

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Holy Pentecost

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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

FATHER ANDREW & KHOURIE BONNIE will be in Chicago for the annual Diocese Parish Life Conference this Wed., June 26 through Sat., June 29th. In case of an emergency need for a priest during those days, please call Father Costas Keares at St. Paul Greek Orthodox Church, 440-237-8998.

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 Dan & Camille Patrick in thanksgiving to God on their 47th wedding anniversary; and is offered by the Musarra family for the health & salvation of Gianna on her Saint Day (St. Joanna, June 27); and is offered by Cindy George for the health & salvation of Tony Latina on his Saint Day (St. Jude); and is offered by the Blazek family for the health & salvation of Susan & Xavier on their birthdays; and is offered by Maria Simescu for the health & salvation of her brothers Ioan and Mikhael.

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

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

Our Campers: Samir, Ana, Xavier, Cosby, Anthony, Rowan, Gianna, Brooke, and Stephanie

And for the newly departed servants of God: Elias K. Hebeka, Serge Elias, Father James Bernstein, 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 2: 1-11

EPISTLE READER: Reader Anthony Harmon

GOSPEL LESSON: John 7: 37-52; 8:12

USHERS: Larry & Gail Malaniak

HOMILY: "Not Just For Clergy"

ALTAR BOY TEAM 3—Josiah Blazek, captain; Gabriel Amer, Gregory Blazek, Adam Heatwole

THERE WILL BE A BLESSING OF 2ND SESSION CAMPERS AT THE END OF TODAY'S LITURGY---THEY ARE: Miles Hunter and Isaac Kash

THE PENTECOST KNEELING PRAYERS WILL BE PRAYED TODAY AT THE END OF THE LITURGY---THEY ARE IN THE BULLETIN AFTER THE LITURGY VARIABLES

PLEASE STAY FOR COFFEETIME TODAY RIGHT AFTER LITURGY!

Thank you to Coffeetime Host Group B for hosting today---Al & Susan Blazek, Paul Blazek, Colton & Veronica Bose, Michael & Erin Musarra, Michael & Maria Sikoutris

THE USUAL WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY FASTING DOES NOT TAKE PLACE THIS WEEK IN CELEBRATION OF PENTECOST WEEK---Meat, dairy, etc. is fine on those days this week

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES FOR PENTECOST

VERSES OF THE FIRST ANTIPHON

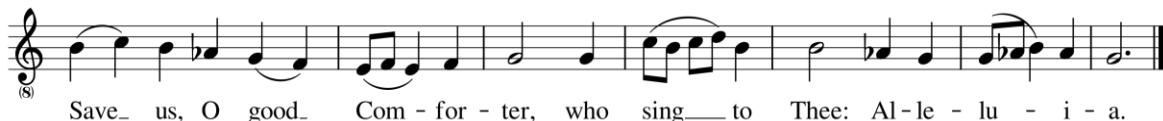
The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaimeth the work of His hands. Day unto day poureth forth speech, and night unto night proclaimeth knowledge.

There are neither tongues nor words in which their voices are not heard. Their sound hath gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

Glory... Both now...

VERSES OF THE SECOND ANTIPHON

The Lord hear thee in the day of affliction; the Name of the God of Jacob defend thee. Let Him send forth unto thee help from His sanctuary, and out of Zion let Him help thee.



Let Him remember every sacrifice of thine, and thy whole-burnt offering let Him fatten. (*Refrain*)

The Lord grant thee according to thy heart, and fulfill all thy purposes. (*Refrain*)

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

THE THIRD ANTIPHON

O Lord, in Thy strength the king shall be glad, and in Thy salvation shall he rejoice exceedingly. The desire of his heart hast Thou granted unto him, and hast not denied him the request of his lips. Thou wentest before him with blessings of goodness, Thou hast set upon his head a crown of precious stones. He asked life of Thee, and Thou gavest him length of days unto ages of ages.

Bless - ed art Thou, O___ Christ_ our___ God, Who hast re - vealed the
fish - er - men as most_ wise, hav - ing sent up - on them the Ho - ly Spir -
it; and through them Thou hast fished the u - ni - verse. O Lov - er of
man - kind,___ glo - ry to Thee._____

THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF THE FEAST

Be Thou exalted, O Lord, in Thy power: we shall sing and chant Thy mighty deeds. Save us, O Good Comforter, who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

APOLYTIKION OF PENTECOST IN TONE 8

Bless - ed art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast re - vealed the
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KONTAKION OF PENTECOST IN TONE 8

Once, when He descended and confounded the tongues, the Most High divided the nations; and when He divided the tongues of fire, He called all men into unity; and with one accord we glorify the All-holy Spirit.

THE ANTI-TRISAGION HYMN (p. 81)

As many of you as have been baptized in Christ have truly put on Christ. Alleluia. (THRICE)
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Have truly put on Christ. Alleluia.

Dhynamis!

As many of you as have been baptized in Christ have truly put on Christ. Alleluia.

THE EPISTLE

Their voice has gone out into all the earth. The heavens declare the glory of God.

The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (2:1-11)

When the day of Pentecost had come, the Disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from

every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.”

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (7:37-52; 8:12)

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.’” Now this He said about the Spirit, which those who believed in Him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. When they heard these words, many of the people said, “This is really the prophet.” Others said, “This is the Christ.” But some said, “Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the Scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?” So there was a division among the people over Him. Some of them wanted to arrest Him, but no one laid hands on Him. The officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, “Why did you not bring Him?” The officers answered, “No man ever spoke like this man!” The Pharisees answered them, “Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or the Pharisees believed in Him? But this crowd, who do not know the Law, are accursed.” Nicodemus, who had gone to Him before, and who was one of them, said to them, “Does our Law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?” They replied, “Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee.” Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

MEGALYNARION FOR THE FEAST IN TONE 7

O thou who without experience of corruption wast found to be with child, and didst lend flesh unto the Word Who devised all things, O thou Mother who hast not known wedlock, O Virgin Theotokos, vessel of the Uncontainable One, dwelling-place of thy boundless Fashioner, thee do we magnify.

KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) FOR PENTECOST (Psalm 142(143))

Thy good Spirit shall lead me in the land of uprightness. Alleluia.

- *Instead of singing “We have seen the true light”, sing the Apolytikion of Pentecost (use music from the Third Antiphon)*
- *NOTE: This whole week is fasting-free. The Leave-taking of Pentecost occurs on Saturday.*

KNEELING PRAYERS

(*excerpts from this evening's Vespers*)

Priest: Blessed is our God, always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

Come, let us worship and fall down before God our King.

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, our King and our God.

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself, our King and our God.

THE GREAT PROKEIMENON IN TONE SEVEN

Deacon: The Evening Prokeimenon!

Choir: Who is so great a god as our God? Thou art the God Who workest wonders.

Verse 1. Thou hast made Thy power known among the peoples; with Thine arm hast Thou redeemed Thy people. (Refrain)

Verse 2. And I said: Now have I made a beginning; this change hath been wrought by the right hand of the Most High. (Refrain)

Verse 3. I remembered the works of the Lord; for I will remember Thy wonders from the beginning. (Refrain)

THE FIRST KNEELING PRAYER

Deacon: Again and again, let us, **on bended knees**, pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

- *The clergy and faithful kneel.*

Priest: O Lord, Who art immaculate, undefiled, unoriginate, invisible, incomprehensible, inscrutable, unchanging, unsurpassable, immeasurable, forbearing, Who alone hast immortality, Who dwellest in light unapproachable, who hast made heaven and earth and the sea, and all created things therein, Who grantest unto all men their petitions before they ask, we pray Thee and beseech Thee, O Master, Who lovest mankind, the Father of our Lord and God and Savior, Jesus Christ, Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and of Mary, the ever-virgin and most glorious Theotokos, Who first taught in words and afterwards did show by deeds by enduring the saving passion, Who gave us, Thy humble and sinful and unworthy servants, an example, whereby we should offer unto Thee prayers with the bending of the neck and knees, both for our own sins and for the ignorance of the people:

Do thou thyself, Who art great in mercy and lovest mankind, hearken to us in that day when we shall call upon thee, and especially on this day of Pentecost, on which, after our Lord Jesus Christ had ascended into the heavens and had sat down at the right hand of Thee, the God and Father, He sent down upon His holy disciples and apostles the Holy Spirit, which did also sit upon each of them, and they were filled with His inexhaustible grace, and they spake with other tongues of Thy greatness, and they prophesied. Hearken, therefore, to us now who pray to Thee, and remember us, humble and condemned as we are, and turn again the captivity of our souls, Thou Who hast Thine own compassion as intercessor for us. Receive us who fall down before Thee and cry: We have sinned. We have cleaved unto Thee from our birth, even from our mother's womb. Thou art our God, but since our days have

passed in vanity, we have been stripped of Thine aid; we have been deprived of every defense. But emboldened by Thy compassions, we call out: Remember not the sins of our youth and our ignorance. Cleanse Thou us of our secret sins, cast us not away in time of old age; when our strength faileth, forsake us not. Before we return to the earth, make us worthy to turn again unto Thee, and attend to us in favor and grace. Measure our transgressions according to Thy compassion, set the depth of Thy compassions against the multitude of our offenses. Look down from Thy holy heights, O Lord, upon Thy people here present who await of Thee rich mercy. Visit us in Thy goodness. Deliver us from the power of the devil. Make firm our lives with Thy holy and sacred laws. Entrust Thy people to a faithful guardian angel. Gather us all into Thy kingdom. Grant pardon to those that hope in Thee. Forgive them and us our sins. Purify us by the operation of Thy Holy Spirit. Destroy the snares set for us by the enemy.

Blessed art thou, O Lord, Master Almighty, Who hast lightened the day with the light of the sun and hast illuminated the night with flashes of fire, Who hast vouchsafed us to pass through the length of the day and to draw near to the beginning of the night; hearken to our prayer and to that of all Thy people; and having pardoned us all our voluntary and involuntary sins, receive our evening supplications; and send down the multitude of Thy mercy and compassions upon Thine inheritance. Wall us in with Thy holy angels. Arm us with the armor of Thy righteousness. Make a bulwark about us with Thy truth. Guard us with Thy power. Deliver us from every oppression and every plot of the adversary. Grant us also that the present evening with the coming of the night and all the days of our life may be perfect, holy, peaceful, sinless, without stumbling-blocks, without fantasy, through the intercessions of the holy Theotokos and of all the saints, who have in all ages been well-pleasing unto Thee.

- *The clergy and faithful stand.*

Deacon: Help us; save us; have mercy on us; **raise us up**; and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Calling to remembrance our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed and glorious Lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the Saints: let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

Choir: To Thee, O Lord.

Priest: For Thine it is to show mercy on us and to save us, O our God, and unto Thee we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

THE LITANY OF FERVENT SUPPLICATION

Deacon: Let us say with our whole soul, and with our whole mind, let us say.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: O Lord Almighty, the God of our Fathers, we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Thy great mercy, we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (THRICE)

Deacon: Again we pray for all pious and Orthodox Christians.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (THRICE)

Deacon: Again we pray for our father and Metropolitan N., (and for our Archbishop N. or Bishop N.).

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (THRICE)

Deacon: Again we pray for our brethren: the priests, hieromonks, deacons, hierodeacons and monastics and all our brotherhood in Christ.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (THRICE)

Deacon: Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation and visitation and pardon and remission of sins for (the servants of God, [Names], and) all Orthodox Christians of true worship, who live and dwell in this community.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (THRICE)

Deacon: Again we pray for the blessed and ever-memorable founders of this holy church and for (the departed servants of God, [Names], and) all our fathers and brethren, the Orthodox departed this life before us, who here and in all the world lie asleep in the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (THRICE)

Deacon: Again we pray for those who bear fruit and do good works in this holy and all-venerable temple, those who serve and those who sing, and for all the people here present, who await Thy great and rich mercy.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (THRICE)

Priest: For Thou art a merciful God and lovest mankind, and unto Thee we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

THE SECOND KNEELING PRAYER

Deacon: Again and again, let us, **on bended knees**, pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

- *The clergy and faithful kneel.*

Priest: O Lord Jesus Christ our God, Who hast given Thy peace to men and, being present still in this life, dost ever grant the gift of the All-holy Spirit to the faithful, as an inheritance that cannot be taken away, Thou didst send down today in a manner most clear, this grace upon Thy holy disciples and apostles, and didst open their lips with tongues of fire. Through them every race of man hath received, through the hearing of the ear, the knowledge of God in our own languages. We have been enlightened by the light of the Spirit, and we have been freed from delusion as from darkness, and through the distribution of the perceptible tongues of fire and the wondrous operation of the same, we have been

taught the faith that is in Thee, and we have been illumined so as to praise Thee with the Father and the Holy Spirit, in one Godhead and Power and Authority.

For Thou art the Brightness of the Father, the express Image, inalterable and immovable, of His essence and nature, the Fountain of wisdom and of grace. Open Thou also the lips of me, the sinner, and teach me how I ought and for what I must pray. For Thou knowest the multitude of my sins, but Thy compassion shall overcome the enormity thereof. For lo, in fear I stand before Thee; into the sea of Thy mercy have I cast the desperation of my soul. Govern my life, Thou that governest all creation with Thy word and with the unutterable power of Thy wisdom, O tranquil Haven of the storm-tossed, and make known to me the way wherein I should walk. Grant to my reasoning the Spirit of Thy wisdom, and give the Spirit of understanding to my foolishness. Overshadow my deeds with the Spirit of Thy fear, and renew a right Spirit within me. And with Thy governing Spirit, establish my faltering mind that, being guided every day by Thy good Spirit toward what is useful, I may be vouchsafed to keep Thy commandments and always to remember Thy glorious coming-again, which shall search out our deeds. Despise me not, lest I be deceived by the corrupting pleasures of the world, but enable me to yearn for the enjoyment of the treasures of that to come. For Thou hast said, O Master, that whatsoever may be asked in Thy Name shall be freely received from Thy co-eternal God and Father.

I, the sinner, therefore, at the descent of Thy Holy Spirit, do supplicate Thy goodness: Do thou render unto me whatsoever I have asked unto salvation. Yea, O Lord, the good and abundant Giver of every benefit, for Thou art He that granteth most abundantly that which we ask. Thou art He that sinlessly became the compassionate, merciful partaker of our flesh and, to those that bend their knees before Thee, dost Thou graciously bend down and become the propitiation of our sins. Grant then, O Lord, Thy compassions to Thy people. Hearken to us from Thy holy heaven. Sanctify them by the power of Thy saving right hand. Shelter them with the shelter of Thy wings. Despise not the works of Thy hands. Against Thee only do we sin, but Thee alone do we also adore. We know not how to worship a strange god, nor how to stretch forth our hands to any other god, O Master. Forgive us our offenses, and accept our prayers with the bending of our knees; extend to us all the hand of Thine aid, and receive the prayer of all as an acceptable incense, rising before Thy most-good kingdom.

O Lord, Lord, Who deliverest us from every arrow that flieth by day, deliver us also from everything that walketh in darkness. Receive the lifting up of our hands as an evening sacrifice. Vouchsafe us also to pass without reproach the course of the night untempted of evil things, and redeem us from every disturbance and dread that cometh to us from the devil. Grant unto our souls contrition and unto our thoughts care concerning the trial of Thy fearful and righteous judgment. Nail our flesh to the fear of Thee, and mortify our earthly members, that, even in the quietness of sleep, we may be illumined by the contemplation of Thy judgments. Withdraw from us every unseemly fantasy and injurious desire. Raise us up at the time of prayer confirmed in the faith and progressing in thy commandments.

- *The clergy and faithful stand.*

Deacon: Help us; save us; have mercy on us; **raise us up**; and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Calling to remembrance our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed and glorious Lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the Saints: let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

Choir: To Thee, O Lord.

Priest: Through the favor and grace of Thine only-begotten Son, with Whom Thou art blessed, together with Thine All-holy, Good and Life-giving Spirit; now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

THE EVENING PRAYER

People: Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night without sin. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever. Amen.

Let Thy mercy be upon us, O Lord, even as we have set our hope on Thee. Blessed art Thou, O Lord; teach me Thy statutes. Blessed art Thou, O Master; make me to understand Thy commandments. Blessed art Thou, O Holy One; enlighten me with Thy precepts.

Thy mercy, O Lord, endureth forever. O despise not the works of Thy hands. To Thee belongeth worship, to Thee belongeth praise, to Thee belongeth glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

THE THIRD KNEELING PRAYER

Deacon: Again and again, let us, **on bended knees**, pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

- *The clergy and faithful kneel.*

Priest: O ever-flowing Fountain of life and light, creative Power and co-eternal with the Father; Who hast most excellently fulfilled the whole dispensation of the salvation of mortals, Christ our God, Who didst burst the indestructible bonds of death and the bolts of hades and hast trampled down the multitude of evil spirits; Who didst offer Thyself as a blameless victim, giving Thine immaculate body as a sacrifice, unblemished and inviolate of all sin and, through that dread and indescribable act of sacrifice, bestowing eternal life upon us; Who didst descend into hades and break down its eternal bars, showing forth the way up to those who sat in the lower world; Who with allurements of divine wisdom didst entice the author of evil, the dragon of the abyss, and with cords of gloom didst bind him in hades in unquenchable fire, and didst confine him in outer darkness by Thine infinite might; Thou, Who art the greatly glorified Wisdom of the Father, didst manifest thyself as a great Helper to the oppressed and didst enlighten those that sat in darkness and in the shadow of death; Thou, Lord of eternal glory and beloved Son of the Father most high, Light everlasting of Light everlasting, Sun of righteousness:

Hearken to us who pray unto Thee, and give rest to the souls of Thy servants, our fathers and brethren, who have fallen asleep before us, and our other kinsmen after the flesh, and all Thine own who are in the faith, for whom we now make memorial, for in Thee is the power over all, and in Thine hand Thou holdest all the ends of the earth.

Almighty Master, God of our fathers and Lord of mercies, Maker of the race of mortals and immortals and of every nature of man, of that which is brought together and again put asunder, of life and of the end of life, of sojourning here and of translation there, Who dost measure the years of life and set the times of death, Who bringest down to hades and raisest up, binding in infirmity and releasing unto power, dispensing present things according to need and ordering those to come as is expedient, quickening with the hope of resurrection those that are smitten with the sting of death. Thyself, O Master of all, God our Savior, the Hope of all the ends of the earth and of those Who are far off upon

the sea, Who, on this last and great saving day of Pentecost, didst show forth to us the mystery of the Holy Trinity, consubstantial and co-eternal, undivided and unmingled, and didst pour out the descent and presence of thy holy and life-giving Spirit in the form of tongues of fire upon Thy holy apostles, appointing them to be the evangelists of our pious faith and showing them to be confessors and preachers of the true theology; Who also, on this all-perfect and saving feast, dost deign to receive oblations and supplications for those bound in hades, and grantest unto us the great hope that respite and comfort will be sent down from Thee to the departed from the grief that doth bind them.

Hearken to us, Thy humble and piteous ones who pray, and give rest to the souls of Thy servants who have fallen asleep before us in a place of brightness, a place of verdure, a place of repose, whence all sickness, sorrow and sighing have fled away; and do Thou place their souls in the tabernacles of the righteous; and make them worthy of peace and repose. For the dead praise Thee not, O Lord, neither do those in hades dare to offer Thee confession, but we, the living, bless Thee and supplicate Thee and offer propitiatory prayers and sacrifices for their souls.

O God, Who art great and eternal, holy and lovest mankind, Who hast vouchsafed us also to stand at this hour before Thine unapproachable glory, that we may hymn and praise Thy wonders: Be gracious to us, Thine unworthy servants, and grant us grace that, with contrite heart and without presumption, we may offer Thee the thrice-holy glorification and thanksgiving for Thy great gifts which thou hast granted and dost ever grant us. Remember, O Lord, our infirmity, and destroy us not for our transgressions, but be merciful to our humility, that, fleeing from the darkness of sin, we may walk in the day of righteousness and, clothed with the armor of light, may persevere unassailed from every attack of the evil one, so that with boldness we may glorify Thee in all things, the only true God and Lover of mankind.

For Thine in truth is the great mystery, O Master and Maker of all, both the temporary dissolution of Thy creatures and their restoration thereafter, and of eternal rest. We confess Thy grace in all things, in our coming into this world and in our going forth therefrom, which things faithfully pledge unto us, through Thine unailing promise, our hopes of the resurrection and of life incorruptible, which we shall receive hereafter at Thy second coming. For Thou art both the Author of our resurrection and the impartial Judge of those that have lived and the Lover of mankind and the Master and Lord of recompense, Who didst partake with us, on equal terms, of flesh and blood, through Thine extreme condescension, and of our irreproachable passions, wherein Thou didst willingly submit to temptation, since thou dost possess tenderness and compassion, and thyself, having suffered temptation, art become for us, who are tempted, the Helper which thou Thyself hadst promised to be; and therefore, Thou hast led us to Thy passionlessness.

Receive, therefore, O Master, our prayers and supplications, and give rest to all the fathers and mothers and children and brothers and sisters of each of us and to any other of our kindred and of our people and to every soul that hath gone to rest before in the hope of resurrection unto life everlasting. Set their spirits and their names in the book of life, in the bosom of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, in the land of the living, in the kingdom of heaven, in a paradise of bliss, leading all, by thy radiant angels, into thy holy abode, raising up also with thee our bodies in the day which hath been appointed according to thy holy and unailing promise. There is, therefore, O Lord, no death unto thy servants, when we go forth from the body and come unto thee, our God, but a change from things most sorrowful unto things most good and most sweet, and rest and joy. And, though we have sinned against thee, be gracious unto us and unto them, for none is pure of stain in thy sight, though his life be but for one day, except thou

alone, who didst reveal thyself sinless on the earth, O Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we all hope to obtain mercies and the forgiveness of sins.

Do Thou, therefore, as the good God Who lovest man, remit, forgive, pardon them and us our offenses, voluntary and involuntary, those done with knowledge or in ignorance, those manifest or unnoticed, those of deed, of thought, of word, those of all our acts and movements; and to those who have been taken from us give freedom and respite, and bless us who are here present, granting a good and peaceful ending to us and to all Thy people, and open to us Thy tender mercies and Thy love for mankind at Thy dread and fearful coming again, and make us worthy of Thy kingdom.

O great and most high God, Who alone hast immortality and dwellest in light unapproachable, Who hast made all creation in wisdom, Who hast divided the light from the darkness and hast appointed the sun to rule the day, the moon and stars also to rule the night, Who hast vouchsafed unto us sinners at this present hour also to come before Thy presence with confession and to offer unto Thee our evening praise: Do thou Thyself, O Lord Who lovest mankind, direct our prayer as incense before Thee, and accept it as a savor of sweet smelling fragrance, and grant that we may pass the present evening and the coming night in peace. Endue us with the armor of light. Deliver us from the terror of the night and from everything that walketh in darkness, and grant that the sleep which thou hast appointed for the repose of our weakness may be free from every imagination of the devil. Yea, O Master of all, Bestower of good things, may we, being moved to compunction upon our beds, call to remembrance Thy Name in the night, that, enlightened by meditation on Thy commandments, we may rise up in joyfulness of soul to glorify Thy goodness, offering up unto Thy tender love prayers and supplications for our sins and for those of all Thy people, whom do Thou visit in mercy, through the intercessions of the holy Theotokos.

- *The clergy and faithful stand.*

Deacon: Help us; save us; have mercy on us; **raise us up**; and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Calling to remembrance our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed and glorious Lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the Saints: let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

Choir: To Thee, O Lord.

Priest: For Thou art the Repose of our souls and bodies, and unto Thee we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

APOLYTIKION OF PENTECOST IN TONE EIGHT

Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise, having sent upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them Thou hast fished the universe, O Lover of mankind, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST IN TONE FOUR

(Special melody "Be quick to anticipate")

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

O prophet and Forerunner of Christ God's coming to us, * all we who with longing now extol thee are at a loss to honor thee worthily. * For thy mother's barrenness and father's long silence, * by thine all-

renowned and hallowed birth, were both ended, * and the Incarnation of the Son of God is preached unto all the world.

APOLYTIKION OF PENTECOST IN TONE EIGHT

Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise, having sent upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them Thou hast fished the universe, O Lover of mankind, glory to Thee.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Wisdom!

Choir: Father, bless!

Priest: Christ our God, the Existing One, is blessed, always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen. Preserve, O God, the holy Orthodox faith and all Orthodox Christians, unto ages of ages. Amen.

Priest: Most holy Theotokos, save us.

Choir: More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim, who without stain bearest God the Word and art truly Theotokos: we magnify thee.

Priest: Glory to Thee, O Christ our God and our hope, glory to Thee.

Choir: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. Lord, have mercy (*thrice*). Father, bless.

Priest: May He Who emptied Himself from the divine bosom of the Father, and came down from Heaven to earth, and took upon Himself all of our nature, and deified it; and afterwards ascended again into Heaven and sat at the right hand of God the Father, and sent down upon His Holy Disciples and Apostles the Divine and Holy Spirit, one in essence, equal in power, equal in glory, and co-everlasting with Him, and through Him enlightened them, and through them the whole world, Christ our true God: through the intercessions of His all-immaculate and all-blameless holy Mother; of the holy, glorious, all-laudable, God-proclaiming and Spirit-bearing apostles, and of all the saints: have mercy on us and save us, forasmuch as He is good and loveth mankind.

Priest: Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us.

Choir: Amen.

His Eminence
The Most Reverend
Metropolitan SABA

The Right Reverend
Bishop ANTHONY



Archbishop of New York and
Metropolitan of
All North America

Diocese of Toledo and
The Midwest

ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA

Pentecost Sunday

June 23, 2024

Beloved clergy and faithful of our Midwest Family,

Christ has ascended! ... In glory! And He has sent us another Comforter. Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to inaugurate the public preaching of the Gospel. However, the real celebration of that day is our continuing to announce the same message. *"God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ ... Repent ... be baptized, and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" Acts 2:36-38*

In the Orthodox Church we believe each one of us, is called upon by God to participate in that same public preaching in some way. Some of us are to be those sent out. As St. Paul wrote in his letter to the church in Ephesus, *"And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ..."*

You might be saying to yourself "I don't think I am any of those. What can I do?" Here are three things each of us can do.

First, Pray the Lord to send out laborers and actively encourage it among your children, grandchildren and parish family. We encourage our children to get good jobs and be great at sports. Wonderful! Make as much effort to equip them for ministering the Gospel! The Lord said to His disciples, *"The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."* Matthew 9:37-38

Second, do your part to make your local parish a place people would want to join. Be welcoming. Be present more than just Sunday morning. Visit a new mission to encourage them that they are not alone. Find your own way to tell others about the good news of Jesus Christ.

Third, financially support the active mission work being done in our diocese. Establishing new missions requires financial support for the workers God sends out, renting facilities, buying service books, advertising, and so much more. It can take several years to get a new location established so we come to you every year at Pentecost and ask your financial offering for this work. Be aware that in our diocese there are new missions and requests for new missions every year that need our help.

So, on this Pentecost Sunday we are asking for your donations to support the mission work being done in our diocese. Please give generously and consider making the diocese missions work a line item in your parish budget. Make checks payable to "Midwest Missions Council" and send them to:

Midwest Missions Council
c/o St George Orthodox Church
10748 E. 116th Street
Fishers, IN 46037

Yours in Christ,

+ Bishop Anthony

+Bishop ANTHONY
Bishop of Toledo
Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

"The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch" (Acts 11: 26)

Midwest Diocesan Chancery
5549 Ginger Tree
Toledo, OH 43623

UPCOMING SERVICES-----

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 (9:30 a.m. liturgy with lunch after), so a good place to attend!

SAT, JUNE 29-5pm Vespers

SUN, JUNE 30- 8:50am Matins, 10am Divine Liturgy; The holy bread of oblation is offered by Tom & Judy George for Tom's 60th birthday; and by the Blazek family for Paul & Josiah on their Saints Days (Apostle Paul & King Josiah); and by Jay and Lisa Amer for their godson, Leonidas Allen, on his birthday; and by Marcella Simescu for her brothers, Ioan & Mikhael. Also, this year's graduates in our parish will be honored and prayed for at the of the liturgy.

MEETINGS

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY— June meeting already held. July meeting 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: Sbdcn Samuel Harmon, 216-598-9230, samuelharmon15@gmail.com or Colton Bose, 440-567-6101

WEST BIBLE STUDY--- Sat, July 13. Meets at the church one Sat a month at 6pm (after 5pm Vespers). We are studying the book of Revelation.

SOUTH BIBLE STUDY--- Tuesday, July 2, 6pm at Craig & Cindy George's, new house---4414 Brookhaven Drive, North Royalton. Studying the Servant Songs in book of Isaiah---all are welcome! Their new house will be blessed. Please let Cindy know if you are attending---330-309-9491.

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 Sunday, July 21, 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 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--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.

A THANK YOU---We would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, cards, and phone calls during Deacon Macarius's surgery and recovery. It has meant a lot to us. We feel very blessed to have such a wonderful church family. May God bless all of you.

-Deacon Macarius, Sandy, and Greg Tolbert

July 15, 2024

11TH ANNUAL

GOLF CLASSIC & AUCTION

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GRAND BENEFACTOR Signage at Registration/Dinner Sign on Tee or Green Reserved Table at Dinner Event/Program Recognition One Foursome	\$5,000
BENEFACTOR Sign on Tee or Green Event/Program Recognition One Foursome	\$1,750
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BEVERAGE SPONSOR (2) Sign on Beverage Cart Event/Program Recognition	\$1,000
HOLE SPONSOR Sign on Tee or Green	\$350
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Full Page Ad	\$250
1/2 Page Ad	\$125
1/3 Page Ad	\$75
DINNER TICKET ONLY	\$75

All proceeds benefit the daily operations of St. Herman House - FOCUS Cleveland. St. Herman House provides on average 200 hot meals a day to the community and houses up to 40 men per night between the Main House & Transitional House. Thank you in advance for your support of St. Herman House!



GOLF

4-PERSON SCRAMBLE

- 18 Holes of Golf w/Cart, Lunch, Beverages, & Dinner

SINGLE GOLFER

- \$195, Regular Registration
- Save \$20/golfer by registering an Early Bird Foursome

FOURSUME

- \$700, Early Bird, Prior to June 25th
- \$780, Regular Registration

ONLINE AUCTION

AUCTION IS OPEN TO EVERYONE!

- Begins: Sunday, July 7th at 8AM
- Ends: Monday, July 15th at 9:00PM
- Link to Auction Site:
<https://www.32auctions.com/SaintHermans2024>

MORE INFORMATION

CONTACT & REGISTRATION

- Email: golfsthermans@focusna.org
- Call Kirk Ries: 216-973-9391
- Register online: www.sainthermans.org/golf

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ELYRIA, OH 44035



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BROADVIEW HEIGHTS, OH 44147

ADULTS & CHILDREN OVER 5 YEARS: \$30.00 PER PERSON
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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.

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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,

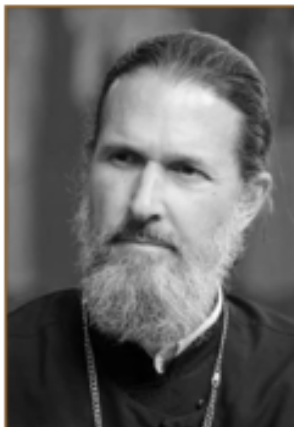
Lisa Palivoda Camille Patrick
Banquet Celebration Co-chairs

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)

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THE FEAST OF HOLY PENTECOST

Today, Pentecost, is one of the 3 or 4 most important days of the year for Orthodox Christians. What we celebrate today (50 days after Christ's resurrection and 10 days after His ascension) is when the Third Person of the All-Holy Trinity, the Holy Spirit, came down upon the Apostles and filled them. It is the birthday of our Orthodox Church. In the special prayers at the end of today's liturgy we ask God to fill us with the Holy Spirit as He filled the Apostles. The Holy Spirit came to us individually when we were baptized and chrismated, but we continue to need more and more filling of our lives by Him.

The special prayers at the end today are called "The Kneeling Prayers" because it is the first time we kneel to pray since Pascha, 50 days ago.

HELP ST. THEODOSIUS REBUILD:

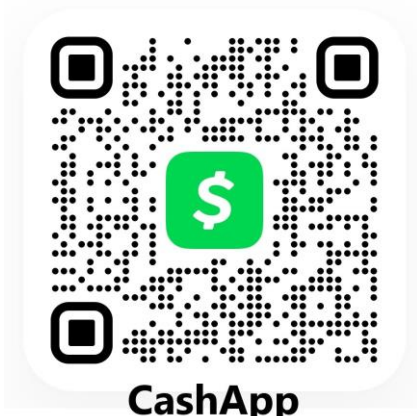
As you are no doubt aware, St Theodosius Cathedral suffered a catastrophic fire. We are all too familiar with what that is like. We are also very familiar with the blessing experienced when others step forward to help.

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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