

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

October 2024 NEWSLETTER

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SATURDAY VESPERS—5 p.m.

SUNDAY MATINS—8:50 a.m. SUNDAY LITURGY—10 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Sept-May 11:15 AM

CONFESSION—after Saturday Vespers and by appointment

October Services Calendar

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		Oct 1				5 <i>5pm Great Vespers</i>
6 <i>8:50am Orthros, 10am Divine Liturgy</i>						12 <i>5pm Great Vespers</i>
13 <i>8:50am Orthros, 10am Divine Liturgy</i> * Rt. Rev. Archimandrite Jeremy Davis, Archepiscopal Vicar for the Diocese of Toledo and Midwest will visit						19 <i>5pm Great Vespers</i>
20 <i>8:50am Orthros, 10am Divine Liturgy</i>						26 <i>5pm Great Vespers</i>
27 <i>8:50am Orthros, 10am Divine Liturgy</i>						

UPCOMING VISIT FROM OUR ARCHBISHOPAL VICAR

Following the transfer of Bishop Anthony to the Diocese of Los Angeles and the West, Metropolitan Saba appointed Rt. Rev. Archimandrite Jeremy Davis as the Archbishopal Vicar to administer the affairs of the Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest.

In this new role Fr. Jeremy will be visiting our parish October 11-13. Saturday morning will be a get to know each other time along with his comments on the vision of our Archdiocese and Orthodoxy in general. This will be an opportunity to ask any questions you may have. In the afternoon, he will be speaking on Death and the Afterlife.

There will be a complimentary continental breakfast and light lunch. Please plan to attend and please respond to Craig George so we can plan accordingly for the food. His email address is craig427@outlook.com.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOOP:

Classes for children ages 3.5-19 began on Sept 15.

- 10/6 Shortened Class followed by choir practice
- 10/13 No class- Vicar Visit (choir practice after liturgy)
- 10/20 Shortened class followed by choir practice
- 10/27 Choir sings in church (then regular class)

If you are interested in assisting with the children's Christmas program, please see Dawn Heatwole.

This year's theme verse: "Behold the maidservant of the Lord. Let it be to me according to your word." (Luke 1:38)

MEETINGS

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY— Oct 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: Subdeacon Samuel Harmon, 216-598-9230, samuelharmon15@gmail.com or Colton Bose, 440-567-6101

SOUTH BIBLE STUDY--- Tues, Oct 1 and Tues, Oct 15, 6:30pm at Craig & Cindy George's, house---4414 Brookhaven Drive, North Royalton. Meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. Studying the Servant Songs in book of Isaiah---all are welcome!

WEST BIBLE STUDY---will resume on Oct 19 at 6pm. They meet monthly at the church after Sat Vespers. They are studying the Book of Revelation. All are welcome!

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP— Oct date to be announced, 10:30 am at Tara Reidy's house (274 Elmwood Dr., Berea, OH 44017) For info, call Sandy Tolbert, [440-773-9162](tel:440-773-9162).

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN'S SISTERHOOD—Meeting Sun Oct 6 after liturgy.

TODDLER STORY TIME AND HOMESCHOOL ENRICHMENT GROUP--- Meets from 9:30-noon on Fridays for infants through Elementary. Contact Olivia Harmon for more information: oharmon15@gmail.com

TEEN CLUB—Oct 5 trip to Pittsburgh. Deacon Basil will take a group of teens to visit St. Moses the Black Antiochian Orthodox Church and work with FOCUS Pittsburgh.

CHESS CLUB--- Oct date to be announced. Meets monthly in the hall after liturgy. If you don't know how to play, they will teach you!

PATHWAYS TO PEACE- Mon, Oct 28, 7pm. Meets monthly on the fourth Monday of each month. “A gathering place of Orthodox Christians who seek to live in the fullness of life as promised by Jesus Christ.” Contact Deacon Basil for more information: 440-665-3591

MINISTRY NEWS

STREET DELIVERY TO THE HOMELESS-----Oct 20. One Sunday a month 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 OCT 20 is our next monthly date to 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 talk with 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---in conjunction with the national Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry. It is possible to help with prison ministry even without ever going inside a prison. *A big focus right now is writing letters to prisoners.* For more info, contact our local 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 Fred.*

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!

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.

PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE- Do you have pictures or announcements you’d like to share on our public Facebook page? Contact Steve Morgan at (330) 524-0214, stevemorgx@pm.me or message the account directly.

FLOWER DONATIONS: If you would like to donate to the parish flower fund to decorate our church for one of our many feast days, please contact Lisa Amer 216-415-9126 or lisa.amer@att.net

A REMINDER ABOUT LEAVING ITEMS AT CHURCH:

Do not leave any items to give away without permission from a Hall Committee Member:

Electra Floasiu [216-671-0743](tel:216-671-0743) **Gail Malaniak** [440-552-4586](tel:440-552-4586)

We often have weekday events and hall rentals. Piles and boxes get in the way and are sometimes taken to the dumpster. **Please help us to keep our hall presentable!**

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.

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		October 2024		
		Morning	Afternoon	Evening
uesday	1			
Vednesday	2			
hursday	3			
riday	4	Homeschool Enrichment 9-1		
aturday	5			
unday	6			
onday	7			
uesday	8			
Vednesday	9			
hursday	10			
riday	11	Homeschool Enrichment 9-1		
aturday	12			
unday	13			
onday	14			
uesday	15			
Vednesday	16			
hursday	17			
riday	18	Homeschool Enrichment 9-1		
aturday	19			
unday	20			
onday	21			
uesday	22			
Vednesday	23			
hursday	24			
riday	25	Homeschool Enrichment 9-1		
aturday	26			
unday	27			
onday	28			
uesday	29			
Vednesday	30			
hursday	31			

Saint Matthew now has a YouTube channel! Please subscribe to stay on top of our videos

<https://m.youtube.com/@saintmattheworthodoxchurch>

Additionally, you can subscribe to Fr. Fred's own YouTube channel, *A Light to the Nations*

<https://tinyurl.com/ALight2> and his podcast is available to listen to on multiple platforms

<https://tinyurl.com/ALightpodcast>

St Matthew Church can now accept donations online:

<https://giving.servantkeeper.com/stmatthewchurch>



OUR CURRENT CATECHUMENS ARE:

Charles Bossart
Dean Albashani
Zachary Beltz
Nizam Jawhari

We pray for them at every liturgy.....please also pray for them in your own prayers as they prepare to join the Orthodox Church.

OUR GRATITUDE

-to all who helped with the Parish Picnic! It was a beautiful afternoon full of good food, conversation, and fun!

-to all who helped with the Fr. Josiah Trenham retreat. It was an edifying weekend for many within and outside our parish. Thanks to all who helped with food, parking, and the many other details that went along with hosting such a large retreat!

St. Paul Ladies Philoptochos Society

Autumn

• CRAFT FAIR •

Saturday, October 12, 2024

9am-4pm, Cash Entry \$2

St. Paul Hellenic Center
4548 Wallings Road
North Royalton, Ohio 44133

A variety of unique vendors and artisans!

Authentic Greek Food, Pastries, and Other Treats!

Indoor Event!

Proceeds to benefit
St. Paul Ladies Philoptochos Society Charities

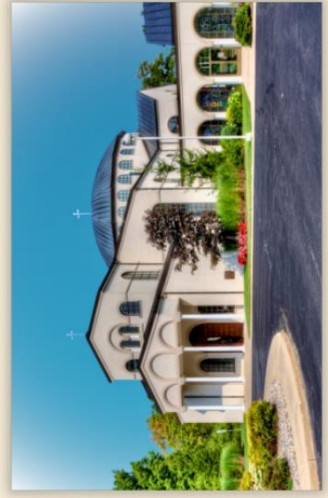
St. Paul Greek Orthodox Church
North Royalton, Ohio

SAVE THE DATE

October 18-20, 2024
Clergy: October 17-19

Midwest Diocese FAMILY FALL Gathering

ST. NICHOLAS - GRAND RAPIDS, MI



Look for
Registration
in Early
August!

Registration
\$50 - Adults
\$30 - Kids 12
& under

Highlight of Events

Welcoming our new Archiepiscopal Vicar, Archimandrite Jeremy Davis

Clergy Synaxis

John Maddex - "Difficult Conversations"

- Complimentary Outing for Clergy Wives & kids to Frederik Meijer Gardens

Family Fall Gathering

Speaker: Dn. Gabriel Otte - "Stillness in the Storm: Orthodoxy on Conquering Anxiety"

- Live Music & Pizza Party
- Activities for Teens & Youth
- Offsite Teen Service Project
- Midwest Diocese Information
- "Best Practice" Round Table Breakouts
- Cookout with Trivia & Game Night
- Young Adult Pickleball

"Best Practice" Round Table Breakouts

SHARE IDEAS FROM YOUR PARISH & LEARN FROM OTHERS IN THE MIDWEST!

- Priest & Parish Council - Working Towards a Higher Partnership
- Motivating Parish Stewards in the 21st Century
- Surfing the Wave - Evangelism & Welcoming Visitors
- Works of Mercy - Connecting Parishioners to the Least of the Brethren
- Guiding Them In - Organizing a Catechesis Program for Your Parish
- Building a Men's Ministry



Come & Join
the FUN!

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

Theotokos of Vladimir

Thursday, October 10, 2024
Annual Fundraising Dinner

- All proceeds will go to St. Theodosius Cathedral (rebuilding fund)



Holy Trinity Church Hall
6822 Broadview Road
Parma, OH 44134

- Doors open at 6:00 PM / Dinner at 7:00 PM
 - Enjoy appetizers at social hour with friends and family – **All invited**
 - Homemade dinner
 - Delicious Pastries
 - Auction Gift Baskets
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- Tickets: Adults - \$20 / Children 6-12 \$10 / Under 6 – FREE
 - For tickets, see Parish Representatives Gloria Zabala
o or Helen Beverly (440-212-5545)
 - Reservations must be made by Tuesday, October 1, 2024

October, 2024

Dear St. Matthew Parishioners and Friends:

It is once again time to subscribe to our annual Christmas card. The card has become a project of the St. Matthew's Antiochian Women's Sisterhood and we need your support now more than ever to make it a successful endeavor. The parish council generously turned the project over to us a few years ago to help us help others. Between now and the end of the year, we will be making contributions to the Children's Relief Fund for our adopted child (\$400), to Gifts for Jesus (\$500), to Christmas Gifts for the needy (\$250), to our Midwest Antiochian Women's dues (\$200), and to St. Matthew's needs throughout the year.

Continuing a tradition for this year... We are looking for about ten people who would like to sponsor a Christmas card for one of our shut-ins. If you know of a particular shut-in you would like to sponsor, just complete the Christmas card form and submit it as directed with your donation. However, if you are unsure of whom to sponsor, see Camille Patrick or ask Fr. Fred for a recommendation.

So, please, submit the Christmas card form on the back of this letter before the November 10th deadline.

If you have any questions about the card itself, please see or call Camille Patrick (440-655-0236). I handle the subscriptions and Laura handles the design, layout and printing. We hope you will help us make 2024 the most successful Christmas card project EVER! May God bless you for all the support you have given us in the past. You have been most generous.

Yours in Christ,
Camille Patrick and Laura Gasbarro

The Antiochian Women's Sisterhood Christmas Card Committee



DEAR FRIENDS AND PARISHIONERS:

Christmas is just around the corner and a special time to join us in extending a holiday greeting through our St. Matthew Community Christmas Card and to support the ministries of our Antiochian Women's Sisterhood. Please complete the form below and return it with your \$20.00 donation to: St. Matthew Sisterhood 10383 Albion Rd. North Royalton, OH. 44133-1408.

You can also give your form to Camille Patrick or Laura Gasbarro, co-chairs.

Each subscriber will receive a card with the names of every participant, sending their Christmas greeting of love and friendship at this holy season!

(Please print your name(s) as you wish it to be printed.)

(address)

(city)

(state)

(9 digit zip)

(phone)

(email)

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ST. MATTHEW ORTHODOX CHURCH, PLEASE.

DEADLINE: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2024

\$20.00 donation enclosed (please check) _____ cash OR check # _____

IF YOU ARE SPONSORING A CARD FOR A SHUT-IN, PLEASE COMPLETE A SEPARATE FORM.

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