2024

Dear Members and Friends of St. Matthew's:

By now, most, if not all of you, know that Fr. Andrew will be retiring on August 1, 2024, and that the church is planning a two-part retirement celebration for him. The first installment will be a very special tribute coffee hour after his final Sunday liturgy as our official pastor. The church school's youth choirs are planning a special concert for him that day. Stay tuned for more developments about that coffee hour.

Secondly, we are having a retirement dinner party on August 18th, details of which are explained on the flyer which we hope everyone has received. If you haven't, please contact us so that we can send one to you. Our committee worked very hard to keep the price per ticket as reasonable as possible by eliminating certain items from the cost. For those, we are coming to you for assistance. Together, the Parish Council has allocated \$1,000 and the Sisterhood has donated \$500 to this endeavor; yet, we still have areas of needed support in the form of donations, including:

- Ticket donations for special, invited guests
- Ticket assistance for parishioners in need
- Chair covers @ \$2 per chair
- Printing costs for program
- Simple appetizers @ \$2 per person

If you would like to contribute to our "wish list", please see one of us. For ticket assistance, please see Lisa, confidentially.

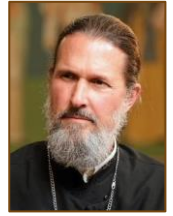
Remember, tickets will be available to purchase on Sunday, June 2, 2024, from Peggy Latina or Leigh Frank. Reference the flyer that you have already received for other information about the dinner.

Christ Is Risen,

Lisa Palivoda Camille Patrick
Banquet Celebration Co-chairs

Dr. Craig George
Parish Council President

SAVE THE DATE FOR A WEEKEND RETREAT WITH FATHER JOSIAH TRENHAM, PH.D.



“Godly Marriage and Virginity: Paths to Holiness”

DATE: September 20 – 22, 2024

St. Matthew the Evangelist Orthodox Church
10383 Albion Road
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- Friday, 9/20 7-9:00 pm 1st talk with Q & A

- Saturday, 9/21 9:30 am check in / continental breakfast
 10 – 12 2nd talk
 12 – 1 Lunch
 1 – 3 pm 3rd talk
 4:00 pm Vespers

- Sunday, 9/22 Join us for Sunday Liturgy with Father Josiah
 8:50 am Sunday Matins
 10:00 am Divine Liturgy with homily
 Luncheon after Liturgy

Father Josiah has published numerous articles and books and is also the founder of Patristic Nectar Publication, a non-profit ministry. His weekly homilies are entitled “The Arena Podcasts” and are available on Patristic Nectar Publications, Apple Podcasts, Spotify and Google Podcast. You can find links to his homilies at <https://www.saintandrew.net/arenapodcast>. His video reflections are available on YouTube under Patristic Nectar Films. His books will be available at the retreat at a wholesale discount.

Registration deadline: September 8, 2024 – Register early. Seating is limited.

Contact: Cindy George at cindygeorge127@gmail.com

Steve Morgan at stevemorgx@pm.me

Leigh Frank at loberlinfrank@gmail.com

There will be a free-will offering to help cover expenses.

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](tel:216-671-0743) **Gail Malaniak** [440-552-4586](tel:440-552-4586)

July 2024				
		Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Monday	1		Mercy Meal 12-4 Malaniak	
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ALL SAINTS DAY

Today, the Sunday after Pentecost, is celebrated each year in the Orthodox Church as All Saints Day. This is the day we commemorate all the Saints at once----from both the Old & New Testaments and from post-Bible times; male and female; all nationalities; the famous and the unknown. This Feast is on the Sunday after Pentecost because it is the Holy Spirit, who descended on the Church at the first Pentecost, who makes Saints saintly. The Roman Catholic Church long ago changed All Saints Day in the west to November 1---thus, the date of Halloween, the eve of Western All Saints Day. As usual, our Orthodox Church left things the way they were----thus, we still celebrate this feast today, the Sunday after Pentecost.

THE SYNAXIS OF THE 12 APOSTLES

Today, June 30th, is the holy day of the Synaxis of the 12 Apostles. On this day we commemorate all the 12 Disciples of Jesus Christ together on one day. By a church calendar “coincidence” it happens this year to be the same date as All Saints Day.

HELP ST. THEODOSIUS REBUILD:

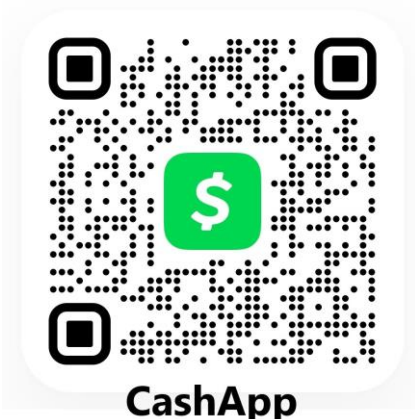
As you are no doubt aware, St Theodosius Cathedral suffered a catastrophic fire. We are all too familiar with what that is like. We are also very familiar with the blessing experienced when others step forward to help.

We would like to be that kind of blessing for the priest and faithful of St Theodosius. If you would like to be part of this, you can donate through St Matthew’s and be part of our gift to them. Just donate to St Matthew and earmark it for St Theodosius. We will then gift them as we were gifted in our time of need.

St Matthew Church can now accept donations with these online services:

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