

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

10383 Albion Rd, North Royalton, OH

June 16, 2024

Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

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Archbishop of New York and Antiochian Metropolitan of all North America

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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 David & Rudylin Glaser for the health & salvation of David's father, Donald, on his 91st birthday; and is offered by Maria Simescu for the health & salvation of her brothers, Ioan & Mikhail; and is offered by Jay & Lisa Amer for the health & salvation of their son Gabriel on his birthday; and is offered by Father Andrew & Khourie Bonnie for the health & salvation of their son Peter on his 30th birthday.

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

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

And for the newly departed servants of God: Father Basil Caldaroni, Julian Wood (cousin of Jack Aude), Dolores Kaleal, Archpriest Elias Ziton (St. George Church, Pheonix), Eleanor Katzbach, Thomas Abdow

EPISTLE LESSON: Acts 20:16-18, 28-36

EPISTLE READER: Reader Anthony Harmon

GOSPEL LESSON: John 17:1-13

USHERS: Marianne Nader & Richard Sahley

HOMILY: "Eternal Life—John 17:3"

ALTAR BOY TEAM 2—Samir Amer, captain; Sebastian Blazek, Miles Hunter, Isaac Kash

NEW CATECHUMEN BLESSING—At the end of today's liturgy Dean Alshabani will receive the blessing to become a Catechumen in preparation to enter the Orthodox Faith at a later date.

ANNUAL FATHERS DAY BRUNCH AFTER LITURGY TODAY

ALL ARE WELCOME! OF COURSE, NO CHARGE

Thank you to our parish's Sisterhood for hosting this to honor all fathers, grandfathers, and godfathers!

UPCOMING SERVICES-----**HOLY PENTECOST IS SUNDAY, JUNE 23** Our schedule that weekend----_Sat. June 22---Soul Saturday Liturgy, 10 a.m. Matins at 8:50; Vespers & Artoklasia, 5 p.m. Sunday, June 23---Pentecost Matins, 8:45 a.m.: Liturgy with Kneeling Prayers, 10 a.m.; The holy bread of oblation will be offered by Cindy George for Tony Latina on his Saint Day (St. Jude); and by the Blazek family for Xavier & Susan on their birthdays; and by Marcella Simescu for her brothers, Ioan & Mikhael; and by the Musarra family for Gianna's Saint Day (St. Joanna June 27th).

SAINTS PETER & PAUL DAY IS SATURDAY, JUNE 29TH Father Andrew will be in Chicago for diocese conference, so no service here....please check at other parishes for time of service and attend there. Our neighbor parish, St. Paul's, on Wallings Road, has their Saint Day celebration that day, so a good place to attend!

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2024

After-feast of Ascension; Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

Tikhon the wonderworker, bishop of Amathos in Cyprus; Venerable Tikhon of Kaluga;
Venerable Tikhon of Lugh

VERSES OF THE FIRST ANTIPHON

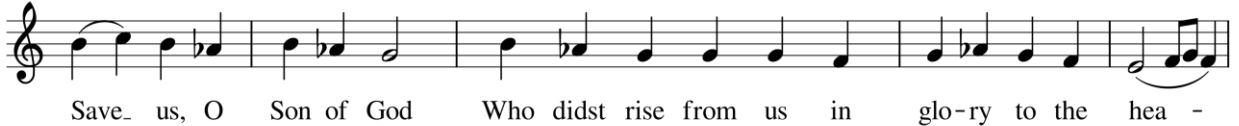
Clap your hands, all ye nations; shout unto God with a voice of rejoicing. For the Lord Most High is terrible; a great King over all the earth.

He hath subdued peoples under us, and the nations under our feet. God is gone up in jubilation, the Lord with the voice of the trumpet.

Glory... Both now...

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, in the city of our God, in His holy mountain. The mountains of Sion on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.



God is known in her towers when He cometh to help her. (**Refrain**)

For lo, the kings of the earth were assembled; they came together. (**Refrain**)

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

VERSES OF THE THIRD ANTIPHON

Hear this, all ye nations; give ear, all ye that inhabit the world. My mouth shall speak wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding. I will incline mine ear unto a parable; I will unfold my problem on the psaltery. (*now sing the Apolytikion of the Ascension*)

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 SIX (p. 14)

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb. And the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF THE ASCENSION IN TONE FOUR

Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened Thy disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit; and they were assured by the blessing that Thou art the Son of God and Redeemer of the world.

APOLYTIKION OF THE HOLY FATHERS IN TONE EIGHT

Most glorified art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast established our Fathers as luminous stars upon the earth, and through them didst guide us all to the true Faith. O Most Merciful One, glory be 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 ASCENSION IN TONE SIX

When Thou hadst fulfilled Thy dispensation for our sakes, uniting things on earth with the Heavens, Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, departing not hence, but remaining inseparable from us and crying unto them that love Thee: "I am with you, and no one can be against you."

THE EPISTLE

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.

For Thou art just in all Thou hast done to us.

The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (20:16-18, 28-36)

In those days, Paul was determined to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening, if possible, to be at Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost. And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the priests of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you bishops, to shepherd the church of the Lord and God, which He purchased with His own blood. For I know that after my departure ravenous wolves will enter among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore, remain watchful, remembering that for three years I did not cease to admonish every one, night and day with tears. And now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by such laboring we ought to help the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He Himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down on his knees with them all, and prayed.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (17:1-13)

At that time, Jesus lifted up His eyes to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify Thy Son that the Son may glorify Thee, since Thou hast given Him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom Thou hast given Him. And this is eternal life, that they know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ Whom Thou hast sent. I glorified Thee on earth, having accomplished the work which Thou gavest Me to do; and now, Father, glorify Thou Me in Thy own presence with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was made. I have manifested Thy Name to the men whom Thou gavest Me out of the world; Thine they were, and Thou gavest them to Me, and they have kept Thy word. Now they know that everything that Thou hast given Me is from Thee; for I have given them the words which Thou gavest Me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from Thee; and they have believed that Thou didst send Me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom Thou hast given Me, for they are Thine; all Mine are Thine, and Thine are Mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to Thee. Holy Father, keep them in Thy Name, which Thou hast given Me, that they may be one, even as We are one. While I was with them, I kept them in Thy Name, which Thou have given Me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to Thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.”

- *Megalynarion: “It is Truly Meet”; Koinonikon (Communion Hymn): “Praise ye the Lord.”*
- *Instead of singing “We have seen the true light”, sing the Apolytikion of the Ascension.*

MEETINGS

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY— Sat, June 22, 6pm. 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--- June meeting held yesterday, July meeting to be announced. Meets at the church one Sat a month at 6pm (after 5pm Vespers). We are studying the book of Revelation.

SOUTH BIBLE STUDY--- *The Tuesday, June 18th, meeting has been cancelled.* The next meeting will be July 2, 6pm., at Craig & Cindy George’s new house: 4414 Brookhaven Dr, North Royalton. Their new house will be blessed. Please let Cindy know if you are attending—330-309-9491. Studying the Servant Songs in book of Isaiah---all are welcome!

WOMEN’S PRAYER GROUP— Tues, June 25. Meets monthly 10:30am. at Tara Reidy’s (274 Elmwood, Berea). For info, call Sandy Tolbert, [440-773-9162](tel:440-773-9162).

HOMESCHOOL ENRICHMENT GROUP--- Will resume August 16th. 9:30-noon on Fridays for infants through Elementary. Contact Olivia Harmon for more information: oharmon15@gmail.com

CHESS CLUB--- June 30 after liturgy. If you don’t know how to play, they will teach you!

TEEN CLUB— Teen Movie Night: Sat, June 29th.

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN’S SISTERHOOD—Meeting Aug 11 after liturgy.

MINISTRY NEWS

STREET DELIVERY TO THE HOMELESS----- Sun, June 30 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. Mary of Egypt Food Pantry this month.

MEAL SERVING AT ST. HERMAN ORTHODOX HOMELESS SHELTER TODAY is the next 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 serve the meal, please arrive a little before 5:30pm at St. Herman's

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

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/>

ORTHODOX FAMILY CAMP OUT--- Join us for 3rd Annual St Matthew's Family Camp, Sat Aug 31-Sun Sept 1. All are welcome; come for part of the day or stay and camp overnight! Enjoy our beautiful church grounds, fun, and fellowship. If you can, please bring a side dish to the Saturday night cookout! But if you can't, don't worry, we just want YOU there! Contact Al Blazek if you have questions.

RETIREMENT *dinner party*

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A RETIREMENT DINNER
to celebrate thirty-four years with our beloved

V. REV. FR. ANDREW HARMON

SUNDAY • AUGUST 18TH • 5:00PM
ST. SAVA SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
2151 W. WALLINGS RD.
BROADVIEW HEIGHTS, OH 44147

ADULTS & CHILDREN OVER 5 YEARS: \$30.00 PER PERSON
CHILDREN 5 YEARS AND UNDER: \$15.00 PER PERSON

Ticket prices include dinner, dessert, coffee or tea, soft drinks, or beer. Bring your own wine if you choose. Gluten free & vegan meals available by request only.

TICKETS AVAILABLE JUNE 1 - JULY 21

To purchase, please contact
Leigh Frank (330) 685-1764 / loberlinfrank@gmail.com or
Peggy Latina (216) 401-1062 / peggyschmidt1@hotmail.com

May 28, 2024

Dear Members and Friends of St. Matthew's:

By now, most, if not all of you, know that Fr. Andrew will be retiring on August 1, 2024, and that the church is planning a two-part retirement celebration for him. The first installment will be a very special tribute coffee hour after his final Sunday liturgy as our official pastor. The church school's youth choirs are planning a special concert for him that day. Stay tuned for more developments about that coffee hour.

Secondly, we are having a retirement dinner party on August 18th, details of which are explained on the flyer which we hope everyone has received. If you haven't, please contact us so that we can send one to you. Our committee worked very hard to keep the price per ticket as reasonable as possible by eliminating certain items from the cost. For those, we are coming to you for assistance. Together, the Parish Council has allocated \$1,000 and the Sisterhood has donated \$500 to this endeavor; yet, we still have areas of needed support in the form of donations, including:

- Ticket donations for special, invited guests
- Ticket assistance for parishioners in need
- Chair covers @ \$2 per chair
- Printing costs for program
- Simple appetizers @ \$2 per person

If you would like to contribute to our "wish list", please see one of us. For ticket assistance, please see Lisa, confidentially.

Remember, tickets will be available to purchase on Sunday, June 2, 2024, from Peggy Latina or Leigh Frank. Reference the flyer that you have already received for other information about the dinner.

Christ Is Risen,

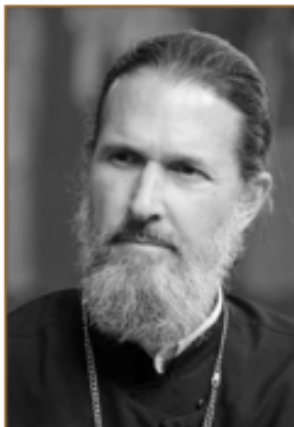
Lisa Palivoda Camille Patrick
Banquet Celebration Co-chairs

Dr. Craig George
Parish Council President

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



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)

			June 2024
	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
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3	Vacation Bible School 9-1?		
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ST. TIKHON, BISHOP OF AMATHUS

St. Tikhon of Amathus, whom we commemorate today, was the son of a baker. He gave much bread away to the poor free of charge. He eventually entered the priesthood and later was made the bishop of Amathus on the island of Cyprus. He worked hard at bringing to Christ the many on Crete who were still pagans. He fell asleep in Christ on June 16th, 425 A.D.

HELP ST. THEODOSIUS REBUILD:

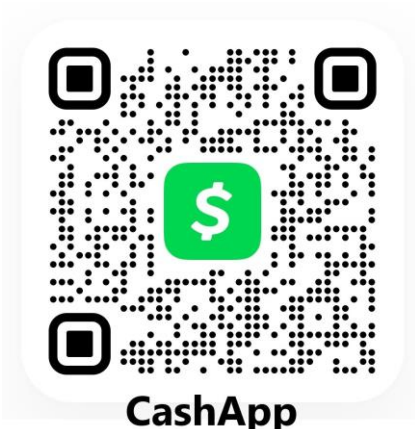
As you are no doubt aware, St Theodosius Cathedral suffered a catastrophic fire. We are all too familiar with what that is like. We are also very familiar with the blessing experienced when others step forward to help.

We would like to be that kind of blessing for the priest and faithful of St Theodosius. If you would like to be part of this, you can donate through St Matthew's and be part of our gift to them. Just donate to St Matthew and earmark it for St Theodosius. We will then gift them as we were gifted in our time of need.

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

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