

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

10383 Albion Rd, North Royalton, OH

May 19, 2024

Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women

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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 Thomas Sabrey for his mother, Margaret (40 days); and by Chadi & Marie Abouhaider in memory of Marie's father, Elias Bader (1 year); and by Lori Fadil in memory of her husband, Norman (1 year); and by Maria Simescu in memory of her godparents, Ioan & Maria; and by David & Rudylin Glaser in memory of David's mother, Arlene on her birthday and in memory of Aurora Dayao Belcina (Rudylin's aunt—40 days); and the oblation is offered by David & Rudylin Glaser for their daughter, Regina, and husband Paul on their marriage weekend and for Rudylin's mother, Linda Bacus, on her birthday; and by Colton & Veronica Bose for their daughter, Anna, on her baptism day; and by Florentina Popa for her granddaughters, Elizabeth (birthday) and Elena (Saint Day); and by Gail Malaniak for the children celebrating their first confession today: Klementine Conrad, Lorianna Green, Mary Harmon, and Emmelia Roach; and by Dan Patrick for Camille and in memory of his mother, Margaret Patrick, and in memory of Camille's mother, Ruth Meena.

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

Justin Mosier	Mary Malaniak	James Padzerski	Danielle
Tony Burhen	Julie Dunn	Jerry Morrison	Nancy Brown
Lucy Kinkaid	Ed Haddad	Father Basil Caldaroni	Mary Violanti
Marc Balke	Michael Francu	Charles & Judy Burhen	Elias Karam
Christopher Samuel	Jean Fadil	Constantine & Maria Kornea	Nancy Yanik
Peter George	Victoria Thorp	Deacon Macarius Tolbert	Shirley Fuller
Pauline Hanna	Paraschiva Blaz	Becca & Leila Aboumrad	Robert Weber
Frank Popovich	Dolores Kaleal	Vincent & Ginger DeFilippo	Dana
Issa Zaboura	Josephine Katzbach	Uva & Harold Tolbert, Sr.	Charlotte Shaheen
Argie Katsaros	Father John Henry	George & Christine Simon	Sara Scordos and baby
Theodore Bunevich	Corrine George	Donald Glaser	

And for the newly departed servants of God: George N. Nassar, John Schweitzer, Audrey Nicoloff, Daniel, Rocky Farage (Beth Snyder's brother), Father Andrew Short, Jean Browne (Sandy Tolbert's cousin)

EPISTLE LESSON: Acts 6: 1-7

EPISTLE READER: Reader Anthony Harmon

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 15:43-16:8

USHERS: Louise Bouhasin & Michael Fazio

HOMILY: "Myrrh-Bearing Women---But No Women Priests?" **GREETER:** Khourie Bonnie

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

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THE MEMORIAL SERVICE (40 DAYS) is being offered today by David & Rudylin Glaser in beloved memory of Rudylin's aunt, Aurora Dayao Belcina.

CHILDREN MAKING THEIR FIRST CONFESSION WILL BE HONORED AT THE END OF LITURGY AND DURING COFFEETIME. They are Klementine Conrad, Lorianna Green, Mary Harmon, and Emmelia Roach.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO COFFEETIME TODAY! FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

Thank you, Chadi & Marie Abouhaider who are hosting in memory of Marie's father, Elias Bader.

**THE ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN'S SISTERHOOD will meet after liturgy today.
AND THE CHESS CLUB will also meet after liturgy today.**

COLTON & VERONICA WISH TO INVITE ALL OF YOU TO ATTEND THE BAPTISM OF THEIR DAUGHTER, ANNA EVANGELIA, AT 1:30 TODAY. AND ALL ARE INVITED TO THE RECEPTION IN THE HALL AFTERWARDS

**DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES FOR THIRD SUNDAY OF PASCHA
SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024; TONE 2 / EOTHINON 4
Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women,
Pious Joseph of Arimathaea & Righteous Nicodemus**

VERSES OF THE FIRST ANTIPHON

- Shout with joy to God, all the earth; sing to His Name, give glory to His praises.
- Say to God: How awesome are Thy works; let all the earth worship Thee, and sing to Thee. Let it sing a song to Thy Name, O Most High.
- Glory... Both now...

VERSES OF THE SECOND ANTIPHON

- May God have mercy upon us, and bless us, and may He cause His face to shine upon us, and have mercy upon us.
- That Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy salvation among all nations; let the peoples give thanks to Thee, O God, let all the peoples give thanks to Thee.
- May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear Him.
- Glory... Both now... O only begotten Son and Word of God...

VERSES OF THE THIRD ANTIPHON (*Refrain: "Christ is risen from the dead..."*)

- Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered, and let them that hate Him flee from before His face.
- As smoke vanisheth, so let them vanish; as wax melteth before the fire.
- So let sinners perish at the presence of God, and let the righteous be glad.
- This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad therein.

THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF PASCHA

In the congregations bless God, the Lord from the wellsprings of Israel. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

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 JOSEPH OF ARIMATHAEA IN TONE TWO

The noble Joseph, taking Thine immaculate Body down from the Tree, and having wrapped It in pure linen and spices, laid It for burial in a new tomb. But on the third day Thou didst arise, O Lord, granting to the world Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN IN TONE TWO

Unto the myrrh-bearing women did the Angel cry out as he stood by the grave: Myrrh-oils are meet for the dead, but Christ hath proved to be a stranger to corruption. But cry out: The Lord is risen, granting to the world Great Mercy.

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.

THE KONTAKION OF PASCHA IN TONE EIGHT

Though Thou didst descend into the grave, O Immortal One, yet didst Thou destroy the power of Hades, and didst arise as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh-bearing women, Rejoice, and giving peace unto Thine Apostles, O Thou Who dost grant resurrection to the fallen.

THE EPISTLE

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

The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles. (6:1-7)

In those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily ministry. And the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said: "It is not right that we should forsake the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good report, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. And we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And the saying pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Próchoros, and Nikánor, and Tímon, and Parmenás, and Nikólaos a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem exceedingly, and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (15:43-16:8)

At that time, Joseph of Arimathaea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the Kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if He were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether Jesus was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that He was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking Him down, wrapped Him in the linen shroud, and laid Him in a tomb, which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where He was laid. And when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb at the rising of the sun. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back – it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a long white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, Who was crucified. He is risen; He is not here; see the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples and Peter that He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him, as He told you." And they went out quickly and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

MEGALYNARION FOR PASCHA IN TONE ONE

The angel cried to the Lady full of grace: "Rejoice, rejoice, O pure Virgin! Again I say, rejoice! Your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb. With Himself He has raised all the dead." Rejoice, rejoice, O you people!

Shine! Shine! Shine, O new Jerusalem: the glory of the Lord has shone on you. Exult now: exult and be glad, O Zion. Be radiant, O pure Theotokos, in the Resurrection: the Resurrection of your Son.

KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) OF PASCHA

Receive the Body of Christ; taste the fountain of immortality. Alleluia.

Instead of "We have seen the true light," sing "Christ is Risen" once.

IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE RETURN YOUR LENTEN ALMS BOXES TO THE CHURCH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

UPCOMING SERVICES

SAT, MAY 25-5pm Vespers

SUN, MAY 26- 8:50am Matins, 10am Divine Liturgy; The holy bread of oblation is offered by Westley & Besan Collado & Isaac Kash for the health & salvation of Westley & Besan Kash's new son, Xavier, on his Churching day; and Georgette Dye is offering both oblation and the memorial service for her grandparents, Genevieve & Elias Karam, her parents, Maurice Mack & Norma Buettner, and for Norman & Georgette Sullivan, Lillian & Ernest Audey, Gary, Audey, Norman & Hallie Karem and for George Karam; also, Besan Kash and her son, Xavier, will be Churched at the end of service.

MEETINGS

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY—May meeting already held, June date to be announced. 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 May 25. Meets at the church one Sat a month at 6pm (after 5pm Vespers). We are studying the book of Revelation.

SOUTH BIBLE STUDY--- Tuesday, May 21st, 6:30 p.m., at Craig & Cindy George's, 9451 Sherwood Trail, Brecksville. Beginning a study on the Servant Songs in book of Isaiah---all are welcome!

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP— May 21, 10:30am. Meets monthly at Tara Reidy's (274 Elmwood, Berea). For info, call Sandy Tolbert, [440-773-9162](tel:440-773-9162).

HOMESCHOOL ENRICHMENT GROUP--- Is on break for the summer. Next year we plan to meet Aug-Oct 9:30-noon on Fridays. Infants through Elementary School children are welcome to participate. Contact Olivia Harmon for more information: oharmon15@gmail.com

KNIT/CROCHET GROUP---Next date to be announced. Meets quarterly at the church. Do you knit or crochet? Would you like to learn? Please join us! Contact Lisa Bowden at [440-667-2767](tel:440-667-2767) for info.

CHESS CLUB--- After liturgy today. *If you don't know how to play, you are welcome to come and they will teach you!*

TEEN CLUB— Next meeting: After liturgy Sun, May 26th.

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

MINISTRY NEWS

STREET DELIVERY TO THE HOMELESS----- MAY 26 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. Herman's Homeless Shelter this month.

MEAL SERVING AT ST. HERMAN ORTHODOX HOMELESS SHELTER TODAY is the 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 contact 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

St. John the Almsgiver Mission Quarterly Mission Dinner (Saturday May 25th)

(Serving Dinner for the Norma Rae's Women Shelter)

Opportunities to help:

Friday	May 24	Food Preparation	06:00 – 09:00PM
Saturday	May 25	Food Preparation/Cooking	09:00 – Noon
Saturday	May 25	Server Dinner	05:30 – 07:00PM
Saturday	May 25	Local area lunch bag delivery	12:00 – 02:00PM



Saint John the Almsgiver

Please direct questions to Jack Palivoda at jack.palivoda@keyfactor.com or (216)235-2990

**ST. JOHN THE
ALMSGIVER MISSION
TO THE POOR
is this Friday & Saturday....**

**Delivery of hundreds of
lunches to the homeless.
Please see sign-up sheets on
counter in hall to sign up to
help make lunches either
Friday or Saturday.**

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.

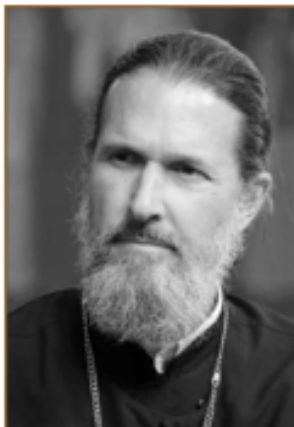
VACUUMING VOLUNTEERS-Sign-up sheet is in the narthex to vacuum the nave after liturgy!

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/>

SAVE THE DATE

FOR A WEEKEND RETREAT
WITH

FATHER JOSIAH
TRENHAM, PH.D.



DATE: SEPTEMBER 20 – 22, 2024

TIME AND SCHEDULE: TBA

LOCATION:

St. Matthew the Evangelist
Orthodox Church
10383 Albion Road
North Royalton, OH 44133

A native Southern Californian, Father Josiah attended Westminster Seminary California, receiving his M.Div. in 1992 while studying under some of the most influential teachers in the Reformed tradition.

In 1993, he was ordained to the Holy Priesthood of the Orthodox Church and in 2004 he was awarded a Ph.D. in Theology from the University of Durham, England.

Father Josiah has published numerous articles and two 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.

New to the Orthodox Faith or want to learn more? This is a great opportunity to learn what the Orthodox Church teaches.

Come with your questions and learn what our ancient Church Fathers have taught us. Father Josiah will inspire with his wealth of knowledge and understanding of our church teachings.

For more information or to get the latest schedule with Father Josiah, contact Cindy George at cindygeorge127@gmail.com





SAVE THE DATE

2024 DIOCESE OF TOLEDO PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE

All Saints and Holy Transfiguration invite you to join us for a few days of Christian fellowship, prayer, and fun for all ages. Whether you are new to the Diocese or have been attending PLCs for many years, we welcome each of you and your families.

We look forward to seeing you and getting to know you at the Toledo Diocese Parish Life Conference in Chicago-Land in June 2024!

DATE

June 26-29
Wednesday - Saturday

LOCATION

Chicago Marriott Oak Brook
1401 W 22nd St, Oak Brook, IL 60523



THE IOCC CLEVELAND METROPOLITAN COMMITTEE

invites you to the

32ND ANNUAL BANQUET

Monday, June 3, 2024

Doors 6:00 pm | Dinner 7:00 pm

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BOOKS FOR FREE----Father Andrew & Khourie Bonnie read a lot. Their house is packed with thousands of books. Also, Father Andrew's church office is packed with books.

This is a problem as Father Andrew is retiring in August has to take his office books home where there is no room for them. So to help a little, he and Khourie Bonnie are culling their books and giving some away. This weekend (of May 19th) and next weekend (of May 26th), there will be books for free in back of hall. Various topics, various levels of importance or value. Please remember that priests need to know what many different kinds of people and groups think-----so giving these books away is in no way an endorsement of their contents! Feel free to ask questions about any of them!

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)

May 2024			
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5		Kirsch Family Pascha Celebration 1:30-6:00	
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18		Kitchen in use- Sondra Palivoda 12-5	
19		Bose Baptism 1:30-4:00	
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24			Kitchen in use-6-9 St. John Mission
25	Kitchen in use 9-3 St. John Mission	Kitchen in use 9-3 St. John Mission	
26		Hall Rental Bonnie Harmon 3-7	
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June 2024			
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3	Vacation Bible School 9-1?		
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CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!

THE HOLY SEASON OF PASCHA

Although Orthodox people in the West may sometimes use the Anglo-Saxon term “Easter”, the proper and historical term for this holiest of all days is “Pascha” ----Greek for “Passover”. The Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of the Old Testament Passover---our Lord “passed over” from death to life.

During this season (until Pentecost, June 23) we do not kneel to pray at home or at church---this is an expression of our joy at the Resurrection. We greet each other with “Christ is risen!” and the response, “Truly He is risen!”. Wednesdays and Fridays (by Antiochian practice and ancient practice of all Orthodox) are not fast days until after Ascension Day, June 13th.

Part 2 of PASCHA GRAVE BLESSINGS WILL BE SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 25TH

Two cemeteries will be done that day--St. Theodosius & Riverside. Contact Father Andrew if you wish a grave in of those 2 cemeteries blessed. Graves in cemeteries not done in the first two blessing days (April 27th & MAY 25TH) will be blessed at later dates....

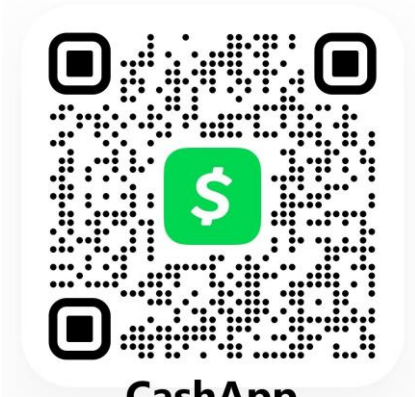
THE HOLY MARTYR BISHOP PATRICK AND HIS COMPANIONS

St. Patrick of Prusa, whose memory we celebrate today, was bishop of over what we now call Turkey in the 300’s A.D. when the Roman Emperor Julian tried to turn the empire away from Christianity. Bishop Patrick and some other Christians were arrested and were told to either worship idols or be killed. They stayed loyal to Christ and would not worship the false gods. This led to their martyrdom for the Lord on May 19th.

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

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