

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.

The St. Matthew Antiochian Women's Membership Drive 2023

Dear Ladies of St. Matthew.....

The Antiochian Women will be holding their annual Membership Drive for 2023 in September. *You can mail your \$3.00 dues donation to church or give it to Electra Floasiu, Georgette Dye or Camille Patrick anytime you see them at church.* You will then be added to the roster and receive emails on all the Women's activities which we hope you will all participate in!! *Make sure we have your email address and phone number, too!!*

Also, we will have a Coffee Hour to "wrap-up" the Membership Drive and to express our thanks on Sunday, September 25th!!

2022 Blessed us with 44 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 bright new faces and new ideas are most welcome!!!

Checks should be made out to: St. Matthew Sisterhood.

(Because our new name hasn't been put on our bank account just yet!!)

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 MEMBERSHIP

We are so looking forward to a successful Membership Drive!! Sincerely,
The Antiochian Women Membership Team, Electra Floasiu, Membership Chairman
Georgette Dye, President Camille Patrick, Treasurer

SAINT OF THE DAY:THE HOLY APOSTLE THADDEUS OF THE 70 APOSTLES

Today's Saint is one of the 70 Apostles, the outer circle of Disciples of Christ. After Christ's Resurrection and Ascension, He sent Thaddeus to his birthplace, the city of Edessa, at that time a ways east of the Roman Empire's border. Church Tradition says the Lord, before Holy Week, sent the Prince of Edessa, Avgar, a napkin miraculously imprinted with the face of Christ. When Thaddeus visited Edessa he taught the Christian Faith to the Prince. Then he baptized him and the Prince was healed of leprosy. Many in Edessa were then also converted. St. Thaddeus was a traveling missionary for the rest of his life, working mostly in Syria and Phoenicia. He peacefully fell asleep in Christ in Beirut, on August 21, year unknown.

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

10383 Albion Rd, North Royalton, OH

August 21, 2022

Afterfeast of the Dormition of the Theotokos

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

V. Rev. Father Andrew Harmon
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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 Anthony & Judy Yanik for the health & salvation of David & Nancy Yanik on their 26th wedding anniversary; and is offered by the Blazeks for the health & salvation of Josiah on his 17th birthday and of Al's mother, Rita, on her 94th birthday; and by Veronica Bose for the health & salvation of her husband, Colton, on his birthday; and by David & Rudylin Glaser for the health & salvation of their daughter, Regina, on her birthday; and by Daniel & Maria Simescu for the health & salvation of their grandchildren, Brian, Zack, & Emma; and by George & Christina Nassif in beloved memory of George's aunt, the newly departed handmaiden of God, Laurice Nassif; and by Elle Parker's sister, Juliette Fadil in beloved memory of the newly departed servant of God, Ralph Parker; and by Mihaela Deselnicu in beloved memory of her departed loved ones.

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	Faith
Frank Popovich	Iliana Radivoj	Constantine & Maria Kornea
Issa Zaboura	Lena Batina	Sonja Maria McCaffrey
Argie Katsaros	Danielle	Vici Fausnacht
Archdeacon Joseph Harb	Ruth Zheltov	Christina Hodges
Joseph Watson	James Padzski	Israel
Lydia Aramouni		

EPISTLE LESSON: I Corinthians 4: 9-16

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 17: 14-23

EPISTLE READER: Reader Anthony Harmon

USHERS: Marianne Nader & Richard Sahley

HOMILY: "The Beatitudes, Part 7: Blessed Are the Peacemakers....Matthew 5: 9"

MEMORIAL PRAYERS---offered by Mihaela Deselnicu for her departed loved ones.

PLEASE STAY FOR COFFEETIME RIGHT AFTER LITURGY TODAY

Hosted by the Teen Group----thank you!

PHOTOS FOR PARISH DIRECTORY---will be taken today and next Sunday after liturgy. We will be having high-resolution photographs (of matching shape and style) taken of parishioners. The photos will be used in our online directory, and therefore can be updated as needed. The directory can be downloaded or printed out. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this effort! After liturgy, please come to the library with your family members to have your photo taken.

Kolo lesson today! Stephanie Speck will teach a basic kolo for the kids in time for our Church's picnic. Kolo is a south slavic dance done at weddings, parties, and celebrations with people learning by jumping in- friends teaching friends!

A FEW OTHER WAYS TO HELP---There is no room for clothes storage at the church, so can you store some somewhere before distribution day?

---someone to give haircuts

----One or two people with van or truck with trailer for transporting lunches, etc./ and for a place to give haircuts.

TO DONATE FOOD, ETC/ TO VOLUNTEER/ TO GET MORE INFO--- contact Jon Scordos, 216-618-8007, joninchrist888@gmail.com

God bless those who help the poor as the poor are very dear to Him!

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

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.

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.

ADULT ED. CLASS ON AMERICAN HISTORY TAUGHT BY FATHER ANDREW---

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 to sign up is Aug 28*...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!

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP— Sept date to be announced. Meets monthly at Tara Reidy's 274 Elmwood, Berea; For more info, call Sandy Tolbert, 440-773-9162.

HOMESCHOOL GROUP---Will resume Fri, Aug 26 at 9am, meeting in the morning on the 2nd and 4th Friday of every month at the church.

TEEN GROUP--- Aug activity to be announced

MINISTRY NEWS

MARTHA MINISTRIES---“Whatsoever you do...”

We are seeking parishioners who like to cook or would be willing to deliver some meals to families in time of need. Families with brand new babies, parishioners who are recovering from illness or surgery, those grieving a loss.... Everyone could use a little help sometimes. Martha Ministries seeks to care for our brothers and sisters by preparing and delivering meals in difficult times. Can you help by cooking or delivering a freezer meal? Do you have other ideas for how we can concretely help each other as a parish family? Please see/email/call Erin Musarra at 440-799-0838 or Erin.musarra@gmail.com.

MEAL SERVING AT ST. HERMAN ORTHODOX HOMELESS SHELTER---today is our monthly day to serve the evening meal to the poor at St. Herman Orthodox Food Pantry in Cleveland. We have enough volunteers for today, but you are welcome to come and see how it works! At 5 p.m. If you would like to help some future month, please contact Deacon Basil Vazquez at 440-665-3591.

SACK LUNCH DELIVERY TO THE HOMELESS--- After liturgy TODAY. Thank you to our parishioners who are making the sack lunches and to those who are delivering them! 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 Sat, Sept 3. It will involve the distribution of hundreds of sack lunches, 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 sorting of clothes in days leading up to Sat

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

DONORS---of items needed for the lunches (bread, bologna, cheese slices, lettuce, water, bananas, chips, sandwich baggies, brown paper bags, little packets of mustard and mayo

---hygiene products ---clothing in bags ---Bibles

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

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2022

TONE 1 / EOTHINON 10; TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

& TENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

After-feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos

Apostle Thaddeus of the Seventy; Martyrs Bassa, Theognios, Agapios and Pistos of Edessa

VERSES OF THE FIRST ANTIPHON

Shout with jubilation unto the Lord, all the earth. O give thanks unto the Lord and call upon His Name.

In the city of our God, in His holy mountain, and His place hath been made in peace, and His dwelling in Zion.

Glory... Both now...

VERSES OF THE SECOND ANTIPHON (Normal Sunday Refrain)

The Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwelling of Jacob. Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God.

God hath laid her foundations unto eternity. We have thought, O God, of Thy mercy in the midst of Thy people.

The Most-high hath hallowed His tabernacle.

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

THE THIRD ANTIPHON

Ready is my heart, O God, ready is my heart; I will sing and chant in my glory. What shall I render to the Lord for all that He hath given me? I will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord. (*now sing the Apolytikion of the Dormition*)

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 DORMITION IN TONE ONE

In giving birth, thou didst preserve thy virginity; in thy Dormition, thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos. Thou wast translated unto life, since thou art the Mother of Life; and by thine intercessions dost thou redeem our souls from death.

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 DORMITION IN TONE TWO

The grave and death could not hold the Theotokos, who is unsleeping in her intercessions and an unflinching hope in her mediations. For as the Mother of Life she was translated to life by Him Who dwelt within her ever-Virgin womb.

THE EPISTLE (For the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost)

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (4:9-16)

Brethren, God has exhibited us Apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill clad and buffeted and homeless; and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

THE GOSPEL (For the Tenth Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (17:14-23)

At that time, a man came up to Jesus and kneeling before Him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to Thy disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" Jesus said to them, "Because you have no faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. This kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting." As they were traveling together through Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and He will rise on the third day."

UPCOMING SERVICES

SAT, AUG 27---Vespers, 5pm

SUN, AUG 28---Matins, 8:50 am, Divine Liturgy, 10am; The Holy Bread of Oblation will be offered by the Blazek family on the 7th anniversary of their baptisms into the Orthodox Church; by the Tolbert family for Sandy & Greg's birthdays and for health & salvation of Tolbert & Rahall families and the members of St. Matthew's; and by Cole & Danielle Gest for their son Tytus' Saint Day (St. Titus).

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC----after liturgy on Sunday, August 28. All are welcome---free of charge! If you wish to bring a side dish, drink, or dessert, please feel free. There will be great food, recreational activities (especially for the kids!) and a general good time! Hosted by the Brotherhood Club!

THE HOLY DAY OF THE BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST IS AUGUST 29---

Our schedule:

Sunday, August 28---Vespers with Artoklasia, 3 p.m. (note early time to coincide with end of church picnic)

-----Monday, August 29---Matins, 9 a.m.; Liturgy, 10 a.m. No lunch being that this is a very strict one-day fast.

Sunday School 2022/23 Important dates:

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

September 18- Classes begin

Parents/ grandparents: Please respond to Gail Malaniak, gailmeen@gmail.com by September 1, 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!) Thank you!

MEETINGS

PATHWAYS TO PEACE---Mondays at 7:15pm 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 Den Basil, 440-665-3591, for zoom info. See flier in this bulletin.

SOUTH BIBLE STUDY--- Tues, Sept 5 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--- Sept date to be announced.... (meets at church one Sat a month after 5pm Vespers) 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.

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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