

THE HOLY MARTYR DOMETIUS OF PERSIA

St. Dometius, whose memory we celebrate today, lived in Persia in the 4th century. He left the dominant Zoroastrian religion in Persia and was baptized into Christ. He lived a life of monastic isolation. Then he was ordained a deacon. As his holiness became known, people began to flock to him for prayers, guidance, and miraculous healing. The bishop wished to ordain him a priest, but he successfully declined and then went to a wilderness hermitage to avoid the crowds so as to pray more. Of course, the crowds followed! In the year 363 A.D. he was becoming very well known in Persia. This led to the government arresting him and executing him on August 7, 363.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

SPECIAL TEACHING EVENING---SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 6 P.M.

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.

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

A NEW PARISH DIRECTORY—On Sundays *August 14, 21, 28*, we will be having high-resolution photographs (of matching shape and style) taken of parishioners after Divine Liturgy, so please be prepared as you see fit. The photos will be used in our online directory, and therefore can be updated as needed. The directory can be downloaded or printed out. This directory will be of benefit to all our parishioners, and especially to those who are new or forgetful while looking to match names with faces, as well as those seeking to reach out to the other members of our parish family. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation with this effort! After liturgy, please come to the library with your family members to have your photo taken.

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

10383 Albion Rd, North Royalton, OH

August 7, 2022

After-feast of the Transfiguration of Christ

His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH

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His Grace Bishop ANTHONY

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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

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 Blazek family for the health & salvation of Al on his birthday; and is offered by Jean Rafeedie for the health & salvation of the servant of God, Westly Collado, as he receives the blessing to become a Catechumen; and is offered by Daniel & Maria Simescu for the health & salvation of Maria's brother, Mihail, on his birthday; and for their grandchildren Brian, Zack, & Emma; and in beloved memory of Maria's parents, Cristian & Olimpia.

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

Josephine Katzbach	Jean Caldaroni	Ron Hakaim
Justin Mosier	Paraschiva Blaz	Norman Fadil
Tony Burhen	Phyllis Simmons	Mary Malaniak
Lucy Kinkaid	Nancy Yanik	Bob & Adrienne Andrews
Marc Balke	Dolores Kaleal	Charles & Judy Burhen
Christopher Samuel	William	Laura Bourjaily
Peter George	Donna Teaman	Joe Cacciacarne
Pauline Hanna	Jerry Morrison	Rosemary McLaughlin
Frank Popovich	Iliana Radivoj	Bonnie SeEVERS
Issa Zaboura	Lena Batina	Faith
Argie Katsaros	Danielle	Constantine & Maria Kornea
Archdeacon Joseph Harb	Ruth Zheltov	
Joseph Watson	James Padzerski	

And for the newly departed servants of God:

Ralph Parker, Rhea Hollar (Leigh Frank's mother), Ramona Darmour (Craig George's aunt)

EPISTLE LESSON: I Corinthians 1: 10-17

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 14: 20-22

EPISTLE READER: Reader Anthony Harmon

USHERS: Theresa Popovich & Gloria Zabala

HOMILY: "The Beatitudes, Part 6: Blessed Are The Pure In Heart---Matthew 5:8"

BLESSING TO BECOME A CATECHUMEN—Westly Collado will receive the blessing to be a Catechumen at the end of today's liturgy.

40-DAY CHURCHING----The Churching ceremony will take place at the end of today's liturgy for Laura Allen and her son, Leonidas.

PLEASE STAY FOR COFFEETIME RIGHT AFTER LITURGY TODAY

FATHER ANDREW & KHOURIE BONNIE will be on vacation to see Bonnie's family in Wisconsin tomorrow, Tuesday, August 9 through Monday, August 15. Most services will continue here as usual---see schedule below. Father Basil Shaheen of Akron St. George parish will serve here next Sunday morning, August 14. In case of an emergency need for a priest during these days, please call Father Matthew Thurman of St. Luke parish in Bainbridge---440-591-1030. And you may call our deacons.....

We encourage all the priests and parishes to financially support and participate in the life and work of this Orthodox Theological School <https://tahos.org> and we ask that you encourage the faithful of your parish to consider supporting by various means, as well as encouraging participation by your faithful in one of these degree programs.

We ask that you offer your prayers as well as your parish's financial support and participation in this school. I do designate the First Sunday of the Dormition Fast as a Sunday to support the Antiochian House of Studies. On that day a collection tray will be passed. The collection tray will be sent to Antiochian Archdiocese (earmarked AHOS). On personal level you may make your tax-deductible on line donation by clicking her or copying this link into your browser: <https://tithe.ly/give?c=5322090> or by mailing your check payable to: The Antiochian House of Studies, 1020 Baseline Road, La Verne, CA 91750.

For further questions or to make large donations, you may contact the Very Reverend Joseph Antypas, Frjosph.antypas@tahos.org, Vice President of Business Development.

Yours in the service of Christ,



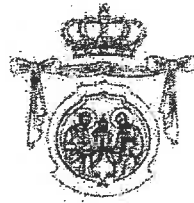
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Reverend Hierarchs, Clergy, esteemed Board of Trustees, Organizations, and Faithful of the Antiochian Archdiocese:

We are very pleased to announce that on June 7, 2022, the Antiochian House of Studies received full accreditation from the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) to offer the following degrees:

- Master of Divinity
- Master of Theological Studies
- Master of Pastoral Care and Counseling
- Doctor of Ministry
- Doctor of Philosophy

We congratulate the V. Rev. Father Michel Najim (President), the Rt. Rev. Father Fadi Rabbat (Academic Dean) and the V. Rev. Father Joseph Purpura (Accreditation Director) and all the officers, faculty, staff, the AHOS board of trustees, alumni and students of the Antiochian House of Studies for this outstanding achievement in the life of the school and in the life of our Archdiocese and Orthodoxy across North America.

The Antiochian House of Studies (AHOS) was founded in 1980 as the St. Stephens Program of Studies. Over the past several decades, AHOS has developed into full-fledged school, offering another option for the education and pastoral formation of students who are preparing themselves for priesthood and for Church ministries within the Antiochian Archdiocese of North America and beyond. Today, with over two hundred students presently enrolled, the Antiochian House of Studies is now a fully accredited Graduate School of Theology.

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**DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2022
TONE 7 / EOTHINON 8; EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
& EIGHTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**

AFTER-FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF CHRIST
Martyr Dometios of Persia; Hieromartyr Narcissus, patriarch of Jerusalem;
Sozon of Nicomedia

VERSES OF THE FIRST ANTIPHON

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, in the city of our God, in His holy mountain. Who settest fast the mountains by Thy strength, Who art girded about with power.

Who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment. The mountains shall rejoice at the presence of the Lord, for He cometh; yea, He is come to judge the earth.

Glory... Both now...

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

His foundations are in the holy mountains. The Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.



Save us, O Son of God Who wast trans - fig - ured on Mount Ta -



bor, who sing_____to Thee: Al - le - lu - i - a.

Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. (*Refrain*)

A man will say: Mother Zion; and: That man was born in her; and: The Most High Himself hath founded her. (*Refrain*)

Glory... Both now... O only begotten Son and Word of God...

THE THIRD ANTIPHON

Of Thy mercies, O Lord, will I sing forever. The heavens shall confess Thy wonders, O Lord, and Thy truth in the congregation of saints. Blessed is the people that knoweth jubilation. O Lord, in the light of Thy countenance shall they walk, and in Thy Name shall they rejoice all the day long. (*now sing the Apolytikion of the Transfiguration*)

THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF ORDINARY SUNDAYS

Come, let us worship, and fall down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SEVEN (p. 15)

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF THE TRANSFIGURATION IN TONE SEVEN

When, O Christ our God, Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, Thou didst reveal Thy glory to Thy Disciples in proportion as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light also enlighten us sinners, through the intercessions of the Theotokos. O Thou Bestower of light, glory to Thee.

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 TRANSFIGURATION IN TONE SEVEN

On the mount Thou wast transfigured, and Thy disciples, as much as they could bear, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; that when they should see Thee crucified, they would know Thy Passion to be willing, and would preach to the world that Thou, in truth, art the Effulgence of the Father.

THE EPISTLE (For the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost)

The Lord will give strength to His people.

Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God, ascribe to the Lord honor and glory.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (1:10-17)

Brethren, I appeal to you, by the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissension among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispos and Gaius; lest anyone should say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the Gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

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.

SEEKING WORK--- Michael Palmer is seeking work. He has 15 years experience in customer service, most recently as a health screener at Cleveland Clinic. He is seeking a job of 20-25 hours per week in Berea/Middleburg Heights area. If you know of anything, please call him---216-212-7436.

ZOE for Life® needs your help!---If you have a background in Accounting and have a few hours a month to help with some basic Financial Statements, please contact Karen Contoveros, cell ph. 440-759-6215. Please consider sharing your time and talent with this essential ministry. Thank you.

POSSIBILITY OF YOUNG ADULT ACTIVITIES--- We now have many young adults in our parish. We have had some good young adult activities in the past but nothing recently, so....If you are interested in participating in or leading some activities, please let Father Andrew know.

FREE CAT---2 year old Maine Coon mix in need of a loving home. She is very sweet and unfortunately I cannot keep her due to not having enough room. She is an indoor cat. Ideally a home with other animals as she is high energy. If interested, please call or text Veronica Bose 440-657-8904.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL seeking people to speak---We are looking for speakers for the adult class which will meet once a month. Please let Father Andrew or Gail Malaniak know if you are interested. Speakers can choose their own topic or speak with Father or Gail for suggestions. The first 2 classes will meet on Sept 18 and Oct 16.

ADULT ED. CLASS ON AMERICAN HISTORY TAUGHT BY FATHER ANDREW---*in case you're interested....*

Father Andrew will be teaching a class this fall through the Baldwin Wallace University Learning In Retirement adult education program. (No age requirements!)

The title is "The Presidential Campaign of 1968" It will meet in Middleburg Heights from 2:40-4 p.m. on 6 Mondays in a row---September 12 through October 17.

Go to www.ilrbw.org for more info and to join ILR and register for the class----the deadline is approaching ...Here is the program's course description---- THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN OF 1968 This class will examine perhaps the wildest presidential campaign in American history---1968. In the middle of the Vietnam War and all the cultural upheaval of the '60s, this was not a typical campaign year. We will look at all the unusual things about the campaign: The Eugene McCarthy surge, the dropping out of LBJ, the assassination of Bobby Kennedy on the night it looked like he could be the Democratic nominee, the assassination of Rev. Martin Luther King, the riots at the Democratic Convention, the George Wallace phenomenon And then, of course, the extremely close race between Hubert Humphrey and Richard Nixon, leading to Nixon's controversial victory in November. There was never a dull moment in 1968! We will look at it all.

MINISTRY NEWS

MEAL SERVING AT ST. HERMAN ORTHODOX HOMELESS SHELTER--- Sunday, August 21 will be our monthly day to serve the evening meal to the poor at St. Herman Orthodox Food Pantry in Cleveland. If you can help by donating the food or cooking or serving the meal, please contact Deacon Basil Vazquez at 440-665-3591.

SACK LUNCH DELIVERY TO THE HOMELESS--- After liturgy, Sun, Aug 21; It is our turn this month to make the lunches....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.**

OCLife ST. MATTHEW CHURCH---**Attention:** To those who feel God is leading you to do more for life issues, such as the protection of unborn babies in the womb, defending sexual purity for our teens and adults, advocating for the elderly in nursing homes and all issues having to do with living a life pleasing to God: We have a new group at St. Matthew's called OCLife St. Matthew Church. This group is 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." If you wish to get involved in this new ministry, please contact Lisa Palivoda at LDPAL1703@outlook.com or Cindy George at cindygeorge127@gmail.com.

SEPTEMBER MISSION TO THE HOMELESS---We will have our 4th large-scale one-day parish mission to the homeless on Saturday, September 3. It will involve the distribution of lunches (*many! Hundreds were given out last time!*), clothes, and Bibles. Obviously, much help is needed!

VOLUNTEERS---To assemble sack lunches in church kitchen at 9 a.m., Sat., Sept. 3

---or to help deliver and distribute on streets and at shelters

---to help with purchasing and pick-up of food ahead of time.

DONORS---of items needed for the lunches (details on that later...)

----clothing in bags

----Bibles

MONEY FOR FOOD---please contribute through St. Matthew's treasury.

A FEW OTHER THINGS---There is no room for clothes storage at the church, but there will be lots....can you store some somewhere before distribution day?

---One van already promised for delivery, but another one is needed.

---Some of the homeless ask for haircuts! Is there anyone who can help with that? More details as the time gets closer. For more info & to volunteer, contact Jon Scordos, 216-618-8007, joninchrist888@gmail.com

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEETIME HOSTING---Coffeetime 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 coffeetime host groups. If you have questions, you can either speak to, or call, coffeetime coordinator, Electra Floasiu---216-671-0743

THE GOSPEL (For the Eighth Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (14:14-22)

At that time, when Jesus went ashore he saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to Him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to Him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And He said, "Bring them here to Me." Then He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish He looked up to Heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds.

A brief explanation of the Jesse Tree icon which has now been completed in the altar.

by Nick Papas, iconographer

THE TREE of JESSE has multiple layers and powerful messages. While it is a theme with great artistic appeal and beauty, its theological beauty may be even greater.

Historically and theologically, this icon was originally created to emphasize Jesus' full humanity at a time when theological imbalance called this into question. It remains an image that not only presents the fact that Jesus had a genealogy, and therefore was human, but it also presents a FAMILY TREE OF FAITH! Thus making the point that ANYONE who has faith can be a part of the family. (Believers are ALL adopted children of God! God has NO grandchildren!)

The foreshadowing/prophetic attributes of this icon found by way of each of the prophets, depict references to their prophecies towards Mary, The Theotokos, and the Christ Child.



Youssis prototype



Vatopaidi prototype

The composition for this mural is based in part on a prototype from Saint Mary Church, Johnstown, PA by the hand of Constantine Youssis who, in turn, I suspect, based his on a prototype from Vatopaidi Monastery, Mount Athos (or a similar one?). My divergences from these prototypes have, largely, been to accommodate the architecture of Saint Matthew's Church and 3 large Apse windows. My divergences being, mainly, compositional.

Mary and Jesus remain thematically central, both in theology and artistically. The name of this type being in Greek "Platytera" which is translated as the mind-blowing "More Spacious Than the Heavens"! Mind-blowing? Yes, because She, a woman, holds in her womb the creator of the Universe...making her womb a place which holds, inexplicably, God! God the Creator is greater than the Universe, making Her womb "More Spacious Than the Heavens"!!!

Serendipitously, there's this from the epistle lesson from last Tues (July 26), Epistle reading (c.Gal.3-4). "...But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons."



This [the apophatic circle] is a Work In Progress pic of that odd part of some icons (Annunciation, Theophany, Pentecost etc...) found in their top or top corner. I've not ever found an official name for it but I call it "The Apophatic Circle". "Apophatic" is one of those rare and heavy-duty, esoteric theological terms. It's quite a handy one though and worth learning. Apophatic is a way of pointing towards understanding God. But pointing...only. The problem is that we can't know God, since He is unknowable. So! In a sense "the best" that we can do is to KNOW WHAT HE ISN'T! This is what APOPHATIC is. BUT!!! How to depict this in art/icons??? Well...THIS is the answer that iconographers have come up with. A kind of blackness with energies (the rays) pointing TOWARDS the blackness, or pointing towards the unknowable.

All of God's creation, in other words, points towards Him, THE Creator. And yet all of creation does not "get to" BE Him. This depiction is a kind-of reverse or paradoxical depiction of a sun or star! ALL of this apophatic stuff is made all the more mind-blowing when, IN FACT, God, in Jesus, becomes man and by Him we know God!

UPCOMING SERVICES

OUR SCHEDULE FOR PARAKLESIS FOR THE THEOTOKOS SERVICES for the second week of the Dormition Fast---**Mon, Aug 8; Wed, Aug 10**---all at 6:30 p.m

DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS--- **Monday, August 15**---**Matins, 9 a.m.; Typika (without Holy Communion), 10 a.m.** It is customary to bring flowers and greenery to church that day. Potluck lunch after the Typika service---the Fast will be over, back to meat!

Please note there will not be Vespers on eve of the Feast Day---Sunday evening, August 14

SAT, AUG 13---*Vespers, 5pm*

SUN, AUG 14---*Matins, 8:50 am, Divine Liturgy, 10am*; The Holy Bread of Oblation will be offered by Tom & Judy George for their 31st wedding anniversary; and by Alicia Mlakar for her husband David's birthday; and by Deacon Basil & Joanne Vazquez for their son-in-law Joel Gazal; and by Craig & Cindy George in memory of Craig's aunt, Ramona Darmour; and by Leigh Frank & Cindy George in memory of Leigh's mother, Rhea Hollar and Leigh's husband, Jeff; and by Maria Simescu in memory of her parents, Cristian & Olimpia, of her grandparents, Teodor & Ana & Constantine, of her aunt, Elena; and her uncle, Constantine. Also, the 40 day Memorial will be offered by Craig & Cindy George for Craig's aunt, Ramona Darmour; and by Leigh Frank & Cindy George for Leigh's mother, Rhea Hollar (40 days) and Leigh's husband, Jeff (1 year).

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

It will be after liturgy on Sunday, August 28. Hosted by the Brotherhood Club---more info later on.....

Sunday School Information 2022/23

Important dates:

September 11- Open house/Visit classrooms/Meet the teachers

September 18- Classes begin

Parents/ grandparents: Please respond to Gail Malaniak if your child/grandchild will be attending Sunday School so we can be sure to have enough materials. Include full names, ages, and birth dates. (Ages 3-18 are welcome!)

Send the information to gailmeen@gmail.com by September 1. Thank you!

MEETINGS

PATHWAYS TO PEACE---Monday at 7:30pm *due to Paraklesis service.*, 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, Aug 16 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--- Sat, Aug 20, 6pm (after 5pm Vespers) at the church. Studying I Corinthians.

NORTH BIBLE STUDY--- Wed, Aug 24, 6:30pm, meets at the Parkers' house, 1350 Elmwood Court Rocky River. Continuing with the book of Isaiah.

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP--- Fri, Aug 19, 1pm, meets at Tara Reidy's 274 Elmwood, Berea; For more info, call Sandy Tolbert, 440-773-9162.

HOMESCHOOL GROUP---not meeting in the summer, but will resume Aug 26, meeting in the morning on the 2nd and 4th Friday of every month at the church.

TEEN GROUP--- Aug activity to be announced

SISTERHOOD- Sun, Aug 14 after liturgy

CHESS CLUB---The next meeting of our parish chess club will be after liturgy on Sun, Aug 14th. If you are an experienced player or have never played---please come! No RSVP needed, but for more details, call Michael Palmer, 216-212-7436.

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

Come and Experience

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