

PASCHA, THE CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, IS APRIL 16TH

THE SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

The Sunday of Orthodoxy takes place each year on the first Sunday of Great Lent. It is a celebration of the defeat of the Iconoclast heresy after many decades that the heresy was strong. This heresy taught what we call Iconoclasm---the belief that icons are idols. Iconoclast means "icon smasher"---and they did indeed smash many icons for many years. On the first Sunday of Lent in 843 A.D. the years of turmoil came to an end and the holy icons were restored to all the churches.

THE HOLY MARTYR CONON OF ISAURIA

St. Conon, whose memory we celebrate today, was a strictly ascetic hermit who lived in the 100's A.D. He prayed, he fasted, he drew very close to God. By his prayers, miracles of healing took place. This made him well known in Isauria (now part of Turkey) and he was sought out by the Roman authorities during a time of great persecution. He was put through horrible tortures in an attempt to cause him to deny Christ. The attempt failed and he was released. He lived for quite a while after being released but eventually died due to the horrible tortures he had gone through. His falling asleep in Christ was on March 5th, year unknown. Although in a sense he died a natural death, he is considered a martyr being his death was a direct, but delayed result, of his treatment when he was a prisoner.

SPOTLIGHT ON FEMALE SAINTS FOR ARCHDIOCESE WOMEN'S MONTH:

St. Philomena was a Greek princess who was martyred at a young age. Born to pagan parents, St. Philomena's family ruled the Greek island of Corfu. Her parents had been unable to conceive a child, and after many prayers to the gods, realized that their prayers were going unanswered because the gods they had been praying to, did not exist. They converted to Christianity and bore a daughter. They named her Philomena, meaning "lover of light." St. Philomena was raised in the Christian faith and developed a strong love for Christ.

At the age of thirteen, St. Philomena traveled with her parents to Rome. The Roman emperor Diocletian had threatened St. Philomena's father with a war, and he had to meet with the emperor to attempt to make peace. When her family was admitted to an audience with Emperor Diocletian, the emperor's eyes fell upon St. Philomena at once. He was taken by her beauty and insisted that she should marry him.

When the virgin St. Philomena, believed to be roughly 13 at the time, refused, she was subject to cruel torments like scourging, drowning and shooting. However, in each attempt on her life, St. Philomena was protected by angels who rescued her. Eventually, Emperor Diocletian had the virgin martyr decapitated. Her tomb was discovered in a catacomb in the 19th century.

She is the patron saint to other young women, virgins or babies. She is frequently shown with a hand to her chest, which may be representative of her wounds that were miraculously healed or simply as a gesture of the saint in prayer. She also is shown with the images from her tomb, particularly the anchor, the lily or the palm.

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

10383 Albion Rd, North Royalton, OH

March 5, 2023
Sunday of Orthodoxy

His Beatitude Patriarch JOHN X
Patriarch of Antioch and All the East

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 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 the Blazek family for the health & salvation of Xavier on his Saint Day (St. Gerasimos); and is offered by the Amer family for the health & salvation of Xenia on her birthday.

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

Josephine Katzbach	Paraschiva Blaz	Nancy Brown
Justin Mosier	Phyllis Simmons	Jean Fadil
Tony Burhen	Nancy Yanik	Marwan Kash
Lucy Kinkaid	Jerry Morrison	Dolores Kaleal
Marc Balke	Iliana Radivoj	Danielle
Christopher Samuel	Lena Batina	Victoria Thorp
Peter George	James Padzinski	Gil Hanna
Pauline Hanna	Ron Hakaim	Wayne Gantos
Frank Popovich	Norman Fadil	Maria Kornea
Issa Zaboura	Mary Malaniak	Dorina Vance
Argie Katsaros	Bob & Adrienne Andrews	Elias Nader
Archdeacon Joseph & Gloria Harb	Charles & Judy Burhen	Arlene & Kathy
Joseph Watson	Ed Haddad	Sheila
Jean Caldaroni	Michael Francu	

And for the newly departed servants of God: Donald Holcomb, Bailey, Hazel Weckwerth (Khourie Bonnie's Sister in law), Mitica (Florentina Popa's father), Kaye Bounds (Brian Hunter's aunt), Lorraine Pealer, John Zogheib (Uncle of Elie and Rachid Zogheib)

EPISTLE LESSON: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40

GOSPEL LESSON: John 1: 43-51

WOMEN'S MONTH EPISTLE READER: Susan Joseph **USHERS:** Rudylin Glaser & Susan Joseph

HOMILY: "Be Like St. Philip"

*March is Women's Month in our Archdiocese (because of Annunciation Day, March 25)
Our women will reading the epistle lessons and serving as ushers. A letter concerning Women's Month will be read after the liturgy.*

NEW CATECHUMEN---Tammy DeRossett will receive the blessing today to become a Catechumen in preparation for joining the Orthodox Faith at a later date.

THE CHILDREN'S ICON PROCESSION FOR THE SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY will be done at the end of today's liturgy. Please see a copy of the brief service elsewhere in this bulletin.

PLEASE STAY FOR COFFEETIME RIGHT AFTER THE LITURGY!

Hosted by Host Group F, whose members are: Georgette Dye, Judy & Anthony Yanik, Dolores Kaleal, Karen Hoyt, Camille & Dan Patrick. Thank you!

FOCUS NATIONAL DIRECTOR KEN KIDD AND THE NEW ST. HERMAN SHELTER DIRECTOR KIRK RIES are with us today and will update about St. Herman's and the work of **FOCUS** during today's coffeetime. Welcome!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY RIGHT AFTER LITURGY



OCLife St. Matthew Church is sponsoring a booth at the "Bringing America Back to Life" Pro-Life Convention on March 10th and 11th, 2023 at the Embassy Suites in Independence, OH. We are looking for people – **ESPECIALLY TEENAGERS** – to represent St. Matthew Church at our booth. For more information and the open times, see Cindy George or Lisa Palivoda. To register to hear the speakers, pick up a flyer in the Narthex or register on-line at: www.bringingamericabacktolife.org/registration/

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN WOMEN
PRESENTS



ANNUAL LENTEN RETREAT
SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2023
10:00AM – 3:00PM
ST. NICHOLAS
ORTHODOX CHURCH
755 S. CLEVELAND AVE.
MOGADORE, OH 44260

"THE PRAYER OF ST. EPHRAIM"

PRESENTED BY

REV. NICHOLAS HALKIAS

Fr. Nick graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a BA in Religious Studies in 1996, and also from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in Brookline with a Masters of Divinity degree in 2001. After serving in Sts. Constantine and Helen (Reading, PA) as an assistant for 6 years and in Holy Trinity (Steubenville, OH) for 10 years, he is currently the Priest of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Canton, OH. He and his wife, Presbyteria Anne-Charissa, reside in Canton, OH with their three daughters: Marianthi, Hope and Kyra.

\$20 Tickets include Continental Breakfast, Morning Session, Lenten Lunch, and

Afternoon Session

Make checks payable to OCW and remit to:

Pat Gorsuch

124 Beech St., Doylestown, OH 44230

RSVP by Friday, March 10, 2023

For more information call:

Sandy Menhorn 330-354-7792 or Nancy Shudebaker 330-655-9638

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2023
TONE 5 / EOTHINON 5
FIRST SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT (SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY)
Hieromartyr Konon of Isauria; Martyrs Archelaos and his 152 companions in Egypt

****Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great****

VERSES OF THE FIRST ANTIPHON

The Lord is King, and hath clothed Himself with majesty. The Lord is robed; He is girded with strength. For He hath established the world so that it shall never be moved.

Who shall tell of the mighty acts of the Lord? Who shall make all of His praises to be heard? Let the redeemed by the Lord say so, whom He has delivered from the hand of the enemy.

Glory... Both now...

VERSES OF THE SECOND ANTIPHON (Normal Sunday Refrain)

Let them acknowledge the Lord for His mercies, and for His wondrous works for the sons of men.

Let them exalt Him in the church of the faithful, and in the assembly of the presbyters.

The eyes of the Lord are upon those that fear Him, upon those that hope in His mercy; to hear the mourning of those in captivity, and to loose the sons of those appointed to death.

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

THE THIRD ANTIPHON

Let the heavens and the earth praise Him. This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. O Lord my God, I will acknowledge Thee forever. *(now sing the Apolytikion of the First Sunday of Great Lent)*

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FIVE (p. 13)

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

APOLYTIKION OF FIRST SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT IN TONE TWO

Thy pure image do we venerate, O good One, asking forgiveness of our sins, O Christ our God; for by Thine own good will Thou didst ascend the Cross in Thy body, to save Thy creatures from the bondage of the enemy. Wherefore, with thankfulness we cry aloud to thee: Thou hast verily filled all with joy, since Thou didst come, O Savior, to save the world.

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 FOR THE ANNUNCIATION IN TONE EIGHT (p. 80)

Verily I, thy servant, O Theotokos, inscribe unto thee the banners of conquest, O Defending Soldier; I offer thanks to thee as a deliverer from tribulation. And since thine is the might unconquerable, deliver me, O deliver me from oppression, that I may sing unto thee: Rejoice, O Bride without bridegroom.

THE EPISTLE

*Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers.
For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (11:24-26, 32-40)

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; esteeming the reproach of the Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he looked to the recompense of reward. And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me if I tell of Gideon, Barak, Sampson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and all the prophets, who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, and turned to flight armies of the aliens. Women received their dead by resurrection, and others were tortured, not accepting their deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. And others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, they were tempted, they were slain with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, being destitute, afflicted, tormented (of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a witness through their faith, did not receive the promise, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (1:43-51)

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and said to him, "We have found Him of Whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to Jesus, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I

Midwest Antiochian Women Present

A Lenten Retreat with Mother Gabriella
of the Holy Dormition Monastery

Saturday, March 18, 2023
1:00PM Eastern Standard Time

Zoom Link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81327985636?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81327985636?pwd=aFd3SkYveGk0eHZrVUVBYIBLVIFYQT09)
[pwd=aFd3SkYveGk0eHZrVUVBYIBLVIFYQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81327985636?pwd=aFd3SkYveGk0eHZrVUVBYIBLVIFYQT09)



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- CHOOSE A CAMPER YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR. (SEE FATHER ANDREW OR GAIL MALANIAK FOR A LIST OF CAMPERS.)
- COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND TURN IT IN TO THE DONATION BOX WITH YOUR CHECK, IN AN ENVELOPE.

When:

- FROM NOW UNTIL MAY 1, 2023.

Cost:

- TUITION IS \$1,000 BUT ANY AMOUNT TOWARDS THAT IS APPRECIATED.
- CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO "ST. MATTHEW'S CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND"

ON A RECENT SURVEY DONE BY OUR ARCHDIOCESE, ANTIOCHIAN VILLAGE CAMP WAS FOUND TO BE THE LARGEST FACTOR THAT IMPACTED THE FAITH OF OUR YOUTH.

Thank you for your generosity!

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- DO YOU WISH TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS? _____



CAMPER SPOTLIGHT:
Marina Amer

Marina is attending session 3 this year. She has been a camper for 2 years and is looking forward to her 3rd year. She loves seeing old friends and making new ones. Some of her favorite camp activities are the evening program, the overnight, and the ropes course.

saw you." Nathanael answered Him, "Rabbi, Thou art the Son of God! Thou art the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And Jesus said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

- *The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great continues as usual with the following variables.*

ST. BASIL LITURGY MEGALYNARION

All creation rejoiceth in thee, O thou who art full of grace: the angelic hosts and the race of men. O hallowed temple and spiritual paradise, glory of virgins, of whom God was incarnate and became a little child, even our God who is before all the ages; for he made thy womb a throne, and thy body more spacious than the heavens. All creation rejoiceth in thee, O thou who art full of grace. Glory to thee.

THE PROCESSION OF THE HOLY ICONS

(immediately after the Prayer behind the Ambon)

Choir: "Holy God..." (repeatedly)

When the priest reaches the Solea the choir sings the Troparion of the First Sunday of Lent.

Then the Priest and People loudly proclaim together the following (excerpted from the Synodikon):

As the prophets beheld, as the Apostles have taught, as the Church has received, as the teachers have dogmatized, as the Universe has agreed, as Grace has shown forth, as Truth has revealed, as falsehood has been dissolved, as Wisdom has presented, as Christ awarded, thus we declare, thus we assert, thus we preach Christ our true God, and honor His Saints in words, in writings, in thoughts, in sacrifices, in churches, in holy icons; on the one hand worshipping and reverencing Christ as God and Lord; and on the other hand honoring as true servants of the same Lord of all, and accordingly offering them veneration.

(Louder) This is the Faith of the Apostles, this is the Faith of the Fathers, this is the Faith of the Orthodox, this is the Faith which has established the Universe.

Choir sings the Prokeimenon three times: "Who is so great a God..."

Choir sings the Troparion of the First Sunday of Lent.

**SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY PAN-ORTHODOX VESPERS, 5 P.M., TODAY
AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, 6822 BROADVIEW RD., PARMA
Come and pray with Orthodox from all over the Cleveland area!**

It requires \$750/day to operate our Church. Through your commitment and generosity, we *almost* meet that requirement. But we find ourselves with a budget shortfall of \$100/day. We ask that you consider adopting a day (or more) to help relieve this deficit.

Payments can be spread out over weeks or months.

If you are willing to do this, just cross through the day (or days) you wish to sponsor on the calendar in the hall, so we can begin to get an idea of our progress.

We have always been such a generous and giving Parish. Thank you for your continued generosity

THE PRE-SANCTIFIED LITURGY

Canon law does not permit celebration of the liturgy on weekdays during Lent due to the solemnity of those days and the joyous nature of the liturgy. However, due to increased spiritual struggle in Lent, Holy Communion is needed! Therefore, our Orthodox Tradition allows the receiving of Communion from the reserved Host (from Sunday) on Wednesdays and Fridays in Lent, and occasional holy days. The most common Antiochian practice is to have it on Wednesday nights only due to our having the Akathist services on Fridays. This ornate and solemn service is one of the most beautiful of all. We will have it at 6:30 p.m. In order to receive Holy Communion, the minimal preparation is to fast after a light lunch if one is not able to fast from after breakfast or for the entire day.

THE AKATHIST SERVICE FOR THE HOLY THEOTOKOS

The Little Compline with the Akathist Hymn, commonly simply called "Akathist Service", was written in Constantinople in the 600's A.D. At that time the city was besieged by the non-Christian Avar barbarians. The people put their hope in the Protectress of the city, the Holy Theotokos. Through her prayers to God, the city was saved. This hymn of thanks to God and the Virgin was written and the people gathered to sing it. In joy, they stood for the whole service---thus, the name "Akathist", Greek for "not sitting." Antiochian practice is to have this beautiful service on the first five Friday nights of Lent. We will have it at 7pm with a black-fast potluck meal before hand at 6pm.

LENTEN CONFESSIONS

All Orthodox Christians should go to the sacrament of Confession during Lent or Holy Week. Confessions at St. Matthew's will be held at 5:45 p.m. most Saturdays (after 5 p.m. Vespers), during Sunday matins before the liturgy, or before or after the many other services. And it is possible to make an appointment for confession at other times. If you have questions about the sacrament, please feel free to contact Father Andrew

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP— Fri, Mar 31, 1pm at Tara Reidy's 274 Elmwood, Berea; For more info, call Sandy Tolbert, 440-773-9162.

HOMESCHOOL ENRICHMENT GROUP---Fri, Mar 10 at 9am; regularly meets in the morning on the 2nd and 4th Friday of every month at the church. Contact Olivia Harmon for more information.

CHESS CLUB---Sunday, March 19, after liturgy

TEEN CLUB--- Monthly meeting after church Sunday, March 26. The teens will serve the monthly St Herman's evening meal on Sun, Mar 19 and will help at the St. Matthew Orthodox Christian's for Life table at the Right to Life Convention Mar 10 & 11.

PLEASE SEE ELSEWHERE IN BULLETIN FOR INFORMATION ON LENTEN FRIDAY NIGHT "SAINTS ALIVE!" CLASSES.....

MINISTRY NEWS

THANK YOU FOR RESTOCKING OUR FOOD PANTRY—We are in good shape now! Next major home delivery will be on Palm Sunday.....many grocery gift cards will be needed-----you can bring them to church already if you wish.

STREET DELIVERY TO THE HOMELESS----- Sun, Mar 19----parishioners delivering food, clothing, etc. to homeless in downtown Cleveland. . The alms box to help fund the lunches is near main hall entry doors. **WHITE SOCKS NEEDED**—box is by main hall entry doors.

MEAL SERVING AT ST. HERMAN ORTHODOX HOMELESS SHELTER--- Sun, Mar 19 is our monthly date to provide, cook, and serve the evening meal to the poor at St. Herman Orthodox Food Pantry in Cleveland. Please contact Deacon Basil if you can help---440-665-3591.

CURRENT NEEDS FOR ST. HERMAN ORTHODOX HOMELESS SHELTER--

There is a large, marked box by coat rack in hall to leave donations. Help if you can!

Bus passes Toilet paper, 2 ply One size fits all men's belts

Hand warmers Heavy duty forks and spoons

ADDITIONAL ITEMS BELOW may be deposited in the same box and will be donated to St Mary of Egypt Food Pantry

Tuna canned stew or meat canned beans dried milk small or medium coffee cans

small box of tea low-sugar canned fruit jelly canned vegetables

oatmeal and other cereals mashed potatoes crackers egg noodles

brown and white rice spices, baking soda, cornstarch, etc. toilet paper paper towels

MARTHA MINISTRIES---seeking parishioners to 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 at 440-799-0838 or Erin.musarra@gmail.com.

OCLife ST. MATTHEW CHURCH--- 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." Please contact Lisa Palivoda at LDPAL1703@outlook.com or Cindy George at cindygeorge127@gmail.com with any questions.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

VACUUMING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED--- *SIGN-UP SHEET FOR VACUUMING THE CHURCH (just the temple) IN THE FIRST PART OF 2023 IS IN THE NARTHEX. CAN YOU TAKE A SUNDAY?*
COFFETIME HOSTING---Coffetime after liturgy is an important part of our parish life! We rely on parishioners to volunteer to take a turn to host. A new chart for 2023 is in hall on east side. Light

Sunday School Scoop:

Today- Regular classes

Mar 12- Regular classes/creative festival projects

Family lent and theme activity: Jesus came to serve. Teach your children to serve the church. Here are some suggestions: Help clean the church and hall. Bring food to an elderly person at coffee hour. Be friendly to children who are new or visiting. Give a portion of allowance to help those in need.

Note: All creative festival projects need to be turned in by March 26th.

"Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness." Genesis 1:26



UPCOMING SERVICES

GREAT COMPLINE ----Monday, March 6, 6:30 p.m.

PRE-SANCTIFIED LITURGY---Wednesday, March 8, 6:30 p.m. Potluck meal right after....Strictly Lenten food, please.

AKATHIST TO THE THEOTOKOS----Friday, March 10, 7 p.m. Preceded by potluck parish supper at 6 p.m., coordinated by our parish Women's Group. The service is followed by Saints Alive! class at 8 p.m. Cindy George will teach about St. Olympia.

SAT, MAR 11-Vespers 5pm

SUN, MAR 12---Matins 8:50am, Liturgy 10am; The holy bread of oblation will be offered by the Blazek family for Gregory on his Saint Day; and will be offered by Father Andrew & Khourie Bonnie for their sons, Christopher & Nicholas, on their birthdays.

SOUL SATURDAY LITURGY & MEMORIAL SERVICE---- Sat, Mar 18, 10 am (Matins at 9am)

MEETINGS

PATHWAYS TO PEACE---Meets Mondays at 7:30PM (during Lent due to Compline) 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.

WEST BIBLE STUDY---Sat, Mar 25, 6pm (meets at church after Vespers) Studying I Corinthians

SOUTH BIBLE STUDY---Tues, Mar 7, at 6:30pm at Craig & Cindy George's, 9451 Sherwood Trl, Brecksville. Regularly meets the 1st & 3rd Tues of the month. Studying Creation and the Fall in Genesis.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY---Sat, Mar 18, 6pm. Studying the book of James----Bible, fellowship, food... For more info, contact: Sbdcn Samuel Harmon, 216-598-9230, samuelharmon15@gmail.com or Colton Bose, 440-567-6101

St. John Chrysothom 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

10383 Albion Rd, N Royalton

For more information: Deacon Basil
wilmarvaeviv@outlook.com or 440-665-3591

Theotokos of Vladimir



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

Saturday, March 11, 2023

10:00 A.M.

Memorial Service for Deceased EOWG Members

St. Sava Cathedral

6306 Broadview Road

Parma, OH 44134

Program following Memorial Service

- **Lenten Refreshments by Ladies of St. Sava**
- **Presentation by Josephine Vuich**
- **"Heavenly Worship in the Orthodox Church"**

**BEING ORTHODOX
RESISTANCE**

in a Time of Doubt

Saturday, March 11, 2023
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Fr Thomas Soroka

Archangel Michael Orthodox Church
5025 East Mill Road
Broadview Heights, Ohio 44117
545 Cleveland Blvd to
110 526 5192 or info@sacra-ha-hc.org

refreshments is fine. Sign up by yourself, together with some one else, or as part of a coffeetime host group. Questions? Speak to or call, coordinator, Electra Floasiu---216-671-0743

HOLY BREAD OBLATIONS SIGN-UP for 2023 is in the hall to the right of the sink area. Please sign up for what Sundays you wish to offer an oblation.

NEW BOOK BY PARISHIONER NOW AVAILABLE IN PARISH BOOKSTORE:

St. Theophan the Recluse says, "Of all holy works, the education of children is the most holy." As Orthodox Christians we should be very interested in raising and educating our children in the faith. Lisa Amer (under the pen name Lisa Rose) has co-authored a book on this topic which explores what it means to educate our children, who are made in God's image. Written from the perspective of Orthodox homeschoolers, it is not only for those who are Orthodox or those who homeschool, but is for every parent, god-parent, grandparent, teacher, and adult interested in thinking about how to pass our faith on to our children and raise them in the way they should go.

LENTEN PSALTER GROUP—If you wish to participate, it involves reading one Kathisma (takes about 15 minutes) from the book of Psalms every day during Lent. You read in your own home at whatever time of the day works for you. If you are interested, please contact Colton Bose 440-567-6101. There is a sign up sheet located in the Narthex.

LENTEN SAINTS ALIVE! CLASSES As we have for many years, we will again have layperson-led brief classes on a different Saint each week in Lent. The classes will be in the hall on Friday evenings at 8 p.m. after the 7 p.m. Akathist service. *If you can lead one, please let Father Andrew know!* The teacher picks the Saint and gives information about his or her life...and we have some time for questions and answers. Contact Father Andrew for more info.

JOB OPPORTUNITY- Monastery Marcha in Richfield needs a part-time candle maker. You must be over age 16 and able to lift over 50 pounds. Contact Sister Anastasia at 330-659-3809

STILL FAR AWAY.... BUT LENT GOES FAST, SO: HOLY WEEK DONATIONS NEEDED
Needed: Lilies, carnations, palms, congregational candles, olive oil, eggs, large Paschal candles, etc. Contact Subdeacon Richard Sahley---216-513-9738/440-457-7089



February 22nd through April 2nd

40 Days of... Prayer & Fasting Community Outreach Peaceful Vigil

Pray With Us!

Help save lives by praying for an end to abortion in your community.

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Dear St. Matthew's Family,

At the direction of HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN ANTONIOS, who has amended the 2023 Project, the Antiochian Women will focus on raising funds for DISASTER RELIEF instead of the Cathedral at Antiochian Village, in the light of the suffering of the people of Syria and Turkey.

- "Archpriest Thomas Zain, Vicar General of the Antiochian Archdiocese, has informed the AW-NORTH AMERICAN BOARD that if the Antiochian Women raise \$200,000 for DISASTER RELIEF by Palm Sunday, an anonymous donor will contribute an additional \$100,000! Fundraising by our local parishes should begin immediately, and these funds should be sent to your Diocesan Antiochian Women Treasurer by Palm Sunday (April 9, 2023)."

THEREFORE, St. Matthew Antiochian Women's Sisterhood will be hosting a Lenten coffee hour LUNCHEON on Sunday, March 19, for the benefit of this PROJECT. **Please join us and give generously to our free will luncheon to help ease the suffering of victims of this disaster.**



SAVE THE DATE: AUGUST 18 & 19—PARISH RETREAT
Father Sergius Bowyer, Abbot of St. Tikhon's Monastery in Pennsylvania, will be the speaker. Originally from California, Fr. Sergius was a convert to Orthodoxy. He graduated from St. Tikhon's Seminary, became a monk, and was ordained a priest in 2008. In 2010, he became the abbot of St. Tikhon's Monastery which is the first Christian Orthodox monastery in North America, established in 1905.