

THE GOSPEL (For Third Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (6:22-33)

The Lord said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is evil, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore, I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink; nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not the soul more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of heaven: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his stature? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon himself in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore, do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."

UPCOMING SERVICES

SAT, JULY 9---Vespers, 5pm

SUN, JULY 10---Matins, 8:50 am, Divine Liturgy, 10am; The Holy Bread of Oblation will be offered by the Amer family for Samir's birthday; and by the Vazquez family in memory of Deacon Basil's stepfather, Juan Vazquez; and by Cindy George in memory of her friend, Michelle Matthews; and by David & Rudylin Glaser for Rudylin's father, Rodrigo Bacus, on his birthday, and in memory of David's mother, Arlene. Also the memorial service will be offered by the Vazquez family for Deacon Basil's stepfather, Juan Vazquez, and by Cindy George for her friend, Michelle Matthews (40 days), and by the Glasers for David's mother, Arlene (3 years).

MEETINGS

PATHWAYS TO PEACE— will NOT meet on *Mon July 4*. Meets Mondays 7:15 p.m., 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.

SOUTH BIBLE STUDY--- Tues, July 19 at 6:30pm at Craig & Cindy George's, 9451 Sherwood Trl, Brecksville. Regularly meets the 1st & 3rd Tues of the month. The topic is the book of Ephesians.

WEST BIBLE STUDY--- Sat, July 30, 6pm (after 5pm Vespers) at the church. Studying I Corinthians.

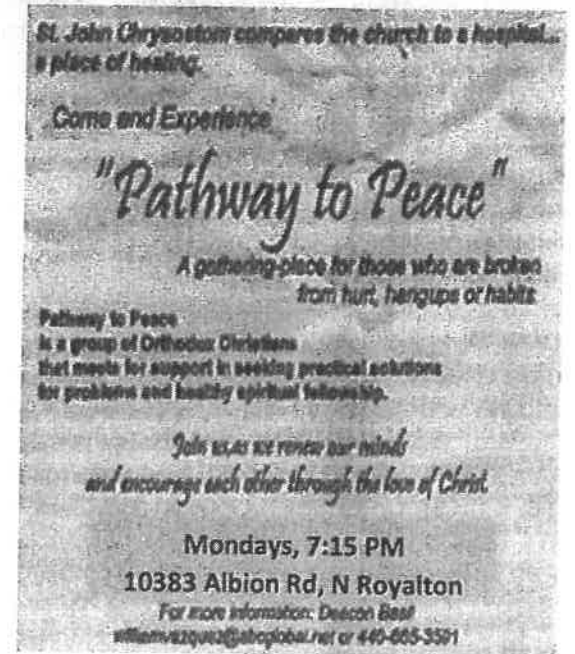
NORTH BIBLE STUDY--- Wed, July 27, 6:30pm, meets at the Parkers' house, 1350 Elmwood Court Rocky River. Continuing with the book of Isaiah.

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP— July 22, 1pm, at Tara Reidy's 274 Elmwood, Berea; For more info, call Sandy Tolbert, 440-773-9162.

TEEN GROUP--- July activity to be announced

HOMESCHOOL GROUP---not meeting in the

summer, but will resume in August, meeting in the morning on the 2nd and 4th Friday of every month at the church.



MINISTRY NEWS

MEAL SERVING AT ST. HERMAN ORTHODOX HOMELESS SHELTER--- We usually do a meal there on the third Sunday of each month, but another group has specifically requested to serve the meal that Sunday in July, so we will have "a month off". We will resume the normal schedule on Sun, Aug 21.

OUR PARISH'S MINISTRY OF DELIVERY OF FOOD, CLOTHING, ETC. TO THE HOMELESS ON THE STREETS OF CLEVELAND will take place on Sun, July 17. The alms box to help fund the lunches is near main hall entry door.

FOOD PANTRY--- As of right now, the pantry is well-stocked.... BUT WE ARE AGAIN IN NEED OF GROCERY GIFT CARDS....YOU CAN EITHER BRING OR MAIL TO THE CHURCH.

OCLife ST. MATTHEW CHURCH---Attention: To those who feel God is leading you to do more for life issues, such as the protection of unborn babies in the womb, defending sexual purity for our teens and adults, advocating for the elderly in nursing homes and all issues having to do with living a life pleasing to God: We have a new group at St. Matthew's called OCLife St. Matthew Church. This group is officially affiliated with the national group OCLife, a "non-profit organization dedicated to equipping the Orthodox Christian community to strengthen its commitment to the sacredness of human life from conception to death, illuminating the Church's teaching on life issues through education and engagement." If you wish to get involved in this new ministry, please contact Lisa Palivoda at LDPAL1703@outlook.com or Cindy George at cindyvgeorge127@gmail.com.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFETIME HOSTS NEEDED---sign up in the hall by the bulletin board!

HOLY BREAD OBLATIONS SIGN-UP for 2022 is in the hall to the right of the sink area. Please sign up for what Sundays you wish to offer an oblation.

VACUUMING VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEET is on a little table in the narthex.

What volunteers do is, either after Sun liturgy or later Sun or Mon, is vacuum the church----nave & narthex entry area. Also, they clean up any stray bulletins or other papers left behind. It is fine for two people to do it together (we have enough vacuum cleaners). They do not do any cleaning in the hall, kitchen, rooms, etc. Please consider signing up to do it one week.

SEEKING WORK--- Michael Palmer is seeking work. He has 15 years experience in customer service, most recently as a health screener at Cleveland Clinic. He is seeking a job of 20-25 hours per week in Berea/Middleburg Heights area. If you know of anything, please call him---216-212-7436.

DOG SITTER NEEDED-Someone is looking for a dog sitter for a well behaved 70 pound Doberman, while its owner is on vacation in Romania. The dates for watching the dog are from July 15th to the end of August, 2022. The owner will provide the dog's food and toys, and a daily fee for watching the dog (negotiable). Please let Electra know if you are interested in watching this dog, and she will put you in touch with the owner. Electra Floasiu 216-671-0743 electra.floasiu@yahoo.com

ZOE for Life® needs your help!---If you have a background in Accounting and have a few hours a month to help with some basic Financial Statements, please contact Karen Contoveros, cell ph. 440-759-6215. Please consider sharing your time and talent with this essential ministry. Thank you.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REQUEST FOR SEPTEMBER--- We need a teacher assistant for the elementary class, grades 1-3. If you are interested, please let Father Andrew or Gail Malaniak know.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHESS CLUB UNDERWAY--The next meeting of our parish chess club will be after liturgy on Sunday, July 24. If you are an experienced player or have never played---please come!

No RSVP needed, but for more details, call Michael Palmer, 216-212-7436.

POSSIBILITY OF YOUNG ADULT ACTIVITIES--- We now have many young adults in our parish. We have had some good young adult activities in the past but nothing recently, so...If you are interested in participating in or leading some activities, please let Father Andrew know.

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, JULY 3, 2022 TONE 2 / EOTHINON 3; THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & THIRD SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

Martyr Hyacinth and his Companions of Caesarea; Anatolios, patriarch of Constantinople; Venerable-martyr Gerasimos the New of Carpenision; Venerable Nicodemus of Kozhe Lake

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE TWO (p. 12)

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory 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.

ORDINARY KONTAKION IN TONE TWO (p. 17)

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

THE EPISTLE (For Third Sunday after Pentecost)

The Lord is my strength and my song. The Lord has chastened me sorely.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (5:1-11)

Brethren, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man—though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows His love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by His blood, much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. Not only so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received our reconciliation.

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 Florentina Popa for the health & salvation of her daughter, Diana Andrea, on her birthday; and is offered by Daniel & Maria Simescu for the health & salvation of her daughter-in-law, Zita, on her birthday; and is offered by the Vazquez family for the health & salvation of Michael Lieberman on his birthday; and is offered by the Blazek family in memory of the departed servant of God, Andy Sopko III.

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

Josephine Katzbach	Paraschiva Blaz	Norman Fadil
Justin Mosier	Phyllis Simmons	Photia Boukis
Tony Burhen	Nancy Yanik	Mary Malaniak
Lucy Kinkaid	Dolores Kaleal	Athiodoros Vrettakos
Marc Balke	William	Bob Andrews
Christopher Samuel	Donna Teaman	Teresa Kolasz
Peter George	Jerry Morrison	Rick Walters
Pauline Hanna	Iliana Radivoj	Clay Frogge
Frank Popovich	Lena Batina	Oldemar Chincilla
Issa Zaboura	Danielle	Miles Hunter
Argie Katsaros	Ruth Zheltov	Gino
Archdeacon Joseph Harb	James Padzerski	Charles & Judy Burhen
Joseph Watson	Ron Hakaim	Ramona Darmour
Jean Caldaroni	James Schwind	Jeri Farris

And for the newly departed servants of God: Katherine, Juan Vazquez (Deacon Basil's step-father), Maddy Salveter, Father Stephanos Farahat, Terry Provost, Jeremy Burnside (friend of Michael Palmer), Michelle Matthews

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 5: 1-10 **GOSPEL LESSON:** Matthew 6: 22-33

EPISTLE READER: Reader Anthony Harmon **USHERS:** Fred Bourjaily & Kosta Bokjanc

HOMILY: "The Beatitudes, Part 2: Blessed Are They That Mourn"

THE WEDDING CROWN REMOVAL PRAYERS will be done for the newly-wed Nichola & Rose Almalas at the end of today's liturgy.

HOLY CHRISMATION---Catechumen Victoria Shaker will enter the Orthodox Church by the sacrament of Chrismation at the end of today's liturgy.

PLEASE STAY FOR COFFEETIME RIGHT AFTER LITURGY TODAY
Hosted by the Musarra family---thank you!

THE FIRST PHASE OF THE ICONOGRAPHY WORK IN OUR CHURCH IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN THIS WEEK. It will be done by Nicholas Pappas of Houston. The first phase will be to do the apse (altar area).

YOU'RE INVITED!

It's almost summer so you know what that means: Time for the 3rd Annual St. Matthew Open House at the Blazeks' house!

We'll celebrate on Monday, July 4th starting at noon and going on into the evening. This year we have a few things to celebrate along with a general get together: Xavier turning 15, Susan turning 50, Caleb graduating from high school and Paul graduating from Baldwin-Wallace.

Like in previous years, we'll have hot dogs, hamburgers, s'mores and just general fun. For the kids, our house has a swing set, a trampoline, chickens and a very nice park at the end of the street with a bigger playground, woods to explore and basketball hoops.

If you can, bring something to share - we had a great variety of food and drink last year that made a good event great. But if you can't please just BRING YOURSELF because you being there is the most important thing.

It's an Open House so come when you want, stay as little or as long as you want, leave when you want. There's plenty of on-street parking and a Meijer a 2 minute drive (really) so we can get anything you need.

PLEASE RSVP to Al Blazek on Telegram, via text or a phone call (440-799-2487) or by email (al.blazek@gmail.com). Bring a friend, bring family, everyone's invited. Hope to see you there!

THE HOLY MARTYR HYACINTHUS

St. Hyacinthus, whose memory we celebrate today was from the province of Cappadocia (now part of Turkey). He became a court official during the reign of the Roman Emperor Trajan. He became a Christian and then later was arrested during a crack down on the Christian Faith by Trajan. He was arrested and refused to deny Christ and bow down to the idols. The Romans were aware that, as a Christian, Hyacinthus would not wish to eat food that had been part of sacrifices to pagan idols. So that was the only food they would serve him in prison, telling him that if he would start to eat it he would be set free. Hyacinthus refused to eat the food and gradually starved to death. His death for Christ took place on July 3, 108 A.D.

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Third Sunday After Pentecost

His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH
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His Grace Bishop ANTHONY
Auxiliary Bishop of the Antiochian Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest

V. Rev. Father Andrew Harmon
Rev. Deacon Macarius Tolbert • Rev. Deacon Basil Vazquez
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Saturday Vespers 5:00 PM
Saturday Confessions 5:30 PM
Sunday Confessions 9:45 AM

Sunday Matins 8:50 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
Sunday School 11:15 AM