

A WEEKEND WITH BISHOP ANTHONY

Our diocesan bishop, His Grace Bishop ANTHONY, will be with us the entire weekend of October 17. Details not yet known but please keep the weekend open so you can participate.

Sisterhood Membership Drive
2022

Dear Ladies of St. Matthew.....

The Sisterhood will be holding their annual Membership Drive for 2022 in September. You can send your \$3.00 dues donation to church or just give it to Georgette Dye anytime you see her at church. Actually, our Treasurer, Camille Patrick will be happy to take your \$3.00, too!! You will then be added to the roster and receive emails on all the Sisterhood activities!! *Make sure we have your email address and phone number, too!!* Also, we are bringing back the Coffee Hour to "wrap-up" the Membership Drive!! This year it will be held on October 3rd.

2021 Blessed us with 40 members, but Ladies.....there are still more of you out there and we have plenty of room for you!! *We would LOVE for you to join us!!* Please give it some thought..... Your new faces and new ideas are most welcome!!!

Checks should be made out to: St. Matthew Sisterhood.

Please send your dues donation to:

St. Matthew Orthodox Church
10383 Albion Road --OR-- P.O.Box 33183
North Royalton, OH. 44133 North Royalton, OH. 44133

ATTEN: SISTERHOOD --OR-- ATTEN: GEORGETTE DYE

We are so looking forward to a successful Membership Drive!!

Sincerely,
The Sisterhood Officers,
Elle Parker, President
Georgette Dye, Vice-President
Camille Patrick, Treasurer
Susan Joseph, Secretary

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT FOR BRINGING KIDS TO CHURCH:

Walk to icons around the sides and the back of the church for a break. Try to only exit to the narthex if necessary and even then, hold the child and direct their attention through the windows into the church.

**ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST
ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**

10383 Albion Rd, North Royalton, OH

August 15, 2021

Dormition of the Theotokos

His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH
Archbishop of New York and Antiochian Metropolitan of all North America

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

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

HOLY BREAD OBLATIONS SIGN-UP for 2021 is in the hall to the right of the sink area. Please sign up for what Sundays you wish to offer an oblation.

DONATE BY TEXT- You can now donate to St. Matthew's via text message. It's secure, quick, and free to sign up and takes seconds to make a donation. Send a text message to 440-390-4330 to get started. Reach out to Al Blazek (440-799-2487 by text or phone) if you'd like help or further info.

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.

LANDSCAPING HELP NEEDED---

Anyone interested in weeding or other care of the church grounds, please contact Olivia Harmon. Could be one time or ongoing, at your convenience. 440-220-2624 oharmon15@gmail.com

LOOKING FOR A ROOM—A single woman parishioner at St. Matthew's is seeking to find either a room to rent in someone's house or a roommate to share a full apartment with. If you can help in either way, or have helpful information, please contact Father Andrew (fatherharmon@outlook.com or 440-539-1116).

FALL CHURCH CLEAN UP—We need all hands on deck to clean up the temple inside and out. There will be jobs for all ages and ability levels. Please mark your calendars: **Sat, Oct 2, 9am-?** Light refreshments provided. Bring your own lunch. Come and do what you can to help our beautiful temple shine!

Jobs include window washing, dusting, wax removal, HVAC filter replacement, weeding, and bush trimming. It will help if you can bring any tools you may have for the job. The following items will definitely be needed: rags, gloves, buckets, rakes, hedge clippers.

If you have questions, contact Olivia Harmon (440-220-2624), Lisa Palivoda, David Glaser, or Tony Latina.

St. John Chrysostom compares the church to a hospital... a place of healing.

Come and Experience

"Pathway to Peace"

A gathering-place for those who are broken from hurt, hangups or habits.

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, North Royalton

For more information: Deacon Basil
wiliemvazquez@abcglobal.net or 440-665-3591

UPCOMING SERVICES

SAT, AUG 21- Vespers 6pm *ONE HOUR LATER THAN USUAL*

SUN, AUG 22- *Matins 8:50am, and Divine Liturgy, 10am.* The Holy Bread of Oblation will be offered by the Blazeks for their son, Josiah, on his 16th birthday, and for Al's mother Rita's 93rd birthday; and by Cindy George for Tony Latina's Saint Day (St. Jude); and by Daniel & Maria Simescu for their grandchildren Brian, Zack, and Emma, for Mihail on his birthday, for Florentina for safe travels, and in memory of Luminita and Mioara, Uncle Cosiel, and Aunt Elena.

THE BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, AUGUST 29, HAPPENS TO FALL ON A SUNDAY THIS YEAR---so the services for it will be the usual Saturday Vespers and Sunday liturgy. **ECCLESIASTICAL NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION**---Tues, Aug 31, 5:30pm food and children's activities, 6:30pm Vespers for the church new year (which begins Sept 1). Pizza will be provided. Please bring "New Year's Eve" snacks, or any side dish, dessert, or beverage. Everyone is welcome!

MEETINGS

PATHWAYS TO PEACE---Mondays, 7:15 p.m., either at the church or 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 Deacon Basil, 440-665-3591, for zoom info. See more info elsewhere in this bulletin.

SOUTH BIBLE STUDY--- Tues, Aug 17, 6:30pm at Craig & Cindy George's, 9451 Sherwood Trl, Brecksville. Meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. Now studying the book of Jude.

MONTHLY TEEN MEETING---After liturgy next, Sunday, August 22.

NORTH BIBLE STUDY IS RESUMING THIS MONTH!--- Thursday, August 26, 6:30 p.m., at the Parkers', 1350 Elmwood Court, Rocky River. We will resume our study of the book of Isaiah.

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP---Friday, August 27, 1 p.m. At Tara Reidy's, 274 Elmwood, Berea. For more info, call Sandy Tolbert, 440-773-9162.

WEST BIBLE STUDY--- August meeting already held...September date to be announced. (Meets 1 Saturday a month at church after 5pm Vespers). We are studying the book, "The Wisdom of Sirach."

ICON CLASSES TAKING SUMMER BREAK---Iconography classes at St. Matthew's, being taught by iconographer Dennis Bell who painted our own beautiful iconostas, are taking a summer break---- they will resume in the fall.

MINISTRY NEWS

ST. HERMAN'S MINISTRY TEAM---TODAY IS OUR MONTHLY TURN TO SERVE A MEAL TO THE POOR at St. Herman Orthodox Homeless Shelter. Can you help serve the food? If you can, please arrive about 5:15 for the 5:30pm meal. Questions? Please see Father Andrew after church.

OUR PARISH'S MINISTRY OF DELIVERY OF FOOD, CLOTHING, ETC. TO THE HOMELESS ON THE STREETS OF CLEVELAND has been suspended for a long time due to the virus. It will resume in August, but which Sunday not yet known...

PARISH FOOD PANTRY is still well-stocked right now, so no additional food currently needed. Grocery gift cards can always be used!

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 Tom & Judy George in thanksgiving to God on their 30th wedding anniversary; and by Jean Fadil for the health and salvation of her sister & brother-in-law, Adrienne & Robert Andrews; and by the Scanlon family in beloved memory of Mark Brello on the first year anniversary of his falling asleep in Christ; and by Rim, Nawal, Nawar, Manar, & Miladeh Alsaifi for their health & salvation and in memory of Haitham, Ibrahim, Edwar, & Khaithoum; and by Maria Simescu for her grandchildren Brian, Zack & Emma, her sons Cornel & Cristian, and friends Andra, Mia, Geta, and Dana, and also in memory of her grandparents Teodor & Ana and godparents Ioan & Maria.

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

Josephine Katzbach

Justin Mosier

Tony Burhen

Lucy Kinkaid

Marc Balke

Christopher Samuel

Peter George

Pauline Hanna

Frank Popovich

Issa Zaboura

Argie Katsaros

Alex Mardini

Archdeacon Joseph Harb

Joseph Watson

Lena Batina

Jean Caldaroni

Paraschiva Blaz

Phyllis Simmons

Nancy Yanik

Dolores Kaleal

William

Joelle Rogers

Catherine Morton

Ron & Donna Teaman

Jerry Morrison

Danielle

Maria, Mia, and Alex

Subdeacon George Simon

Ted Geletka

Father John Loejos

Maryann Byndas

Claire

Iliana Radivoj

Jeffrey Cignisko

Aurela Jay

Alexandra Frone

Khourie Helen Ashie

And for the newly departed servants of God:

Jeff Frank, Nun Barbara and her mother Nada, Oksana Lutyi (Marianne Feuerstein's friend), Virginia Rines, Nabib Nasser (Emile Nasser's cousin), Olga Ayau (friend of Catherine Morton), Bruce Cragin (Khourie Bonnie's nephew), Robert Hess (Victoria Thorp's uncle), Corrine Khouri, Joie Haddad, Ray George

EPISTLE LESSON: Philippians 2: 5-11

EPISTLE READER: Reader Anthony Harmon

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28

HOMILY: "The Dormition of the Holy Theotokos"

USHERS: Pam Stephanoff & Gail Malaniak

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC (FIRST ONE SINCE OUR FIRE!)

ALL WELCOME- NO CHARGE

RIGHT AFTER THE LITURGY---FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, GAMES

MANY THANKS TO OUR HOSTS, THE BROTHERHOOD CLUB

TEENS----Your help will be appreciated after liturgy today moving some items from the "old vestry" room in the hall to the storage shed. *Thank you!*

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2021
TONE 7 / EOTHINON 8; FEAST OF THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS

VERSES OF THE FIRST ANTIPHON

Shout with jubilation unto the Lord, all the earth. O give thanks unto the Lord and call upon His Name.

In the city of our God, in His holy mountain, and His place hath been made in peace, and His dwelling in Zion.

Glory... Both now...

VERSES OF THE SECOND ANTIPHON (Normal Sunday Refrain)

The Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwelling of Jacob. Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God.

God hath laid her foundations unto eternity. We have thought, O God, of Thy mercy in the midst of Thy people.

The Most-high hath hallowed His tabernacle.

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

THE THIRD ANTIPHON

Ready is my heart, O God, ready is my heart; I will sing and chant in my glory. What shall I render to the Lord for all that He hath given me? I will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord. *(now sing the Apolytikion of the Dormition)*

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SEVEN (p. 15)

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF THE DORMITION IN TONE ONE

In giving birth, thou didst preserve thy virginity; in thy Dormition, thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos. Thou wast translated unto life, since thou art the Mother of Life; and by thine intercessions dost thou redeem our souls from death.

KONTAKION OF THE DORMITION IN TONE TWO

The grave and death could not hold the Theotokos, who is unsleeping in her intercessions and an unfailing hope in her mediations. For as the Mother of Life she was translated to life by Him Who dwelt within her ever-Virgin womb.

THE EPISTLE

*My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For He hath regarded the humility of His servant.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Philippians. (2:5-11)

Brethren, let this mind be in you, which is also in Christ Jesus; who, being in the form of God, did not think it robbery to be equal with God, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, becoming Himself in the likeness of men; and being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, becoming obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross. For this cause also God highly exalted Him, and gave Him a Name which is above every name; that in the Name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those who are in heaven, and those who are on earth, and those who are under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (10:38-42; 11:27-28)

At that time, Jesus entered a certain village; and a woman named Martha received Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to His teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving; and she went to Him and said, "Lord, dost Thou not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her." As He said this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore Thee, and the breasts that Thou didst suck!" But He said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

MEGALYNARION OF THE FEAST IN TONE ONE

*All generations now extol thee and pronounce thee blessed, O only Theotokos.
O Virgin pure, in thee the bounds of nature have been cast down and overthrown. For thy childbirth was virgin, and at thy death has death been betrothed to life. Thou after childbirth art virgin, and after dying art living. Mother of God, do thou ever preserve thine inheritance.*

KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) OF THE FEAST (Psalm 115 (116))

I will take the cup of salvation, and I will call upon the Name of the Lord. Alleluia.

Post-Communion Hymn: "We have seen the true light."