

# Christ is risen! Truly He is risen!

## ST. ALEXIS TOTH

St. Alexis Toth, whose memory we celebrate today, was born in the Austrian-Hungarian Empire in 1854 into a Uniate family. (The Uniates are of Orthodox background but came under Roman Catholic control in the 1600s---mostly in Eastern Europe, but also some later on in the Middle East. While being under Rome, they retain Orthodox style worship and customs. There are many parishes in the Cleveland area.) He became a married priest, but his wife and child died not many years later. He was appointed to a Uniate parish in America in 1879. The Roman bishops did not at the time wish to have Uniate parishes in America and made things very difficult for Father Alexis. This led him to rethink his commitment to the Uniate movement and to instead long for the true Orthodoxy of his ancestors. In 1891 he and 361 others were accepted into the Orthodox Church. This encouraged other Uniates who were having similar difficulties. Father Toth traveled throughout America spreading the Orthodox message to other Uniates. Thousands of them came into the Orthodox Church. There was a desire in 1907 to make him a bishop, but he declined by saying a younger man should be ordained. He fell asleep in Christ on May 7, 1909. His holy relics are in the chapel at St. Tikhon's Monastery in Pennsylvania.

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

Payments can be spread out over weeks or months.

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

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

## ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

10383 Albion Rd, North Royalton, OH

**May 7, 2023**

*Sunday of the Paralytic*

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

**His Grace Bishop ANTHONY  
Auxiliary Bishop of the Antiochian Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest**

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Saturday Vespers 5:00 PM

Saturday Confessions 5:30 PM

Sunday Confessions during Matins

Sunday Matins 8:50 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

Sunday School 11:15 AM

**WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!** We are glad to have you praying with us. *The reception of the Sacrament of Holy Communion* is limited to members of the Orthodox Church who are in good sacramental standing & have made proper preparation to receive. All are welcome to receive the blessed antidoron bread at the end of the service.

**THE HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION** is offered by Camille Patrick for the health & salvation of her husband, Dan, on his birthday; and is offered by St. Matthew Church in memory of the departed servant of God, Archdeacon Joseph Harb.

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

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|--------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Josephine Katzbach | Iliana Radivoj             | Irene Vasilakis        |
| Justin Mosier      | Lena Batina                | Georgette Dye          |
| Tony Burhen        | James Padzinski            | Erin Musarra & child   |
| Lucy Kinkaid       | Mary Malaniak              | Joplin Whorley         |
| Marc Balke         | Bob & Adrienne Andrews     | Jemma Whorley          |
| Christopher Samuel | Charles & Judy Burhen      | Teodor Stole           |
| Peter George       | Ed Haddad                  | Julie Dunn             |
| Pauline Hanna      | Michael Francu             | John Schweitzer        |
| Frank Popovich     | Jean Fadil                 | Father Basil Caldaroni |
| Issa Zaboura       | Marwan Kash                | Catherine & Infant     |
| Argie Katsaros     | Dolores Kaleal             | Iris                   |
| Joseph Watson      | Danielle                   | James & Jennifer       |
| Jean Caldaroni     | Victoria Thorp             | Don Glaser             |
| Paraschiva Blaz    | Constantine & Maria Kornea | Elias Karim            |
| Nancy Yanik        | Deacon Macarius            |                        |
| Jerry Morrison     | Val & Al                   |                        |

**And for the newly departed servants of God:** Norman Fadil, Susan Pulcini (mother of Father Theodore Pulcini), Jan (Jason Bowden's grandmother), Tina, Phyllis Simmons (Christina Nassif's mother), Joseph & Alice, Michael Perk

**EPISTLE LESSON:** Acts 9:32-42

**EPISTLE READER:** Reader Anthony Harmon

**GOSPEL LESSON:** John 5: 1-15

**USHERS:** Subdeacon Fred Bourjaily, Kosta Bokjanc

**HOMILY:** "Physical Health? Great, But Temporary...."

**THE 40 DAY MEMORIAL** is being offered today by our parish in memory of Archdeacon Joseph Harb.

**PLEASE STAY FOR COFFEETIME RIGHT AFTER LITURGY---**

Thank you to the Scordos family and Palivodas for hosting today!

**THE ST. MATTHEW'S WOMEN'S GROUP WILL MEET AFTER LITURGY TODAY**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOOP:**

Today- Regular classes

May 14- Last day of classes (will resume in Sept)

May 21- First confession celebration for John Harmon, Brooke Musarra, Phillip Roach, and Christos Simmons

Creative Festival winners will be announced soon!



St. Matthew the Evangelist  
Orthodox Church

# Save the DATE

PARISH RETREAT

Father Sergius Bowyer,  
Abbot of St. Tikhon's  
Monastery

August 18 & 19, 2023

Fr. Bowyer will speak on his book  
Acquiring the Mind of Christ:  
Embracing the Vision of the Orthodox Church

The miraculous icon of St. Anna, the Mother of the Holy Virgin Mary, will be brought to St. Matthew's on that weekend for veneration.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

Please call, text or email your RSVP to (216)258-4837 or fatherharmon@outlook.com

Free Will Offering Will Be Accepted

# St. Luke the Evangelist Antiochian Orthodox Church

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## "I Believe..."

A series of four presentations that explore the foundational statement of the Christian faith as given in the Nicene Creed. All presentations by Fr. Matthew Thurman

Dates: Time: 7:00 p.m.

April 20, 2023: *"God the Father, God the Son"*

May 4, 2023: *"God the Son (cont.)"*

May 18, 2023: *"God the Son (cont.), God the Holy Spirit, the Church"*

June 1, 2023: *"Baptism, Resurrection, the Last Things"*

All sessions are in person at:

St. Luke the Evangelist Antiochian Orthodox Church  
18046 Chillicothe Rd  
Bainbridge, OH 44023

For more information:

Email: [info@stluke.us](mailto:info@stluke.us) or call (440) 384-3285

## DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES FOR SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023

### TONE 3 / EOTHINON 5; FOURTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA

#### Sunday of the Paralytic

Appearance of the Sign of the Precious Cross in the heavens above Jerusalem (351 A.D.);  
Martyr Akakios the centurion at Byzantium

#### VERSES OF THE FIRST ANTIPHON

- Shout with joy to God, all the earth; sing to His Name, give glory to His praises.
- Say to God: How awesome are Thy works; let all the earth worship Thee, and sing to Thee. Let it sing a song to Thy Name, O Most High.
- Glory... Both now...

#### VERSES OF THE SECOND ANTIPHON

- May God have mercy upon us, and bless us, and may He cause His face to shine upon us, and have mercy upon us.
- That Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy salvation among all nations; let the peoples give thanks to Thee, O God, let all the peoples give thanks to Thee.
- May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear Him.
- Glory... Both now... O only begotten Son and Word of God...

#### VERSES OF THE THIRD ANTIPHON (*Refrain: "Christ is risen from the dead..."*)

- Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered, and let them that hate Him flee from before His face.
- As smoke vanisheth, so let them vanish; as wax melteth before the fire.
- So let sinners perish at the presence of God, and let the righteous be glad.
- This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad therein.

#### THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF PASCHA

In the congregations bless God, the Lord from the wellsprings of Israel. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

#### RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE THREE (*p. 12 in Liturgy book*)

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

#### APOLYTIKION OF ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST IN TONE THREE

(*p. 16 in Liturgy book*)

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.

### THE KONTAKION OF PASCHA IN TONE EIGHT

Though Thou didst descend into the grave, O Immortal One, yet didst Thou destroy the power of Hades, and didst arise as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh-bearing women, Rejoice, and giving peace unto Thine Apostles, O Thou Who dost grant resurrection to the fallen.

### THE EPISTLE

*O chant unto our God, chant ye. Clap your hands, all ye nations.*

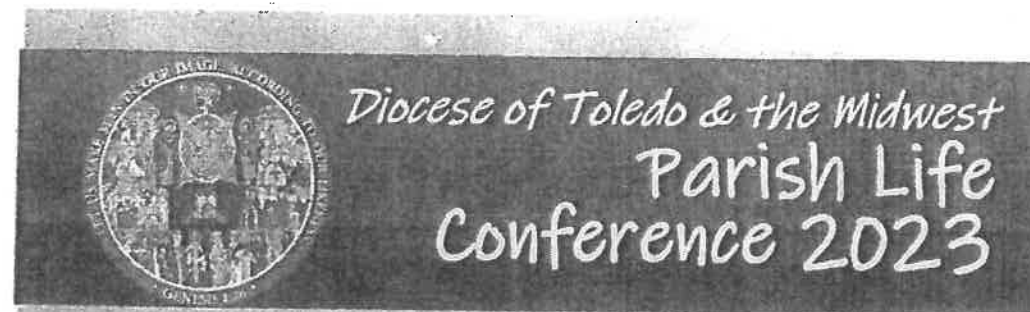
#### **The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles. (9:32-42)**

In those days, as Peter went throughout all regions, he came down also to the saints who dwelt at Lydda. There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who was bedridden for eight years and paralyzed. And Peter said to him: "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; arise and make your bed." And immediately he arose. And all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned back to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha (which means Gazelle). She was full of good works and of charitable deeds which she did. And it came to pass in those days that she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they placed her in an upper chamber. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him: "Come to us without delay!" So Peter arose and went with them. And when he arrived, they took him into the upper chamber. All the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and other garments which Tabitha made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body, he said: "Tabitha, arise!" And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up. And he gave her his hand, and raised her up. Then he called the saints and widows and presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

### THE GOSPEL

#### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (5:1-15)**

At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethesda, which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first, after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had. One man was there, who had been ill for 38 years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the Sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet." But he answered them, "The man who healed me said to me, 'Take up your pallet, and walk.'" They asked him, "Who



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Speakers:  
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85Theotokos of Vladimir

**EASTERN ORTHODOX WOMEN'S GUILD  
OF GREATER CLEVELAND  
SENDS AN OPEN INVITATION  
TO MEMBERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

# Annual Pan-Orthodox Luncheon



Holy Trinity Orthodox Church Hall  
6822 Broadview Road  
Parma, OH 44134

**Date:** Saturday, May 13, 2023  
**Time:** Doors open @ 12:00 AM  
Luncheon @ 12:30 PM

**Reservations required**  
**No tickets sold at the door**  
**Tickets:** Adults - \$15.00  
Children 6 to 12 - 7.50  
Children under 6 - FREE  
See Parish Representatives for tickets

**Program to include:**

- A delicious luncheon with good homemade appetizers / desserts
- Auction Gift Baskets / Door Prizes
- Socialize and relax with family and friends!



- See Parish Representatives Gloria Zabala for tickets or
- Helen Beverly (440-212-5545)
- Reservations must be made by Monday, May 8, 2023

All proceeds go to Orthodox organizations  
see list compiled by EOWG -- <https://www.eowgcle.org/charities>

is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet, and walk'?" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befalls you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus Who had healed him.

MEGALYNARION FOR PARALYTIC SUNDAY IN TONE ONE

*The angel cried aloud to the Virgin Theotokos: "Rejoice, O full of grace, and again I say, rejoice now! For truly, thy Son has risen from the grave on the third day."*

With one voice, O Virgin, all we the faithful call thee blessed. Rejoice, thou living city! Rejoice, portal of the Lord! Rejoice, for today doth a radiant light shine from thy Son's brilliant Resurrection on all of us and on all mankind.

KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) OF PASCHA

Receive the Body of Christ; taste the fountain of immortality. Alleluia.

- Instead of "We have seen the true light," sing "Christ is Risen" once.

**ENTHRONEMENT NEWS:**

We are delighted to announce that the Enthronement of His Eminence Metropolitan SABA as Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of All North America is set for **Saturday, May 13, 2023** at 11:00 a.m. at St. Nicholas Cathedral, Brooklyn, New York. A banquet will immediately follow at the New York Marriott at the Brooklyn Bridge (Hotel Address: 333 Adams St., Brooklyn, NY 11201).

Details for the schedule, the hotel (Group Rate, etc.), and banquet reservations will be available in the upcoming days. In the meantime, please **Save The Date** for this historic time in our God-protected Archdiocese so that we can honor our new father and chief shepherd.

**UPCOMING SERVICES**

**SATURDAY, MAY 13---Vespers 5pm**

**SUNDAY, MAY 14---Matins, 8:50 a.m.; Liturgy, 10 a.m.** The holy bread of oblation will be offered by the Blazeks for Anastasia on her 9<sup>th</sup> birthday; and by Subdeacon Mark & Josephine Katzbach on their wedding anniversary; and by Cindy George for Pam Stephanoff on her Name Day (St. Dymphna) and in memory of Michelle Matthew; and by Electra Floasiu in memory of Elena Maurer. Also, the 40 day memorial service will be offered by Electra Floasiu for her friend, Elena Maurer; and Catechumen William Parker will enter the Orthodox Faith by Holy Chrismation.

**LOOKING AHEAD---Services for Ascension Day---evening of Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>; morning of Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>.**



## MEETINGS

**PATHWAYS TO PEACE**— Mondays at 7:15pm, at church & by Zoom. "A gathering place for those who are broken from hurts, hangups, or habits. Join us as we renew our minds and encourage each other through the love of Christ." Call Dcn Basil, 440-665-3591, for zoom info. See flier in this bulletin.

**WEST BIBLE STUDY**---Sat, May 27, 6pm (meets monthly at church after Vespers) Studying I Corinthians

**SOUTH BIBLE STUDY**---Tues, May 16, at 6:30pm at Craig & Cindy George's, 9451 Sherwood Trl, Brecksville. Regularly meets the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues of the month. Studying Creation and the Fall in Genesis.

**YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY**—Sat, May 20, 6pm. Meets monthly at church. Studying the book of Daniel---Bible, fellowship, food...For more info, contact: Sbdcn Samuel Harmon, 216-598-9230, [samuelharmon15@gmail.com](mailto:samuelharmon15@gmail.com) or Colton Bose, 440-567-6101

**WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP**— Fri, May 19, 1pm. Meets monthly at Tara Reidy's 274 Elmwood, Berea; For more info, call Sandy Tolbert, 440-773-9162.

**HOMESCHOOL ENRICHMENT GROUP**---Fri, May 12 at 9am; regularly meets in the morning on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of every month at the church. Contact Olivia Harmon for more information.

**TEEN CLUB**---Monthly meeting after liturgy, Sun, May 28

## MINISTRY NEWS

**STREET DELIVERY TO THE HOMELESS**---- Sun, May 21 ---parishioners delivering food, clothing, etc. to homeless in downtown Cleveland. The alms box to help fund the lunches is near main hall entry doors. **WHITE SOCKS NEEDED**—box is by main hall entry doors. In May, our parishioners will be making the lunches. Call Josie Katzbach, 440-668-9831, for information.

**MEAL SERVING AT ST. HERMAN ORTHODOX HOMELESS SHELTER**--- Our next monthly serving day is Sunday, May 21 Deacon Basil cannot cook that week, as he will be out of state. Can one or several people handle the cooking? Our church charity fund covers the expense. Call Deacon Basil, 440-665-3591, if you can cook or need more info.

**MARTHA MINISTRIES**---seeking parishioners to cook or deliver some freezer meals to families in time of need (new babies, recovering from illness/surgery, grieving a loss...). Can you help by cooking or delivering? Please see/email/call Erin Musarra at 440-799-0838 or [Erin.musarra@gmail.com](mailto:Erin.musarra@gmail.com).

**OCLife ST. MATTHEW CHURCH**--- officially affiliated with the national group OCLife, a "non-profit organization dedicated to equipping the Orthodox Christian community to strengthen its commitment to the sacredness of human life from conception to death, illuminating the Church's teaching on life issues through education and engagement." Please contact Lisa Palivoda at [LDPAL1703@outlook.com](mailto:LDPAL1703@outlook.com) or Cindy George at [cindygeorge127@gamil.com](mailto:cindygeorge127@gamil.com) with any questions.

*St. John Chrysostron compares the church to a hospital, a place of healing.*

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*Pathway to Peace is a group of Orthodox Christians that meets for support in seeking practical solutions for problems and healthy spiritual fellowship.*

*Join us as we renew our minds and encourage each other through the love of Christ.*

**Mondays, 7:15 PM**

**10383 Albion Rd, N Royalton**

*For more information: Deacon Basil  
williamstheology@yahoo.com or 440-665-3591*

## CURRENT NEEDS FOR ST. HERMAN ORTHODOX HOMELESS SHELTER--

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

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

Hand warmers Heavy duty forks and spoons

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

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

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

oatmeal and other cereals mashed potatoes crackers egg noodles

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

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

**VACUUMING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**--- **SIGN-UP SHEET FOR VACUUMING THE CHURCH (just the temple) IN THE FIRST PART OF 2023 IS IN THE NARTHEX. CAN YOU TAKE A SUNDAY?**

**COFFETIME HOSTING**---Coffetime after liturgy is an important part of our parish life! We rely on parishioners to volunteer to take a turn to host. A new chart for 2023 is in hall on east side. Light refreshments is fine. Sign up by yourself, together with some one else, or as part of a coffetime host group. Questions? Speak to or call, coordinator, Electra Floasiu---216-671-0743

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

## NEW BOOK BY PARISHIONER NOW AVAILABLE IN PARISH BOOKSTORE:

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

## MORE LAY VISITORS NEEDED

St. Matthew's has a Lay Visitors Ministry, in which parishioners make occasional visits to shut-ins from our parishes. Most commonly, this is in nursing homes. Such visits are a great blessing to the shut-ins...and also to the lay visitors! Are you interested? Please contact David Glaser the head of this ministry--- 440-728-7309 [daveglaser1@cox.net](mailto:daveglaser1@cox.net)

**ORTHODOX FAMILY CAMP OUT**--- Join us Sat, May 27<sup>th</sup> and Sun, May 28 for an old fashioned Family Camp Out on our beautiful Church grounds. Come with your tent to stay overnight or just come for the day/evening! Field games, softball, volleyball, Orthodox programming, cookout, campfire and SMORES! Old, young, and everyone in between are welcome. **COMPLETELY FREE TO ATTEND**---so invite a friend or three! Contact Al or Susan Blazek to RSVP, 440-799-2488 or [susan.blazek@gmail.com](mailto:susan.blazek@gmail.com)

## REAL Cleveland Pan-Orthodox Young Adult Activities

**3) St. Gregory Palamas Monastery Pilgrimage - Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>.** Fr. Joseph and the brotherhood will be welcoming us for a group visit. If you've never been there before: "The Monastery [934 Cr. #2256 Perrysville, 44864] is located in the agricultural country of northeastern Ohio, about 15 miles east of Mansfield. The regular cycle of monastic worship services (conducted primarily in English) provides a traditional prayer experience which is only possible in a monastery."

We will arrive there at 2pm and have an audience with Fr. Joseph (the abbot of the monastery). Afterwards, we will take a tour of the grounds, have quiet time, and a time to visit the bookstore. Then we will attend Vespers and have dinner together at the monastery! We should be departing around 7ish:) **Please respond if you haven't already and are interested in attending!**