

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

10383 Albion Rd, North Royalton, OH

August 29, 2021

Beheading of the Forerunner and Baptist John

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

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 Blazeks in thanksgiving to God on the 6th anniversary of their entrance into the Orthodox Church; and is offered by Father Andrew & Khourie Bonnie for the health & salvation of their granddaughter, Annalise, on her 3rd birthday; and in beloved memory of their nephew, Bruce Cragin.

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

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

And for the newly departed servants of God:

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

EPISTLE LESSON: Acts 13:25-33

EPISTLE READER: Reader Anthony Harmon

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 6:14-30

HOMILY: "The Greatest Man Ever"

USHERS: Al & Anastasia Blazek

THE 40 DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE is being offered today by Father Andrew & Khourie Bonnie in memory of their nephew, Bruce Cragin.

Please stay for coffeetime right after the service!

TODAY, THE BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, IS A VERY STRICT ONE-DAY FAST

THE SISTERHOOD will meet in the boardroom today after liturgy.

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 2021

TONE 1 / EOTHINON 10

BEHEADING OF THE FORERUNNER AND BAPTIST JOHN

Venerable Theodora of Thessalonica; Theopistis and Joseph the Sanctified of Samaka

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE ONE (p. 11)

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

APOLYTIKION OF THE BAPTIST'S BEHEADING IN TONE TWO

The memory of the just is celebrated with hymns of praise, but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for thee, O Forerunner; for thou hast proved to be truly even more venerable than the Prophets, since thou wast granted to baptize in the running waters Him Whom they proclaimed. Wherefore, having contested for the truth, thou didst rejoice to announce the good tidings even to those in Hades: that God hath appeared in the flesh, taking away the sin of the world and granting us 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.

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

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord. Hearken unto my voice, O God.

The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles. (13:25-33)

In those days, as John was fulfilling his course, he said, "Who do you suppose that I am? I am not He. But behold, there comes One after me the shoes of whose feet I am not worthy to unloose." Men, brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to you is the word of this salvation sent forth. For those who dwell in Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they did not know Him, nor yet the voices of the prophets which are read on every Sabbath, fulfilled these by condemning Him. And though they found no cause of death in Him, yet they asked Pilate that He should be slain. And when they had fulfilled all the things that were written of Him, they took Him down from the tree, and laid him in a tomb. But God raised Him from the dead; and for many days He was seen by those who came up with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now His witnesses to the people. And we bring you the good news of the promise made to the fathers, that God has fulfilled the same to us their children, in that He raised up Jesus again.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (6:14-30)

At that time, Jesus' Name had become known, and King Herod heard of it. Some said, "John the Baptizer has been raised from the dead; that is why these powers are at work in Him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod had sent and seized John, and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. For John said to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and kept him safe. When he heard him, he was much perplexed; and yet he heard him gladly. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and the leading men of Galilee. For when Herodias' daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will grant it." And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." And she went out, and said to her mother, "What shall I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptizer." And she came in immediately with haste to the king, and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." And the king was exceedingly sorry; but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. And immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard and gave orders to bring his head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, and brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl; and the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb. The Apostles returned to Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught.

KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) FOR THE SAINT (*Psalm 111 (112)*)

In everlasting remembrance shall the righteous be; he shall not be afraid of evil tidings. Alleluia

UPCOMING SERVICES

ECCLESIASTICAL NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION—Tues, Aug 31, 5:30pm food and children's activities, 6:30pm Vespers for the church new year (which begins Sept 1). Pizza will be provided. Please bring "New Year's Eve" snacks, or any side dish, dessert, or beverage. Everyone is welcome!

SAT, SEPT 4- Vespers 5pm

SUN, SEPT 5- *Matins 8:50am, and Divine Liturgy, 10am.* The Holy Bread of Oblation will be offered by David Glazer for his wife, Rudylin, on her birthday; and will be offered by Daniel & Maria Simescu for their living & departed family members; and will be offered by the Malaniaks in memory of Gail's mother, Mary Assad, on the 5th anniversary of her falling asleep in Christ; and will be offered by Judy Yanik in memory of her friend, Darlene Schwenk. Also, Catechumen Anna Davydyuk will enter the Orthodox Church by Holy Chrismation; and Judy Yanik will offer the 9 day memorial service for her friend, Darlene Schwenk

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

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

Sunday School will be hosting Coffeetime that day.

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--- Tues, Sept 7, 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.

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

NORTH BIBLE STUDY---August meeting already held, September date to be announced; meets monthly at the Parkers’, 1350 Elmwood Court, Rocky River. Studying the book of Isaiah.

WOMEN’S PRAYER GROUP—August meeting already held, September meeting to be announced. Meets once a month at Tara Reidy’s, 274 Elmwood, Berea. For more info, call Sandy Tolbert, 440-773-9162.

WEST BIBLE STUDY--- August meeting already held...September date to be announced. (Meets 1 Saturday a month at church after 5pm Vespers). We are studying the book, “The Wisdom of Sirach.”

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.

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
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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.

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

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 October 17. Details not yet known but please keep the weekend open so you can participate.

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 You can also contact him to volunteer to help with preparation, distribution, etc.

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



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

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**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/CVGKRDT-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://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/3957214>

SAINTS OF THE DAY:

THE HOLY PROPHET, FORERUNNER, & BAPTIZER JOHN

Today, August 29, The Beheading of St. John the Baptist, is the main Saint Day for John the Baptist. He prepared the way for Jesus Christ by preaching a baptism of repentance at the Jordan River. He rebuked King Herod for unlawfully stealing and marrying his brother's wife. This led to his arrest and eventually to his beheading ordered by the king. Our Lord Jesus Christ declared that John was the greatest man ever born of a woman.

Sisterhood Membership Drive 2022

Dear Ladies of St. Matthew.....

The Sisterhood will be holding their annual Membership Drive for 2022 in September. You can send your \$3.00 dues donation to church or just give it to Georgette Dye anytime you see her at church. Actually, our Treasurer, Camille Patrick will be happy to take your \$3.00, too!! You will then be added to the roster and receive emails on all the Sisterhood activities!! Make sure we have your email address and phone number, too!! Also, we are bringing back the Coffee Hour to "wrap-up" the Membership Drive!! This year it will be held on October 3rd.

2021 Blessed us with 40 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 new faces and new ideas are most welcome!!!

Checks should be made out to: St. Matthew Sisterhood.
Please send your dues donation to:

St. Matthew Orthodox Church
10383 Albion Road —OR— P.O.Box 33183
North Royalton, OH. 44133 North Royalton, OH. 44133

ATTEN: SISTERHOOD —OR— ATTEN: GEORGETTE DYE

We are so looking forward to a successful Membership Drive!!

Sincerely,
The Sisterhood Officers,
Elle Parker, President
Georgette Dye, Vice-President
Camille Patrick, Treasurer
Susan Joseph, Secretary

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT FOR BRINGING KIDS TO CHURCH:

Find out what your child is most interested in (the priest, the cross, the censor, etc.) and look for that at different times in the liturgy.
