

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

10383 Albion Rd, North Royalton, OH

September 29, 2024

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

His Eminence Metropolitan SABA

Archbishop of New York and Antiochian Metropolitan of all North America

Rt. Rev. Archimandrite Jeremy Davis

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Saturday Vespers 5:00 PM; Confessions after Saturday Vespers or by appointment

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 Kh. Bonnie for the health & salvation of Fr. Andrew on his 71st birthday; and by the Amer family for the health & salvation of Juliana on her birthday; and by Sam Snyder for the health & salvation of his mom, Cathy, on her birthday; and by Dave & Rudylin Glaser in memory of Rudylin's aunt, Anecita (Annie) Gomos (40 days); and by the Burhen family for the health & salvation of Charles, Charles, Janette, and the Burhen family, and in memory of Richard (Tony) Burhen (40 days).

During today's liturgy we will pray for our catechumens:

Charles Bossart, Dean Albashani, Zachary Beltz, Nizam Jawhari

And for the health & safety of:

Justin Mosier	Nancy Yanik	Father John Henry	Ann Ghianni
Lucy Kinkaid	Julie Dunn	Charles & Judy Burhen	Don Ambrose
Marc Balke	Ed Haddad	Constantine & Maria Kornea	Tony Branson
Christopher Samuel	Jean Fadil	Sara Scordos & baby	Jemma Whorley
Peter George	Victoria Thorp	George & Christine Simon	Metropolitan LONGIN
Pauline Hanna	Argie Katsaros	Michael & Marilyn Francu	Sharon Mack
Frank Popovich	Theodore Bunevich	Tamara Derosset	Craig George
Issa Zaboura	Donald Glaser	Dana	Christian
Corrine George	Mary Violanti	Charlotte Shaheen	Susan Joseph
James Padzerski	Jerry Morrison	Jared Johnston	Yun-Zoe Harmon
Josephine Katzbach	Danielle	Christina Bossart	Alfred & Rita Blazek
Elias Karam	Roy	Olivia Harmon & baby	Judy Yanik
Fr. Don Shadid	Sasha Zdinak	Tatiana Santiago	

And for the newly departed servants of God: Noble Trenham (Fr. Josiah's father), Josef Pabwajlo, Tom Thomas (Gail Malaniak's uncle), Christos Yannaras, Dmitry, John Zerilla (Larry Malaniak's uncle)

EPISTLE LESSON: II Corinthians 1:21-2:4

EPISTLE READER: Reader Anthony Harmon

GOSEL LESSON: Luke 6:31-36

HOMILY: Fr. Fred: "In the Valley"

USHERS: Jay Amer & Anthony Yanik

ALTAR BOY TEAM 2—Samir Amer, captain; Sebastian Blazek, Miles Hunter, Isaac Kash

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES TODAY FOR CHILDREN AGES 3.5-19! Students and teachers will be first in line for communion & will go directly to their classrooms after they receive communion.

The 40-day memorial service will be offered for Richard (Tony) Burhen by his family and for Anecita (Annie) Gomos by her niece, Rudylin Glaser.

PLEASE STAY FOR COFFEETIME TODAY AFTER LITURGY!

Thank you to the women of the St. Matthew Antiochian Women's Sisterhood for hosting today!

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

TONE 5 / EOTHINON 3

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & SECOND SUNDAY OF LUKE

Venerable Kyriakos the hermit of Palestine

Martyr Petronia and those with her in Palestine; Mother Mary the hermit of Palestine

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FIVE (p. 13)

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

APOLYTIKION FOR ST. KYRIAKOS OF PALESTINE IN TONE ONE

Thou didst prove to be a citizen of the desert, an angel in the flesh, and a wonderworker, O Kyriakos, our God-bearing Father. By fasting, vigil, and prayer thou didst obtain heavenly gifts, and thou healest the sick and the souls of them that have recourse to thee with faith. Glory to Him that hath given thee strength; glory to Him that hath crowned thee; glory to Him that worketh healings for all through 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 the Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

Thou, O Lord, wilt keep and preserve us. Save me, O Lord, for the godly man has failed.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (1:21-2:4)

Brethren, it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has commissioned us; He has put his seal upon us and given us His Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. But I call God to witness against me—it was to spare you that I refrained from coming to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith; we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith. For I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit. For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? And I wrote as I did, so that when I came I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice, for I felt sure of all of you, that my joy would be the joy of you all. For I wrote you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

THE GOSPEL (For the Second Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (6:31-36)

The Lord said: “As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.”

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sat, Oct 5 5pm *Great Vespers*

Sun, Oct 6 8:50am *Orthros*, 10am *Divine Liturgy*; The Holy Bread of Oblation will be offered by Livia Dinu in memory of her brother, Dan Miah (8 years) on his birthday.

MEETINGS

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY— Next date to be announced. Meets monthly. Studying the Gospel of St. Mark. Bible, fellowship, food.....For more info, contact: Subdeacon Samuel Harmon, 216-598-9230, samuelharmon15@gmail.com or Colton Bose, 440-567-6101

SOUTH BIBLE STUDY--- Tuesday, Oct 1, 6:30pm at Craig & Cindy George's, house---4414 Brookhaven Drive, North Royalton. Meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. Studying the Servant Songs in book of Isaiah---all are welcome!

WEST BIBLE STUDY---will resume on Oct 19 at 6pm. They meet monthly at the church after Sat Vespers. They are studying the Book of Revelation. All are welcome!

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP—Next meeting to be announced, 10:30 am at Tara Reidy's house (274 Elmwood Dr., Berea, OH 44017) For info, call Sandy Tolbert, [440-773-9162](tel:440-773-9162).

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN'S SISTERHOOD—Meeting Oct 6 after liturgy in the board room.

TODDLER STORY TIME AND HOMESCHOOL ENRICHMENT GROUP--- Meets from 9:30-noon on Fridays for infants through Elementary. Contact Olivia Harmon for more information: oharmon15@gmail.com

TEEN CLUB— Oct 5 trip to Pittsburgh. Deacon Basil will take a group of teens to visit St. Moses the Black Antiochian Orthodox Church and work with FOCUS Pittsburgh.

PATHWAYS TO PEACE- Sept 23 at 7pm in the church conference room. The meetings will be held monthly on the fourth Monday of each month. “A gathering place of Orthodox Christians who seek to live in the fullness of life as promised by Jesus Christ.” Contact Deacon Basil for more information: 440-665-3591

MINISTRY NEWS

STREET DELIVERY TO THE HOMELESS----- Oct 20. One Sunday a month 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. Herman's Homeless Shelter this month.

MEAL SERVING AT ST. HERMAN ORTHODOX HOMELESS SHELTER Oct 20 is our next monthly date to 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---in conjunction with the national Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry. It is possible to help with prison ministry even without ever going inside a prison. *A big focus right now is writing letters to prisoners.* For more info, contact our local 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 Fred.*

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!

PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE- Do you have pictures or announcements you'd like to share on our public Facebook page? Contact Steve Morgan at (330) 524-0214, stevemorgx@pm.me or message the account directly.

FLOWER DONATIONS: If you would like to donate to the parish flower fund to decorate our church for one of our many feast days, please contact Lisa Amer 216-415-9126 or lisa.amer@att.net

A REMINDER: *Do not leave any items to give away without permission from a Hall Committee Member:* **Electra Floasiu** [216-671-0743](tel:216-671-0743) **Gail Malaniak** [440-552-4586](tel:440-552-4586)

SISTERHOOD MEMBERSHIP
DRIVE 2024-25

To all the Ladies of St. Matthew..... Please join us!!

September is our annual Membership Drive for 2025!! We would love for you all to become a member of the St. Matthew Antiochian Women's Sisterhood. The Membership Drive will be held every Sunday in September and the yearly dues donation is \$5.00 per year.

Being a member of our organization promote's fellowship among our Ladies and helps our church in many different ways through our fundraisers. Plus, we love to see new faces and listen to new ideas!! You can give your \$5.00 to Electra Floasiu, (Membership Chairman) Camille Patrick, (Treasurer) or Georgette Dye, (President) and we will put your name on our roster along with your email address so you can receive reminder emails of all our meetings and activities. We would also LOVE to see some new faces at our meetings which are held almost monthly on a Sunday after Liturgy. Please consider joining!! It's a great way to see how we plan and put on our activities and fundraisers!! If you have any questions at all, please let us know!!

Thank you!!!

Electra, Camille and Georgette

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.

UPCOMING VISIT FROM OUR ARCHBISHOPAL VICAR

Following the transfer of Bishop Anthony to the Diocese of Los Angeles and the West, Metropolitan Saba appointed Rt. Rev. Archimandrite Jeremy Davis as the Archbishopal Vicar to administer the affairs of the Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest.

In this new role Fr. Jeremy will be visiting our parish October 11-13. Saturday morning will be a get to know each other time along with his comments on the vision of our Archdiocese and Orthodoxy in general. This will be an opportunity to ask any questions you may have. In the afternoon he will be speaking on Death and the Afterlife.

There will be a complimentary continental breakfast and light lunch. Please plan to attend and please respond to Craig George so we can plan accordingly for the food. His email address is craig427@outlook.com.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOOP:

Today Regular classes

10/6 Shortened Class followed by choir practice

10/13 No class- Vicar Visit (choir practice after liturgy)

10/20 Shortened class followed by choir practice

10/27 Choir sings in church (then regular class)

If you are interested in leading the children's Christmas program, please see Dawn Heatwole.

Also, the Sunday School is looking for new or gently used items for our new sensory area. Acceptable items include balls of any size, squishy toys, fidgets, beads, popping toys, etc. Small soft chairs or loveseat and small lamps also needed. No play doh or sand. Thank you!

This year's theme verse: "Behold the maidservant of the Lord. Let it be to me according to your word." (Luke 1:38)



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

Theotokos of Vladimir

**Thursday, October 10, 2024
Annual Fundraising Dinner**

- All proceeds will go to St. Theodosius Cathedral (rebuilding fund)



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

- Doors open at 6:00 PM / Dinner at 7:00 PM
 - Enjoy appetizers at social hour with friends and family – **All invited**
 - Homemade dinner
 - Delicious Pastries
 - Auction Gift Baskets
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- Tickets: Adults - \$20 / Children 6-12 \$10 / Under 6 – FREE
 - For tickets, see Parish Representatives Gloria Zabala
○ or Helen Beverly (440-212-5545)
 - Reservations must be made by Tuesday, October 1, 2024

October 18-20, 2024

Clergy: October 17-19



Midwest Diocese
FAMILY FALL
Gathering

ST. NICHOLAS - GRAND RAPIDS, MI

Welcoming our new Archbishop Vicar, Archimandrite Jeremy Davis

Clergy Synaxis

John Maddex - "Difficult Conversations"

- Complimentary Outing for Clergy Wives & kids to Frederik Meijer Gardens

Family Fall Gathering

Speaker: Dn. Gabriel Otte - "Stillness in the Storm: Orthodoxy on Conquering Anxiety"

- Live Music & Pizza Party
- Activities for Teens & Youth
- Offsite Teen Service Project
- Midwest Diocese Information
- "Best Practice" Round Table Breakouts
- Cookout with Trivia & Game Night
- Young Adult Pickleball

"Best Practice" Round Table Breakouts

*SHARE IDEAS FROM YOUR PARISH
& LEARN FROM OTHERS IN THE MIDWEST!*

- Priest & Parish Council - Working Towards a Higher Partnership
- Motivating Parish Stewards in the 21st Century
- Surfing the Wave - Evangelism & Welcoming Visitors
- Works of Mercy - Connecting Parishioners to the Least of the Brethren
- Guiding Them In - Organizing a Catechesis Program for Your Parish
- Building a Men's Ministry

St. Paul Ladies Philoptochos Society

Autumn

• CRAFT FAIR •

Saturday, October 12, 2024

9am-4pm, Cash Entry \$2

St. Paul Hellenic Center
4548 Wallings Road
North Royalton, Ohio 44133

*A variety of unique
vendors and artisans!*

Authentic Greek Food, Pastries, and Other Treats!

Indoor Event!

**Proceeds to benefit
St. Paul Ladies Philoptochos Society Charities**

St. Paul Greek Orthodox Church
North Royalton, Ohio

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.

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Sunday	22			
Monday	23			
Tuesday	24			
Wednesday	25			
Thursday	26			
Friday	27	Homeschool Enrichment 9-1		
Saturday	28			
Sunday	29			
Monday	30			
Tuesday	31			

		October 2024		
		Morning	Afternoon	Evening
uesday	1			
vednesday	2			
hursday	3			
riday	4	Homeschool Enrichment 9-1		
aturday	5			
unday	6			
onday	7			
uesday	8			
vednesday	9			
hursday	10			
riday	11	Homeschool Enrichment 9-1		
aturday	12			
unday	13			
onday	14			
uesday	15			
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hursday	17			
riday	18	Homeschool Enrichment 9-1		

St Matthew Church can now accept donations online:

<https://giving.servantkeeper.com/stmatthewchurch>



Saint Matthew now has a YouTube channel! Please subscribe to stay on top of our videos

<https://m.youtube.com/@saintmattheworthodoxchurch>

Additionally, you can subscribe to Fr. Fred's own YouTube channel, *A Light to the Nations* <https://tinyurl.com/ALight2> and his podcast is available to listen to on multiple platforms <https://tinyurl.com/ALightpodcast>

