

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

10383 Albion Rd, North Royalton, OH

June 9, 2024

Sunday of the Blind Man

His Eminence Metropolitan SABA
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 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 Dan & Camille Patrick in memory of Camille's grandfather, Father Economos Elias Meena, and of Dan's father, Dan Patrick; and is offered by Livia Dinu in memory of her mother, Emilia (5 years), and her grandmother, Maria (22 years); and is offered by Jay and Lisa Amer for the health & salvation of their goddaughter, Jaylie Gribble, on her Saint Day; and is offered by Maria Simescu for the health & salvation of her brothers Ioan and Mikhael.

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

Justin Mosier	Mary Malaniak	James Padzerski	Nancy Brown
Tony Burhen	Julie Dunn	Jerry Morrison	Mary Violanti
Lucy Kinkaid	Ed Haddad	Father Basil Caldaroni	Elias Karam
Marc Balke	Michael Francu	Charles & Judy Burhen	Dana
Christopher Samuel	Jean Fadil	Constantine & Maria Kornea	Charlotte Shaheen
Peter George	Victoria Thorp	Deacon Macarius Tolbert	Denny Hicks
Pauline Hanna	Paraschiva Blaz	Sara Scordos and baby	Margot Wood
Frank Popovich	Donald Glaser	Ginger DeFilippo	
Issa Zaboura	Josephine Katzbach	Uva & Harold Tolbert, Sr.	
Argie Katsaros	Father John Henry	George & Christine Simon	
Theodore Bunevich	Corrine George	Jeff Joseph	
Nancy Yanik	Danielle	Father James Bernstein	

And for the newly departed servants of God: Julian Wood (cousin of Jack Aude), Dolores Kaleal, Archpriest Elias Ziton (St. George Church, Pheonix), Abbot Archpriest Agapit, Eleanor Katzbach, Thomas Abdow, George N. Nassar, John Schweitzer

EPISTLE LESSON: Acts 16:16-34 **EPISTLE READER:** Reader Anthony Harmon

GOSPEL LESSON: John 9:1-38 **USHERS:** Dave & Rudilyn Glaser **GREETER:** Cindy George

HOMILY: "Trying To Figure Out Why People Suffer"

ALTAR BOY TEAM 1— Caleb Blazek, captain; Christos Allen, Cosby Hunter, Phillip Roach

THE CHILDREN & TEENS LEAVING NEXT SUNDAY FOR THE FIRST SESSION OF OUR ANTIOCHIAN VILLAGE CHURCH CAMP WILL RECEIVE A BLESSING AT THE END OF TODAY'S LITURGY---THEY ARE: Samir Amer, Ana Blazek, Xavier Blazek, Anthony Esper, Cosby Hunter, Rowan McKinney, Brooke Musarra, and Gianna Musarra.

COFFEETIME RIGHT AFTER LITURGY TODAY—PLEASE STAY!

Thank you, Coffeetime Host Group T (Jack & Lisa Palivoda, group leaders; R. J. Cook; Shadi Zogheib, Steven Morgan, Michael Palmer, & Gregory Tolbert)! It is a **Pancake Breakfast Community Meal!** Unlike other Sundays (when there is no free-will offering basket) there will be one today—if you're unable to give, please eat anyway. If you are able to give something in the basket, it will go to provide coffeetime supplies for the parish.

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2024

Tone 5 / Eothinon 8; Sixth Sunday of Pascha: Sunday of the Blind Man
Cyril, archbishop of Alexandria; Pelagia and the three Virgin-martyrs of Chios

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 THE FEAST

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 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 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.

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.

Today we will use an alternate musical setting for the following hymn:

- Trisagion Hymn: Alt. #1 (p. 20)

THE EPISTLE

*Thou, O Lord, shalt keep us and preserve us.
Save me, O Lord, for the godly man is no more.*

The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (16:16-34)

In those days, while we the apostles were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination, who brought her masters much gain by soothsaying. She followed Paul and us, and cried out saying: "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation." And she did this for many days. But Paul was annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit: "I charge you in the Name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her masters saw that the hope of their gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the rulers; and when they had brought them to the magistrates, they said: "These men are disturbing our city, and they, being Jews, are setting forth customs which are not lawful for us to receive or observe, since we are Romans." The multitude then rose up together against them, and the magistrates tore their garments off them, and commanded to beat them with rods. And when they had inflicted many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely. Having received such a charge, he cast them into the inner prison, and fastened their feet in the stocks. But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and every one's fetters were unfastened. And the jailer, being roused out of sleep and seeing the prison doors open, drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried out with a loud voice saying: "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." And he called for lights and rushed in, and fell down before Paul and Silas trembling with fear, and brought them out and said: "Masters, what must I do to be saved?" And they said: "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him, and to all who were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes, and was baptized, he and his entire household. Then he brought them up into his house, and set food before them, and rejoiced greatly, with his entire house, in that he had believed in God.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (9:1-38)

At that time, when Jesus was passing, he saw a man blind from his birth. And His disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. I must work the works of Him who sent Me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." As he said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of

Siloam,” which means “Sent.” So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, “Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?” Some said, “It is he;” others said, “No, but he is like him.” He said, “I am the man.” They said to him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash’; so I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.” They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for He does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, “What do you say about Him, since He has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.” The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess him to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore, his parents said, “He is of age, ask him.” So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, “Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “Whether he is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become His disciples?” And they reviled him, saying, “You are His disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where He comes from.” The man answered, “Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where He comes from, and yet He opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, He could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him He said, “Do you believe in the Son of God?” He answered, “And who is He, Sir, that I may believe in Him?” Jesus said to him, “You have seen Him, and it is He who speaks to you.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped Him.

MEGALYNARION FOR PASCHA IN TONE ONE

The angel cried to the Lady full of grace: “Rejoice, rejoice, O pure Virgin! Again I say, rejoice! Your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb. With Himself He has raised all the dead.” Rejoice, rejoice, O you people!

Shine! Shine! Shine, O new Jerusalem: the glory of the Lord has shone on you. Exult now: exult and be glad, O Zion. Be radiant, O pure Theotokos, in the Resurrection: the Resurrection of your Son.

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.*

IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE RETURN YOUR LENTEN ALMS BOXES TO THE CHURCH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

UPCOMING SERVICES

SAT, JUNE 15-5pm Vespers

SUN, JUNE 16- 8:50am Matins, 10am Divine Liturgy; The holy bread of oblation is offered by David & Rudylin Glaser for David's father, Donald, on his 91st birthday; and will be offered by the Amers for their son Gabriel's birthday; and will be offered by Father Andrew & Khourie Bonnie for their son Peter's birthday; and will be offered by Marcella Simescu for her brothers, Ioan & Mikhail. Dean Alshabani will receive the blessing to become a Catechumen in preparation to enter the Orthodox Church at a later date.

ON ASCENSION DAY WE CELEBRATE WHEN CHRIST RETURNED TO HEAVEN 40 DAYS AFTER HIS RESURRECTION. IT IS JUNE 13TH

Our schedule---Wednesday, June 12th---Vespers with Artoklasia, 6:30 p.m.

---Thursday, June 13th---Matins, 9; Liturgy, 10; Potluck lunch, 11:30

HOLY PENTECOST IS SUNDAY, JUNE 23 Our schedule that weekend---

Sat. June 22---Soul Saturday Liturgy, 10 a.m. Matins at 8:50; Vespers & Artoklasia, 5 p.m.

Sunday, June 23---Pentecost Matins, 8:45 a.m.: Liturgy with Kneeling Prayers, 10 a.m.

MEETINGS

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY— Sat, June 22, 6pm. Meets one Sat a month, 6pm at the church. Studying the Gospel of St. Mark. Bible, fellowship, food.....For more info, contact: Sbdcn Samuel Harmon, 216-598-9230, samuelfharmon15@gmail.com or Colton Bose, 440-567-6101

WEST BIBLE STUDY--- Sat, June 16, 6pm. Meets at the church one Sat a month at 6pm (after 5pm Vespers). We are studying the book of Revelation.

SOUTH BIBLE STUDY--- *The Tuesday, June 18th, meeting has been cancelled.* Instead the next meeting will be July 2, 6pm., at Craig & Cindy George's new house: 4414 Brookhaven Dr, North Royalton. Their new house will be blessed. Please let Cindy know if you are attending—330-309-9491. Studying the Servant Songs in book of Isaiah---all are welcome!

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP— Tues, June 25. Meets monthly 10:30am. at Tara Reidy's (274 Elmwood, Berea). For info, call Sandy Tolbert, [440-773-9162](tel:440-773-9162).

HOMESCHOOL ENRICHMENT GROUP--- Will resume August 16th. 9:30-noon on Fridays. Infants through Elementary School children are welcome to participate. Contact Olivia Harmon for more information: oharmon15@gmail.com

CHESS CLUB--- June 30 after liturgy. If you don't know how to play, you are welcome to come and they will teach you!

TEEN CLUB— Bible Study on Sirach: today after liturgy; Movie Night: Sat, June 29th. See Teen Group President Samir Amer for more info.

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN'S SISTERHOOD—Meeting Aug 11 after liturgy.

MINISTRY NEWS

STREET DELIVERY TO THE HOMELESS----- Sun, June 30 is the next monthly Sunday that 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. Mary of Egypt Food Pantry this month.

MEAL SERVING AT ST. HERMAN ORTHODOX HOMELESS SHELTER JUNE 16 is the next monthly date that we 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 contact 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--This new ministry is beginning in conjunction with the national Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry. If you wish to get involved or just want more info for now, please attend! It is possible to help with prison ministry even without ever going inside a prison. For more info, contact our local prison ministry 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 Andrew.*

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!

FIRST EVER ANCIENT FAITH MEN'S RETREAT- at Antiochian Village in Bolivar, PA Aug 22-25, 2024; Join us for engaging speakers, daily services, and fellowship with like-minded Orthodox men! Get more info and register at: <https://store.ancientfaith.com/2024-ancient-faith-mens-retreat/>

PASCHA TIME GRAVE BLESSINGS have now been done at 4 cemeteries-----Brooklyn Heights, St. Theodosius, Holy Cross, Riverside. Contact Father Andrew if you have loved one's graves to be blessed at other cemeteries.

LOOKING FOR A ROOM TO RENT- A friend of Deacon Basil's named Peter Gaffney is looking to rent a room in our area for a couple of months while he takes care of some personal business. Contact Deacon Basil with any questions--- 440-665-3591

ORTHODOX FAMILY CAMP OUT--- Join us for 3rd Annual St Matthew's Family Camp, Sat Aug 31-Sun Sept 1. All are welcome; come for part of the day or stay and camp overnight! Enjoy our beautiful church grounds, fun, and fellowship. If you can, please bring a side dish to the Saturday night cookout! But if you can't, don't worry, we just want YOU there! Contact Al Blazek if you have questions.

Saturday Aug 31:

12 noon: Arrival and set up your campsite

1-3pm: Field games (Egg Race, Sprints, Relay Race, Red Rover, Volleyball, Soccer)

3-4pm: Snack Break and Q&A session with Fr. Andrew

5pm: Vespers

6:30pm: Cookout (Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Potluck Sides)

Evening : AV Ball, Softball, CAMPFIRE w/ S'mores and Sing-Along

Sunday Morning Sept 1

8:50am: Orthros

10:00am: Liturgy

After Liturgy: Pizza Feast

Clean-Up & Breaking down of camp.

ST. MATTHEW'S Summer Camp/Vacation Church School end of week thanks and report!

This past week 40 children ages 3-12 from 4 area parishes partook in a week of learning about saints, sacred arts, sports, and traditions around the world. They ended the week with new friendships and inspired to continue learning about iconography, woodworking, candle making, and how each one of us can become holy like the saints.

A special thank you goes out to all who taught the lessons, cooked in the kitchen, and helped with clean-up and crowd control. It was a week that touched the hearts of many!

RETIREMENT *dinner party*

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A RETIREMENT DINNER
to celebrate thirty-four years with our beloved

V. REV. FR. ANDREW HARMON

SUNDAY • AUGUST 18TH • 5:00PM
ST. SAVA SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
2151 W. WALLINGS RD.
BROADVIEW HEIGHTS, OH 44147

ADULTS & CHILDREN OVER 5 YEARS: \$30.00 PER PERSON
CHILDREN 5 YEARS AND UNDER: \$15.00 PER PERSON

Ticket prices include dinner, dessert, coffee or tea, soft drinks, or beer. Bring your own wine if you choose. Gluten free & vegan meals available by request only.

TICKETS AVAILABLE JUNE 1 - JULY 21

To purchase, please contact
Leigh Frank (330) 685-1764 / loberlinfrank@gmail.com or
Peggy Latina (216) 401-1062 / peggyschmidt1@hotmail.com

May 28, 2024

Dear Members and Friends of St. Matthew's:

By now, most, if not all of you, know that Fr. Andrew will be retiring on August 1, 2024, and that the church is planning a two-part retirement celebration for him. The first installment will be a very special tribute coffee hour after his final Sunday liturgy as our official pastor. The church school's youth choirs are planning a special concert for him that day. Stay tuned for more developments about that coffee hour.

Secondly, we are having a retirement dinner party on August 18th, details of which are explained on the flyer which we hope everyone has received. If you haven't, please contact us so that we can send one to you. Our committee worked very hard to keep the price per ticket as reasonable as possible by eliminating certain items from the cost. For those, we are coming to you for assistance. Together, the Parish Council has allocated \$1,000 and the Sisterhood has donated \$500 to this endeavor; yet, we still have areas of needed support in the form of donations, including:

- Ticket donations for special, invited guests
- Ticket assistance for parishioners in need
- Chair covers @ \$2 per chair
- Printing costs for program
- Simple appetizers @ \$2 per person

If you would like to contribute to our "wish list", please see one of us. For ticket assistance, please see Lisa, confidentially.

Remember, tickets will be available to purchase on Sunday, June 2, 2024, from Peggy Latina or Leigh Frank. Reference the flyer that you have already received for other information about the dinner.

Christ Is Risen,

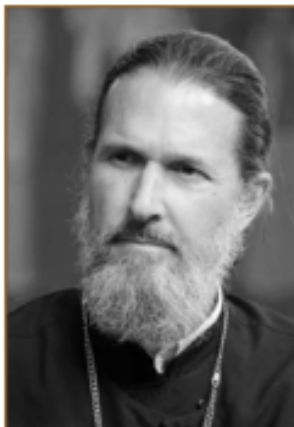
Lisa Palivoda Camille Patrick
Banquet Celebration Co-chairs

Dr. Craig George
Parish Council President

SAVE THE DATE

FOR A WEEKEND RETREAT
WITH

FATHER JOSIAH
TRENHAM, PH.D.



DATE: SEPTEMBER 20 – 22, 2024

TIME AND SCHEDULE: TBA

LOCATION:

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

A native Southern Californian, Father Josiah attended Westminster Seminary California, receiving his M.Div. in 1992 while studying under some of the most influential teachers in the Reformed tradition.

In 1993, he was ordained to the Holy Priesthood of the Orthodox Church and in 2004 he was awarded a Ph.D. in Theology from the University of Durham, England.

Father Josiah has published numerous articles and two books and is also the founder of Patristic Nectar Publication, a non-profit ministry. His weekly homilies are entitled "The Arena Podcasts", and are available on Patristic Nectar Publications, Apple Podcasts, Spotify and Google Podcast.

You can find links to his homilies at <https://www.saintandrew.net/arenapodcast>. His video reflections are available on YouTube under Patristic Nectar Films.

New to the Orthodox Faith or want to learn more? This is a great opportunity to learn what the Orthodox Church teaches.

Come with your questions and learn what our ancient Church Fathers have taught us. Father Josiah will inspire with his wealth of knowledge and understanding of our church teachings.

For more information or to get the latest schedule with Father Josiah, contact Cindy George at cindygeorge127@gmail.com





SAVE THE DATE

2024 DIOCESE OF TOLEDO PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE

All Saints and Holy Transfiguration invite you to join us for a few days of Christian fellowship, prayer, and fun for all ages. Whether you are new to the Diocese or have been attending PLCs for many years, we welcome each of you and your families.

We look forward to seeing you and getting to know you at the Toledo Diocese Parish Life Conference in Chicago-Land in June 2024!

DATE

June 26-29
Wednesday - Saturday

LOCATION

Chicago Marriott Oak Brook
1401 W 22nd St, Oak Brook, IL 60523



ATTENTION

**Fathers, Grandfathers, Step-Fathers, God Fathers,
Brand New Father's
and
Fathers-to-Be!!!!**

**Please join us for the Sisterhood's Annual
Father's Day Brunch**

**Sunday, June 16, 2024
Right after Liturgy!!!**

**Good food, Fellowship and a Celebration of our
Wonderful Father's!!!**

Hope to see you there!!



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.

Electra Floasiu [216-671-0743](tel:216-671-0743) **Gail Malaniak** [440-552-4586](tel:440-552-4586)

			June 2024
	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
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3	Vacation Bible School 9-1?		
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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.

CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!

THE HOLY SEASON OF PASCHA

Although Orthodox people in the West may sometimes use the Anglo-Saxon term “Easter”, the proper and historical term for this holiest of all days is “Pascha” ----Greek for “Passover”. The Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of the Old Testament Passover---our Lord “passed over” from death to life.

During this season (until Pentecost, June 23) we do not kneel to pray at home or at church---this is an expression of our joy at the Resurrection. We greet each other with “Christ is risen!” and the response, “Truly He is risen!”. Wednesdays and Fridays (by Antiochian practice and ancient practice of all Orthodox) are not fast days until after Ascension Day, June 13th.

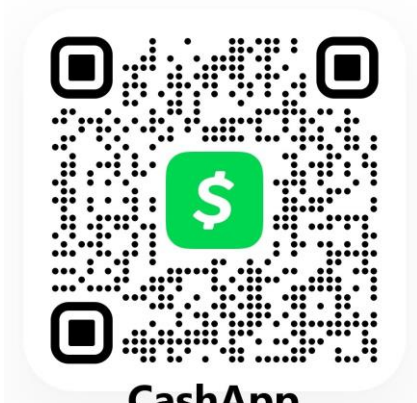
ST. CYRIL, PATRIARCH OF ALEXANDRIA

St. Cyril was born in 380 in Alexandria, Egypt. He became the patriarch at the young age of 32. He is best remembered perhaps for his strong opposition to Nestorianism, the false teaching taught by the Patriarch of Constantinople, Nestorius, which denied that Christ is fully divine as well as fully human. The emperor summoned the 3rd Ecumenical Council to meet at Ephesus in 431 A.D. to settle the matter. The council declared Nestorius to be heretical and he was removed from his position. St. Cyril for the rest of his years focused on explaining the true Orthodox doctrine and bringing unity back to the Church. He fell asleep peacefully on June 9, 444 A.D.

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