

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

10383 Albion Rd, North Royalton, OH

September 19, 2021

Sunday After 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

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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

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 Ron & Georgette Dye in thanksgiving to God on their 48th wedding anniversary; and is offered by Daniel Simescu for the health & salvation of his wife, Maria, for his grandchildren, Zack, Emma, & Brian, and in beloved memory of his brother, Cristian; and is offered by Cindy George in beloved memory of Jeff Frank.

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

Josephine Katzbach	Lena Batina	Claire
Justin Mosier	Jean Caldaroni	Iliana Radivoj
Tony Burhen	Paraschiva Blaz	Jeffrey Cignisko
Lucy Kinkaid	Phyllis Simmons	Aurela Jay
Marc Balke	Nancy Yanik	Alexandra Frone
Christopher Samuel	Dolores Kaleal	Jeb Brooks
Peter George	William	Robbie Betor
Pauline Hanna	Catherine Morton	Penny Sent
Frank Popovich	Ron & Donna Teaman	Gary Gasbarro
Issa Zaboura	Jerry Morrision	Rhonda
Argie Katsaros	Danielle	Harold Brekke
Alex Mardini	Nell	Youssef Rizk
Archdeacon Joseph Harb	Subdeacon George Simon	
Gabriel	Robert & Adrienne Andrews	
Joseph Watson	Father John Loejos	

And for the newly departed servants of God:

Betty Theobald (Mike Musarra's grandmother), Darlene Schwenk (friend of Judy Yanik), Khourie Helen Ashie, Ted Geletka, Stan (Florentina Popa's uncle)

EPISTLE LESSON: Galatians 2:16-20

EPISTLE READER: Reader Anthony Harmon

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 8:34-9:1

HOMILY: "Taking Up A Cross"

USHERS: Pam Stephanoff & Gail Malaniak

MEMORIAL SERVICE---Cindy George is offering the 40 day memorial service for the departed servant of God, Jeff Frank.

Please stay for coffeetime right after the liturgy!

It is being hosted by Group G: Electra Floasiu, Marcella Simescu, Dijana & Kosta Bokjanc, Florentina Popa, Dorel Radivoj, & Eleni Indries---thank you!

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS TODAY! Children will be dismissed at the end of liturgy, right before the announcements.

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

TONE 4 / EOTHINON 2

SUNDAY AFTER THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Martyrs Trophimos, Dorymedon and Savvatos;
Hieromartyr Januaros of Benevento and his companions

VERSES OF THE FIRST ANTIPHON (*Normal Refrain*)

O God, my God, attend to me; why hast Thou forsaken me? Far from my salvation are the words of my transgressions.

My God, I will cry by day, and wilt Thou not hearken? And by night, and it shall not be unto folly for me. But as for Thee, Thou dwellest in the sanctuary, O Praise of Israel.

Glory... Both now...

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

O God, why hast Thou cast us off unto the end? Remember Thy congregation which Thou hast purchased from the beginning.



This is Mount Zion wherein Thou hast dwelt. (*Refrain*)

God is our King before the ages. He hath wrought salvation in the midst of the earth. (*Refrain*)

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

THE THIRD ANTIPHON

The Lord reigneth, let the people rage; He sitteth upon the cherubim, let the earth be shaken. The Lord is great in Zion; and He is high above all peoples. Let them confess Thy great Name, for it is terrible and holy. (*now sing the Apolytikion of the Holy Cross*)

THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF ORDINARY SUNDAYS

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FOUR (p. 13)

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS IN TONE ONE

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, and to Thy faithful rulers grant victory over the barbarians. And by the power of Thy Cross, protect all those who follow 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.

KONTAKION OF THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS IN TONE FOUR

*(**The Original Melody**)*

Thou Who wast raised up on the Cross of Thine own will, O Christ our God, do Thou bestow Thy compassions upon this, Thy new commonwealth named after Thee. Gladden with Thy sovereign might our most Orthodox hierarchs, and vouchsafe them victory over every false teaching; and as Thy help in war may they possess the weapon of peace, the trophy invincible.

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

How magnified are Thy works, O Lord. In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (2:16-20)

Brethren, knowing that a person is not justified by the works of the Law, but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by the works of the Law; for by the works of the Law shall no flesh be justified. But if, while we sought to be justified in Christ, we ourselves also were found sinners, is Christ then a minister of sin? God forbid! For if I build up again those things which I destroyed, I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself up for me.

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

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (8:34-9:1)

The Lord said, "If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake and the Gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And He said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Kingdom of God come with power."

UPCOMING SERVICES

SAT, SEPT 18- Vespers 4pm. Please note the earlier time than usual.

SUN, SEPT 19- Matins 8:50am, and Divine Liturgy, 10am. The Holy Bread of Oblation will be offered by the Amers for Jay & Julianna's birthday; and will be offered by Father Andrew & Khourie Bonnie for Samuel Harmon & Anna Davydyuk on their wedding day.

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, 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."

NORTH BIBLE STUDY---September meeting has already taken place. October date to be announced. Meets monthly at the Parkers', 1350 Elmwood Court, Rocky River. Studying the book of Isaiah.

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP---September meeting has already taken place. October date to be announced. Meets monthly at Tara Reidy's, 274 Elmwood, Berea. For more info, call Sandy Tolbert, 440-773-9162.

MINISTRY NEWS

ST. HERMAN'S MINISTRY TEAM— TODAY IS OUR MONTHLY TURN TO SERVE THE EVENING MEAL TO THE POOR AT St. Herman Orthodox Homeless Shelter. If YOU CAN HELP, PLEASE SEE DEACON BASIL AFTER LITURGY.

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!

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

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

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

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.

If you have left any personal items at church, please remove them before the cleaning day. Please check the coat rack before your items disappear on Sat, Oct 2!

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, has changed the date of his fall visit to St. Matthew's to the entire weekend of November 14. Our parish Name Day will be celebrated while he is here. More details soon, but please keep the weekend open so you can participate.

Dear Church Family,

I thank you for your prayers, cards and emails. Cancer is a wicked foe. But thanks be to God, by your prayers, my post surgical pathology report showed no lymph node involvement. They think they removed it all in my 9 hour surgery. It has been a great encouragement to hear from some of you and to know that the church and it's members are praying for me.

I give thanks to God for healing and His great blessing in waking me up and reminding me to be prepared for the Bridegroom. I pray that He will find me watching and worthy.

Catherine Fuller-Morton

**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)

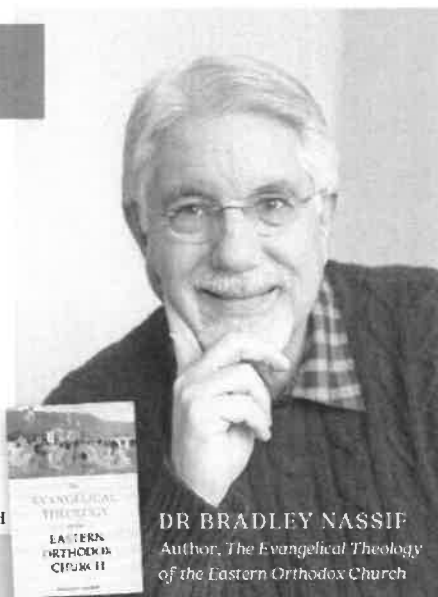
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DR BRADLEY NASSIF
Author, *The Evangelical Theology
of the Eastern Orthodox Church*

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



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

\$109/nt

**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 reservation:

https://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/C/CVGKRDT-JAO-20211021/index.jhtml?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>

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 MARTYRS TROPHIMUS, SABBATIUS, & DORYMEDON

During the reign of Roman Emperor Probus, 276-282 A.D., two Christians, Trophimus & Sabbatius, were arrested for refusing to take part in a pagan festival dedicated to the god Apollo. They were tortured in an attempt to get them to deny Christ and worship Apollo. They refused to give in—Sabbatius died from the tortures. A Roman government official named Dorymedon had recently secretly become a Christian. When he heard about Trophimus' sufferings in jail, he went to help him, thus revealing himself as actually a Christian, too. This led to his arrest---both Dorymedon and Trophimus were executed on September 19, exact year unknown.

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT FOR BRINGING KIDS TO CHURCH:

Bring quiet toys or books only if necessary. Books and quiet worship bags are available for children to borrow from the angel room. (Please accompany your child to select items and return items to their proper place.)

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."
