

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

10383 Albion Rd, North Royalton, OH

September 5, 2021

Prophet Zachariah

**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**

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**Saturday Vespers 5:00 PM
Saturday Confessions 5:30 PM
Sunday Confessions 9:45 AM**

**Sunday Matins 8:50 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
Sunday School 11:15 AM**

FATHER ANDREW & KHOURIE BONNIE ARE HOME WITH THE COVID VIRUS---Light cases, but they are both still quarantined today. THANK YOU, FATHER BASIL SHAHEEN, for serving here today----you are very welcome!

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 David Glazer for the health & salvation of his wife, Rudylin, on her birthday; and is offered by Deacon Basil & Joanne for the health & salvation of their son, Joseph, on his birthday; and if offered by Daniel & Maria Simescu for the health & salvation of Maria on her birthday, for their grandchildren Brian, Zack, & Emma, & for their friends Florena (birthday), Veronica, Rodica, & Bogdan, and in beloved memory of Maria's grandparents, Mihael & Maria.; and is offered by Judy Yanik in beloved memory of her friend, Darlene Schwenk; and by Larry & Gail Malaniak in beloved memory of Gail's mother, Mary Assad, on 5th year anniversary of her falling asleep in Christ.

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

Josephine Katzbach	Joseph Watson	Robert & Adrienne Andrews
Justin Mosier	Lena Batina	Father John Loejos
Tony Burhen	Jean Caldaroni	Claire
Lucy Kinkaid	Paraschiva Blaz	Iliana Radivoj
Marc Balke	Phyllis Simmons	Jeffrey Cignisko
Christopher Samuel	Nancy Yanik	Aurela Jay
Peter George	Dolores Kaleal	Alexandra Frone
Pauline Hanna	William	Betty Theobald
Frank Popovich	Catherine Morton	Pamela Musarra
Issa Zaboura	Ron & Donna Teaman	Jeb Brooks
Argie Katsaros	Jerry Morriston	Robbie Betor
Alex Mardini	Danielle	Penny Sent
Archdeacon Joseph Harb	Nell	Gary Gasbarro
Gabriel	Subdeacon George Simon	Rhonda

And for the newly departed servants of God:

Khourie Helen Ashie, Ted Geletka, Stan (Florentina Popa's uncle), Jeff Frank, Nun Barbara and her mother Nada, Oksana Lutyi (Marianne Feuerstein's friend)

EPISTLE LESSON: I Corinthians 9:2-12

EPISTLE READER: Reader Anthony Harmon

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 18:23-35

HOMILY: Father Basil Shaheen

USHERS: Subdeacon Fred Bourjaily & Kosta Bokjanc

THE 9 DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE is being offered by Judy Yanik in memory of her friend, Darlene Schwenk.

Please stay for coffeetime right after the liturgy!

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2021
TONE 2 / EOTHINON 11; ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
& ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW
Prophet Zachariah, father of the Forerunner

Obadiah, bishop of Persia; martyrdom of the Holy Passion-bearer Gleb

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE TWO (p. 12)

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell 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 OF THE PROPHET ZACHARIAH IN TONE FOUR

(Special melody "Joseph was amazed")

In the vesture of a priest, according to the Law of God, * thou didst offer unto Him well-pleasing whole-burnt offerings, * as it befitted a priest, O wise Zachariah. * Thou wast a shining light, a seer of mysteries, * bearing in thyself clearly the signs of grace; * and in God's temple, O wise Prophet * of Christ God, thou wast slain with the sword. * Hence, with the Forerunner, make entreaty that our souls find salvation.

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 THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR

Joachim and Anna were freed from the reproach of childlessness, and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death, O immaculate one, by thy holy Nativity, which thy people, redeemed from the guilt of offenses, celebrate by crying to thee: The barren woman giveth birth to the Theotokos, the nourisher of our life.

THE EPISTLE (For the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost)

The Lord is my strength and my song. With chastisement hath the Lord chastened me.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (9:2-12)

Brethren, the seal of my apostleship are you in the Lord. My defense to those who would examine me is this: Do we have no authority regarding what to eat and what to drink? Do we have no authority to lead about a wife, who is a sister, as the rest of the apostles, even as the brethren of the Lord, and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no authority to refrain from working? Which soldier ever served at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does

not eat the fruit thereof? Or who shepherds a flock and does not eat from the milk of the flock? Do I speak of these things according to human nature? Or does not the Law say the same also? For it is written in the Law of Moses: “Thou shalt not muzzle an ox which treads out the grain.” Is it for oxen that God cares, or does He say it altogether for our sakes? Indeed, for our sakes it was written: because he who plows ought to plow in hope, and he who threshes in hope, so that the same might partake in hope. If we have sown in you spiritual things, is it a great matter if we should reap your carnal things? If others are partakers of this authority over you, are we not even more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this authority, but we endure all things, in order that we may cause no hindrance to the gospel of Christ.

THE GOSPEL (For the Eleventh Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (18:23-35)

The Lord spoke this parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also My heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

UPCOMING SERVICES

THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS is Wednesday, September 8. Our schedule:

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 8---Matins, 9 a.m.; Liturgy, 10 a.m. (if Fr. Andrew is not able to come, we will have Deacon's Matins and Deacon's Typika (without Holy Communion) (no Vespers at St. Matthew's on Sept. 7)

SAT, SEPT 11- Vespers 5pm

SUN, SEPT 12- *Matins 8:50am, and Divine Liturgy, 10am.* The Holy Bread of Oblation will be offered by Craig & Cindy George on their wedding anniversary; and by Maria Simescu for her grandchildren, her son Cornel on his birthday, and for her friend Mia, also for her departed godparents. Also, Catechumen Anna Davydyuk will enter the Orthodox Church by Holy Chrismation.

---SUNDAY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE AFTER LITURGY NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12----

Sunday School will be hosting Coffeetime that day.

----SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES AFTER LITURGY ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

THE FEAST OF THE ELEVATION OF THE CROSS IS TUESDAY, SEPT. 14. Our schedule:

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13---Vespers with Artoklasia, 6:30 p.m

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14—Matins, 9 a.m.; Liturgy, 10 a.m. If you wish to donate flowers for the cross ceremony, speak with Subdeacon Richard Sahley. Potluck lunch? We can have one if someone volunteers to be the coordinator—contact Father Andrew to volunteer.

MEETINGS

PATHWAYS TO PEACE—Mondays, 7:15 p.m., either at the church or 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 Deacon Basil, 440-665-3591, for zoom info. See more info elsewhere in this bulletin.

SOUTH BIBLE STUDY--- *cancelled* Tues, Sept 7, *due to time conflict with vespers for Nativity of the Theotokos.* Will next meet on Tues, Sept 21 at 6:30pm at Craig & Cindy George's, 9451 Sherwood Trl, Brecksville. Meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. Now studying the book of Jude.

WEST BIBLE STUDY--- Sat, Sept 11, 6pm (at church after 5pm Vespers). We are studying the book, “The Wisdom of Sirach.”

NORTH BIBLE STUDY---Thurs, Sept 16, 6:30pm at the Parkers', 1350 Elmwood Court, Rocky River. Studying the book of Isaiah.

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP—Fri, Sept 17, 1pm at Tara Reidy's, 274 Elmwood, Berea. For more info, call Sandy Tolbert, 440-773-9162.

TEEN MEETING---Sept 26 after liturgy, discussion time with Fr. Andrew

ICON CLASSES TAKING SUMMER BREAK---Iconography classes at St. Matthew's, being taught by iconographer Dennis Bell who painted our own beautiful iconostas, are taking a summer break----- they will resume in the fall.

MINISTRY NEWS

ST. HERMAN'S MINISTRY TEAM— SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, IS OUR MONTHLY TURN TO SERVE A MEAL TO THE POOR AT St. Herman Orthodox Homeless Shelter. Can you help by donating for the food, or preparing the meal, or helping serve the meal? If so, contact Deacon Basil at 440-665-3591.

OUR PARISH'S MINISTRY OF DELIVERY OF FOOD, CLOTHING, ETC. TO THE HOMELESS ON THE STREETS OF CLEVELAND will resume Sun, Oct 3.

PARISH FOOD PANTRY is still well-stocked right now, so no additional food currently needed. Grocery gift cards can always be used!

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFETIME HOSTS NEEDED---sign up in the hall by the bulletin board!

HOLY BREAD OBLATIONS SIGN-UP for 2021 is in the hall to the right of the sink area. Please sign up for what Sundays you wish to offer an oblation.

DONATE BY TEXT- You can now donate to St. Matthew's via text message. It's secure, quick, and free to sign up and takes seconds to make a donation. Send a text message to 440-390-4330 to get started. Reach out to Al Blazek (440-799-2487 by text or phone) if you'd like help or further info.

VACUUMING VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEET is on a little table in the narthex.

What volunteers do is, either after Sun liturgy or later Sun or Mon, is vacuum the church----nave & narthex entry area. Also, they clean up any stray bulletins or other papers left behind. It is fine for two people to do it together (we have enough vacuum cleaners). They do not do any cleaning in the hall, kitchen, rooms, etc. Please consider signing up to do it one week.

MISSION TO HELP THE POOR---is being led by parishioner John Scordos and will culminate on Saturday, October 2 with the distribution to the needy in inner-city Cleveland of food, clothing, gift cards, etc. Please donate generously to this good work! To donate, contact John at 216-618-8007 or joninchrist888@gmail.com Contact him to volunteer to help with preparation, distribution, etc.

LANDSCAPING HELP NEEDED---Anyone interested in weeding or other care of the church grounds, please contact Olivia Harmon. Could be one time or ongoing, at your convenience. 440-220-2624 oharmon15@gmail.com

*St. John Chrysostom compares the church to a hospital...
a place of healing.*

Come and Experience

"Pathway to Peace"

*A gathering-place for those who are broken
from hurt, hangups or habits.*

Pathway to Peace
is a group of Orthodox Christians
that meets for support in seeking practical solutions
for problems and healthy spiritual fellowship.

*Join us, as we renew our minds
and encourage each other through the love of Christ.*

Mondays, 7:15 PM

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For more information: Deacon Basil
wiliamvsquez@sbcglobal.net or 440-665-3591

FALL CHURCH CLEAN UP—We need all hands on deck to clean up the temple inside and out. There will be jobs for all ages and ability levels. Please mark your calendars: **Sat, Oct 2, 9am-?** Light refreshments provided. Bring your own lunch. Come and do what you can to help our beautiful temple shine!

Jobs include window washing, dusting, wax removal, HVAC filter replacement, kitchen cleaning, weeding, and bush trimming. It will help if you can bring any tools you may have for the job. The following items will definitely be needed: rags, gloves, buckets, rakes, hedge clippers, step ladders, dusters.

If you have questions, contact Olivia Harmon (440-220-2624), Lisa Palivoda, David Glaser, or Tony Latina.

A WEEKEND WITH BISHOP ANTHONY

Our diocesan bishop, His Grace Bishop ANTHONY, will be with us the entire weekend of November 14. Details not yet known but please keep the weekend open so you can participate.

CEMETERY PLOTS---A few couples from St. Matthew's are buying grave plots at the Monastery Marcha Monastery Cemetery in Richfield Township on Broadview Road. If you are interested in joining us in having a St. Matthew's section there, please contact Khourie Bonnie, 440-826-0662 bonniewharmon@gmail.com

ROOMMATE NEEDED---A single woman parishioner is looking for an apartment roommate. If you are interested, or know someone who might be.....please let Father Andrew know. 440-539-1116 fatherharmon@outlook.com

ALL AGE INSTRUMENTAL RECITAL
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3
6:00 P.M.
at
ST. MATTHEW ORTHODOX CHURCH

*Anyone who plays a musical instrument is
Welcome to sign up*

If you wish to take part, please contact Bonnie Harmon 216-258-4837 or Lisa Amer 216-415-9126 before September 26.



Theotokos of Vladimir

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

*"Make new friends but keep the old.
One is silver, the other gold."*

**Saturday, September 18, 2021
10:00 A.M.**

**St. Matthew the Evangelist Church
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**BLESSINGS FOR THE NEW CHURCH YEAR
59th anniversary year**



- Welcome to new members and visitors
- Fellowship and refreshments
- Fall Fundraiser discussion
- IOCC School Kit Service Project





Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest

Fall Gathering 2021

Hosted by St. James Antiochian Orthodox Church
6577 Branch Hill Miamiville Rd, Loveland, Ohio 45140

October 21-22: Clergy Retreat

October 22-24: Fall Gathering YAM, SOYO & Antiochian Women



PLC June 2019

Hotel Information

\$109/nt



**DoubleTree Suites by Hilton Hotel,
Cincinnati - Blue Ash**

Address: 6300 E Kemper Rd, Sharonville, OH 45241

Phone: (513) 489-3636

All of rooms are two room suites. Every suite has a double sized sleeper sofa in the living room area, a microwave, a small refrigerator and an in-room safe. Group Code: JAO

Copy or Click on the link below for reservation:

https://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/C/CVGKRD-T-JAO-20211021/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

Registration Information

Registration fee is \$50. For clergy retreat and fall gathering -this includes dinner on Friday, breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday and a farewell lunch on Sunday!

Click here to register <https://tihe.ly/event-registration/#/3957214>

SAINT OF THE DAY:

THE HOLY PROPHET ZACHARIAH & THE RIGHTEOUS ELIZABETH

The married couple, Saints Zachariah & Elizabeth, were both of the priestly family of Aaron. They had prayed to have a child for many years. In the gospel of Luke we read about how, while Zachariah was serving in the Jerusalem Temple, that he was told by the Archangel Gabriel that he and Elizabeth would have a son. And what a son they had-----St. John the Baptist, the greatest Saint of all time except for the Theotokos.

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT FOR BRINGING KIDS TO CHURCH:

As a family, memorize the Sunday School Verse of the year:

Matthew 18:3 "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven."

Discuss and work on being examples of childlike humility and trust.
