

**ALL AGE INSTRUMENTAL RECITAL
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3
6:00 P.M.**

**at
ST. MATTHEW ORTHODOX CHURCH**

*Anyone who plays a musical instrument is
Welcome to sign up*

If you wish to take part, please contact Bonnie Harmon 216-258-4837
or Lisa Amer 216-415-9126 before September 26.

SAINT OF THE DAY:

THE HOLY MARTYR BISHOP AUTONOMUS

St. Autonomus was a traveling missionary bishop in Italy in the early 300's A.D. When one of the great waves of persecution during those years broke out, he went to Asia Minor (now Turkey) and continued doing evangelistic preaching as well as encouraging the persecuted Christians. After some time, some of the local pagans broke into a house where he was praying at an altar in a chapel in that house. They killed him on the spot. His martyrdom took place on September 12, exact year uncertain.

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT FOR BRINGING KIDS TO CHURCH:

Come to Sunday School! Sunday School is an important time for children to build connections and common ground with one another. It's a time for praying, learning, teaching, and building relationships together, which ultimately helps kids stay connected to the church.

As a family, memorize the Sunday School Verse of the year:

Matthew 18:3 "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven."

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

10383 Albion Rd, North Royalton, OH

September 12, 2021

Sunday Before the Elevation of the Cross

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
Sub-Deacon Fred N. Bourjaily • Sub-Deacon Mark Katzbach
Sub-Deacon Richard Sahley • Sub-Deacon George Simon
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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

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021
TONE 3 / EOTHINON 1

SUNDAY BEFORE THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Leave-taking of the Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos
Hieromartyrs Autonomos of Italy and Coronatos of Iconium; Venerable Daniel of Thasios

Today we will use alternate musical settings for the following hymns:

- First Antiphon: *Alt. #2 (p. 4)*
- Second Antiphon and "Only-Begotten Son": *Alt. #2 (p. 7)*
- Entrance Hymn "Come let us worship": *Alt. #2 (p. 10)*
- Trisagion Hymn: *Alt. #1 (p. 20)*

VERSES OF THE FIRST ANTIPHON

Remember, O Lord, David and all his meekness. Lo, we have heard it at Ephratha. We have found it in the plains of the wood.

Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be shaken; God shall help her right early in the morning.

Glory... Both now...

VERSES OF THE SECOND ANTIPHON (Normal Sunday refrain)

The Lord hath sworn in truth unto David; and He will not annul it. Of the fruit of thy loins will I set upon thy throne.

There will I make to spring forth a horn for David. I have prepared a lamp for My Christ.

For the Lord hath elected Zion; He hath chosen her to be a habitation for Himself.

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

THE THIRD ANTIPHON

Here will I dwell, for I have chosen her. The Most High hath hallowed His tabernacle. Holy is Thy temple, wonderful in righteousness. *(now sing the Apolytikion of the Nativity)*

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE THREE (p. 12)

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 THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR

Thy nativity, O Theotokos, hath proclaimed joy to the whole world; for from thee hath dawned the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, annulling the curse and bestowing the blessing, abolishing death and granting us life everlasting.



Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest

Fall Gathering 2021

Hosted by St. James Antiochian Orthodox Church
6577 Branch Hill Miamiville Rd, Loveland, Ohio 45140

October 21-22: Clergy Retreat
October 22-24: Fall Gathering YAM, SOYO & Antiochian Women



PLC June 2019

Hotel Information

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DoubleTree Suites by Hilton Hotel, Cincinnati - Blue Ash

Address: 6300 E Kemper Rd, Sharonville, OH 45241
Phone: (513) 489-3636

All of rooms are two room suites. Every suite has a double sized sleeper sofa in the living room area, a microwave, a small refrigerator and an in-room safe. Group Code: JAO

Copy or Click on the link below for Reservations
https://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/C/CVGRDT-JAO-20211021/index.html?WT.mc_id=POG

Registration Information

Registration fee is \$50. For clergy retreat and fall gathering -this includes dinner on Friday, breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday and a farewell lunch on Sunday

Click here to register <https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/3957214>

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.

KONTAKION OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR

Joachim and Anna were freed from the reproach of childlessness, and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death, O immaculate one, by thy holy Nativity, which thy people, redeemed from the guilt of offenses, celebrate by crying to thee: The barren woman giveth birth to the Theotokos, the nourisher of our life.

THE EPISTLE (For the Sunday before the Elevation of the Holy Cross)

*O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.
Unto Thee, O Lord, will I cry, O my God.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (6:11-18)

Brethren, see how large a letter I have written to you with my own hand. As many as desire to make a fair show in the flesh, they compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not be persecuted for the Cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised do themselves keep the Law; but they desire to have you circumcised, that they may boast in your flesh. But God forbid that I should boast, except in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through Whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus, neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. Henceforth, let no one trouble me; for I bear in my body the brand-marks of the Lord Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

THE GOSPEL (For the Sunday before the Elevation of the Holy Cross)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (3:13-17)

The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but He who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent His Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him."

MEGALYNARION OF THE FEAST IN TONE EIGHT

Virginitly is alien to mothers, and childbirth is foreign to virgins; in thee, O Theotokos, both were granted. Wherefore, all we the tribes of the earth call thee blessed unceasingly.

KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) OF THE FEAST

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



Theotokos of Vladimir

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

*"Make new friends but keep the old.
One is silver, the other gold."*

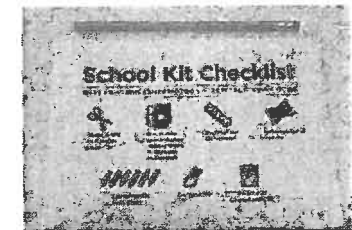
**Saturday, September 18, 2021
10:00 A.M.**

**St. Matthew the Evangelist Church
10383 Albion Road
North Royalton, OH 44133**

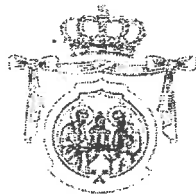
**BLESSINGS FOR THE NEW CHURCH YEAR
59th anniversary year**



- Welcome to new members and visitors
- Fellowship and refreshments
- Fall Fundraiser discussion
- IOCC School Kit Service Project



His Eminence
The Most Reverend
Metropolitan JOSEPH



Archbishop of New York and
Metropolitan of
All North America

ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
OF NORTH AMERICA

September 7, 2021

Dear Reverend Clergy and Esteemed Members of our Parish Councils,

Grace and peace to you in the Name of Christ Jesus our Lord!

We have all watched with concern and sadness as Hurricane Ida cut a path of destruction across our land. From the pounding winds and rain of its landfall in Louisiana to the recent flooding in New York and New Jersey, this storm has led to much suffering. Homes and businesses have been damaged, and lives have been tragically cut short. Let us all pray fervently to our good and saving God for the affected families and communities, that they might "find hope under His wings" (Ps. 90:4).

The Apostle John, the beloved disciple, exhorts us: "If anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or speech but in deed and in truth" (1 John 3:17-18). It is incumbent upon us as servants of God, who "is love" (1 John 4:8), to demonstrate love in a practical way to those who are suffering.

This duty is all the more pressing when those suffering are part of our spiritual family, our brothers and sisters in the Orthodox faith, members of our Archdiocese. We have received word that our parish in Metairie (New Orleans) has sustained some damage and that some of its parishioners have even lost their homes. Therefore, I call upon all our parishes to take a special collection for those who have suffered losses from this storm. Once you have had a chance to collect all donations, please forward one check from your parish to the Archdiocese (memo: "Hurricane Relief")—in any event, no later than end of this month. All donations will go directly to those in need.

Asking God's blessings upon your generosity and His preservation of you and your families, I remain prayerfully,

Your Father in Christ,

+JOSEPH

Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

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

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UPCOMING SERVICES

THE FEAST OF THE ELEVATION OF THE CROSS IS TUESDAY, SEPT. 14. Our schedule:
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13—Deacon Vespers, 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14—Deacon Matins, 9 a.m.; Liturgy with Cross Procession, 10 a.m. If you wish to donate flowers for the cross ceremony, speak with Subdeacon Richard Sahley. Potluck lunch? We can have one if someone volunteers to be the coordinator—contact Father Andrew to volunteer. *September 14 is a very strict one-day fast as we remember our Lord's crucifixion.*

SAT, SEPT 18- Vespers 5pm

SUN, SEPT 19- Matins 8:50am, and Divine Liturgy, 10am. The Holy Bread of Oblation will be offered by Ron & Georgette Dye on their 48th wedding anniversary; and will be offered by Daniel Marcella for his wife, Maria, and his grandsons Zack, Emma, & Brian and in memory of his brother, Christian; and will be offered by Cindy George in memory of her friend, Jeff Frank. Also, Cindy George is offering the 40 day memorial for Jeff Frank. ---SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES AFTER LITURGY

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.

NORTH BIBLE STUDY---Thurs, Sept 16, 6:30pm at the Parkers', 1350 Elmwood Court, Rocky River. Studying the book of Isaiah.

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP—Fri, Sept 17, 1pm at Tara Reidy's, 274 Elmwood, Berea. For more info, call Sandy Tolbert, 440-773-9162.

SOUTH BIBLE STUDY--- Tues, Sept 21 at 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.

TEEN MEETING---Sept 26 after liturgy, discussion time with Fr. Andrew

WEST BIBLE STUDY--- Sat, Oct 9, 6pm (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.

Thank you to all who helped in cleaning out and preparing the classrooms for the start of the Sunday School year. It was greatly appreciated and they look amazing! Al and Susan Blazek for organizing the teens, the teens for moving storage items to the shed, Patrick Allen for cleaning and organizing, Deacon Basil for hanging white boards and icons, Larry Malaniak for picking up and putting together furniture, Craig George for putting together a table and moving liturgical items, Joanne Vazquez for organizing and decorating, Dave Glaser and Jack Palivoda for moving furniture, Lisa Palivoda for organizing and helping with preparation of materials as well as ordering of supplies. Let's all do our part in keeping the rooms cleaned and organized!

MINISTRY NEWS

ST. HERMAN'S MINISTRY TEAM— SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, IS OUR MONTHLY TURN TO SERVE A MEAL TO THE POOR AT St. Herman Orthodox Homeless Shelter. Can you help by donating for the food, or preparing the meal, or helping serve the meal? If so, contact Deacon Basil at 440-665-3591.

OUR PARISH'S MINISTRY OF DELIVERY OF FOOD, CLOTHING, ETC. TO THE HOMELESS ON THE STREETS OF CLEVELAND will resume Sun, Oct 3.

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

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.

MISSION TO HELP THE POOR---is being led by parishioner John Scordos and will culminate on Saturday, October 2 with the distribution to the needy in inner-city Cleveland of food, clothing, gift cards, etc. Please donate generously to this good work! To donate, contact John at 216-618-8007 or joninchrist888@gmail.com Contact him to volunteer to help with preparation, distribution, etc.

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

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

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williamr2002@orthodox.net or 440-665-3591*

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-?** (Come for as long as you can) 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, kitchen cleaning, 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, step ladders, dusters.

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

CEMETERY PLOTS---A few couples from St. Matthew's are buying grave plots at the Monastery Marcha Monastery Cemetery in Richfield Township on Broadview Road. If you are interested in joining us in having a St. Matthew's section there, please contact Khourie Bonnie, 440-826-0662 bonniewharmon@gmail.com

UPDATED: A WEEKEND WITH BISHOP ANTHONY

Our diocesan bishop, His Grace Bishop ANTHONY, will be with us the entire weekend of November 14. Details not yet known but please keep the weekend open so you can participate.

ST VLADIMIR'S SEMINARY COMES TO CLEVELAND!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2021 REGISTER FREE

ORTHODOXY & EVANGELISM

Educational Event & Book Launch

Also Featuring:

VERY REV. DR CHAD HATFIELD | President, St Vladimir's Seminary

VERY REV. DR ERIC TOSI | Chair, Commission on Missions & Evangelism
(OCA Diocese of NY/NJ)

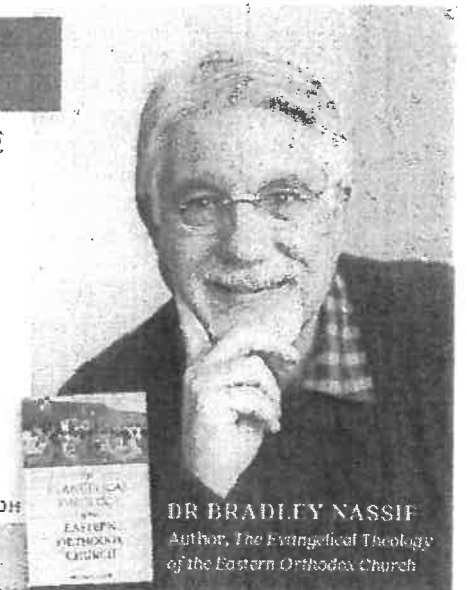
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