

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

10383 Albion Rd, North Royalton, OH

November 10, 2024

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

His Eminence Metropolitan SABA

Archbishop of New York and Antiochian Metropolitan of all North America

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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 Rudylin Glaser for the health & salvation of her goddaughter, Victoria Thorp, on her birthday; and by Larry & Gail Malaniak for the health & salvation of Larry's brother, Jason, and Larry's daughter, Danielle, on their birthdays; and by Maria Simescu for the health & salvation of her daughter-in-law, Zita, and her friend Florena, and in memory of Zita's mother, Caroline; and by Judy Burhen, Chuck Burhen, & Janette Campenza in memory of Charles Burhen; and by Patrick & Laura Allen in memory of Patrick's uncle, Richard Naher.

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	Tony Branson
Lucy Kinkaid	Julie Dunn	Metropolitan LONGIN	Sharon Mack
Marc Balke	Ed Haddad	Constantine & Maria Kornea	Yun-Zoe Harmon
Christopher Samuel	Jean Fadil	Sara Scordos & baby	Alfred & Rita Blazek
Peter George	Victoria Thorp	George & Christine Simon	Leigh Frank
Pauline Hanna	Argie Katsaros	Michael & Marilyn Francu	Grant Oberlin
Frank Popovich	Theodore Bunevich	Christian	Jerry
Issa Zaboura	Donald Glaser	Charlotte Shaheen	Samuel Harmon
Corrine George	Mary Violanti	Jared Johnston	Jenna Bshara
James Padzerski	Jerry Morrison	Christina Bossart	Lori Davidson
Josephine Katzbach	Danielle	Olivia Harmon & baby	Catherine Morton
Elias Karam	Roy	Tatiana Santiago	Sam Shaheen
Fr. Don Shadid	Dana	Ann Ghianni	
Judy Yanik	Susan Joseph	Don Ambrose	
Tamara Derosset	Judy Burhen	Dr. Irene Costaras	

And for the newly departed servants of God: Rumzi Rafeedie, Rose Zrake, Wayne Gribble (Wally Gribble's father), Tony Susi (Joanne Vazquez's cousin), Stephanie, Archpriest John Downing

EPISTLE LESSON: Galatians 1:11-19

EPISTLE READER: Reader Anthony Harmon

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 10:25-37

HOMILY: Fr. Fred: "Hear O Israel"

USHERS: Tony Latina & Anthony Yanik

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES TODAY AFTER COMMUNION for children 3.5-19 years old.

PARENTS: Please have children line up as the chanters finish the last hymn before Holy Communion.

MEMORIAL SERVICE today for Charles Burhen (40 days) offered by his family and for Richard Naher (10 years) offered by his nephew, Patrick Allen.

CATECHUMEN BLESSING- Andrew Richards will be enrolled as a catechumen with a prayer before the dismissal from the liturgy.

PLEASE STAY FOR COFFEETIME TODAY AFTER LITURGY!

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN'S SISTERHOOD—TODAY after liturgy in the board room.

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2024

TONE 3 / EOTHINON 9; TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & EIGHTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

Apostles Olympas, Rodion, Sosipater, Tertios, Erastos and Quartos of the Seventy;
Great-martyr Orestes of Cappadocia

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 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 ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE 4

(Special melody "Thou Who wast raised up")

The sacred treasury of God's holy glory, * the greatly precious bridal chamber and Virgin, * the Savior's most pure temple, free of stain and undefiled, * into the House of the Lord * on this day is brought forward * and bringeth with herself the grace * of the Most Divine Spirit; * her do God's Angels hymn with songs of praise, * for she is truly the heavenly tabernacle.

THE EPISTLE

(For the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost)

O chant unto our God, chant ye. Clap your hands, all ye nations.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (1:11-19)

Brethren, I would have you know that the Gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the Church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people; so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when He Who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through His grace, was pleased to reveal His Son to me, in order that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were Apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other Apostles except James the Lord's brother.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Eighth Sunday of Luke)

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (10:25-37)

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read?" And the lawyer answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And Jesus said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live." But the lawyer, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" The lawyer said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

UPCOMING SERVICES

Thurs, Nov 14 6pm Pan Orthodox Unction AT ST. INNOCENT CHURCH. See flyer in this bulletin for more details.

Fri, Nov 15 6:30pm Great Vespers with Lityia for St. Matthew

Sat, Nov 16 9:00am Orthros, 10am Divine Liturgy for our church patron saint, St. Matthew
5pm Great Vespers

Sun, Nov 17 8:50am Orthros, 10am Divine Liturgy; The Holy Bread of Oblation will be offered by Craig George for his wife, Cindy, on her birthday.

St. Nicholas Workshop for Children ages 10 & under with parent supervision

Saturday, December 7, 10am-noon at St. Matthew's \$5 per child RSVP by Nov 24th

Coloring, crafts, cookie decorating and a surprise visit from St. Nick!
Hosted by the St. Matthew's Antiochian Women's Sisterhood

Give payment and children's names & ages to Dima Kash, Georgette Dye, or the parish office.

Dima Kash dima.hanania@gmail.com 440-444-8446
Georgette Dye georgette.dye@gmail.com 440-429-5398

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOOP:

Today: Regular Class

11/17 Regular Class

11/24 Christmas Play Rehearsal

If you would like to help with the children's Christmas program, please see Dawn Heatwole.

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

MEETINGS

CATECHISM—Scripture track will meet Nov 17 at 1pm in the meeting room at Church. These sessions are open to anyone, not just catechumens!

YOUNG ADULT GROUP—Nov 30, 6pm. Meets monthly to study 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, Nov 19, 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---Dec date to be announced. They meet monthly at the church after Sat Vespers. They are studying the Book of Revelation. All are welcome!

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP—Tues, Nov 19, 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).

TODDLER TIME AND HOMESCHOOL ENRICHMENT GROUP--- Is on a break for the holidays. Will resume in Jan. Contact Olivia Harmon for more information: oharmon15@gmail.com

PATHWAYS TO PEACE- Nov 25 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

CHESS CLUB- Nov 17, after liturgy in the hall. If you don't know how to play, they will teach you!

MINISTRY NEWS

USHERING MINISTRY--- Ushers rotate once every other month and are vital to the welcoming ministry of our Church. If you would like to be added to the rotation or have any questions about this, please let Cindy George know. cindygeorge127@gmail.com

STREET DELIVERY TO THE HOMELESS----- Nov 17. 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. Mary of Egypt Food Pantry this month.

MEAL SERVING AT ST. HERMAN ORTHODOX HOMELESS SHELTER Nov 17 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--- It is possible to help with prison ministry even without ever going inside a prison. For more info, contact our local leader, Vincent Defilippo, 330-352-6678 vdefilippo@neo.rr.com

IOCC REP NEEDED—St. Matthew's needs a representative of the Cleveland chapter of the International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC). The group meets about four times a year to plan their two fundraising events. This is a wonderful opportunity to do something to help suffering people in Greece, Ukraine, Lebanon, Palestine, Uganda, Ethiopia, and elsewhere. For more information, please see Camille Patrick.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY BREAD OBLATION SIGN-UP—*If you would like to add an oblation for next Sunday, please contact Olivia Harmon (oharmon15@gmail.com 440-220-2624).* For all other Sundays, 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!

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 at the church 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)

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY--St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church in Rocky River is hiring a part-time youth events coordinator. 20 hours per week/\$20 per hour. If you are interested send cover letter and resume to alentz@saintdemetriosrr.org. For more detail please see Fr. Fred.

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.

TODAY (SUN, NOV 10) IS THE LAST DAY TO SUBSCRIBE TO THE PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD!

October, 2024

Dear St. Matthew Parishioners and Friends:

It is once again time to subscribe to our annual Christmas card. The card has become a project of the St. Matthew's Antiochian Women's Sisterhood and we need your support now more than ever to make it a successful endeavor. The parish council generously turned the project over to us a few years ago to help us help others. Between now and the end of the year, we will be making contributions to the Children's Relief Fund for our adopted child (\$400), to Gifts for Jesus (\$500), to Christmas Gifts for the needy (\$250), to our Midwest Antiochian Women's dues (\$200), and to St. Matthew's needs throughout the year.

Continuing a tradition for this year...We are looking for about ten people who would like to sponsor a Christmas card for one of our shut-ins. If you know of a particular shut-in you would like to sponsor, just complete the Christmas card form and submit it as directed with your donation. However, if you are unsure of whom to sponsor, see Camille Patrick or ask Fr. Fred for a recommendation.

So, please, submit the Christmas card form on the back of this letter before the November 10th deadline.

If you have any questions about the card itself, please see or call Camille Patrick (440-655-0236). I handle the subscriptions and Laura handles the design, layout and printing. We hope you will help us make 2024 the most successful Christmas card project EVER! May God bless you for all the support you have given us in the past. You have been most generous.

Yours in Christ,
Camille Patrick and Laura Gasbarro

The Antiochian Women's Sisterhood Christmas Card Committee



DEAR FRIENDS AND PARISHIONERS:

Christmas is just around the corner and a special time to join us in extending a holiday greeting through our St. Matthew Community Christmas Card and to support the ministries of our Antiochian Women's Sisterhood.

Please complete the form below and return it with your \$20.00 donation to: St. Matthew Sisterhood 10383 Albion Rd. North Royalton, OH. 44133-1408.

You can also give your form to Camille Patrick or Laura Gasbarro, co-chairs.

Each subscriber will receive a card with the names of every participant, sending their Christmas greeting of love and friendship at this holy season!

_____ (Please print your name(s) as you wish it to be printed.)

_____ (address) _____ (city) _____ (state) _____ (9 digit zip)

_____ (phone) _____ (email)

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ST. MATTHEW ORTHODOX CHURCH, PLEASE.

DEADLINE: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2024

\$20.00 donation enclosed (please check) _____ cash OR check # _____

IF YOU ARE SPONSORING A CARD FOR A SHUT-IN, PLEASE COMPLETE A SEPARATE FORM.



“pouring on oil & wine”

UNCTION

join your fellow cleveland area
orthodox christians for this precious
sacrament as we prepare to begin
the nativity fast together, healed
both physically & spiritually

NOV 14, 6PM

saint innocent orthodox church
8526 usher road, olmsted twp, ohio

free will offerings will go to the panorthodox efforts
of the greater cleveland council of orthodox clergy

Fill a Thanksgiving Box!

November 2024

Every year for Thanksgiving we provide and deliver boxes for the needy in our area. We need about 20 filled boxes. Would you like to help with this valuable ministry and provide a box?

If you can help with this ministry, thank you! It is a great help! Please bring your box to the church by November 24.

The following foods are examples of what you can put in your box:

Scalloped potato mixes in a packet
Instant potato packets
Pasta sauce
Pasta
Small jars or cans of applesauce
Canned vegetables, ie, green beans, corn
Good canned soups
Cake or brownie mix
Detergent (sensitive skin)
Toilet paper (4 pack)
Kleenex or Puffs
6 packs of little candy bars
Fruit juice
Macaroni and cheese (boxed or microwavable)
Cans of chili, stew, ravioli
Creamy peanut butter and jellies

Please put all items into 1 box or 2 reusable grocery bags (makes it easier for delivery).

Feel free to add additional items (if scented, please place in plastic bag).

We also need turkeys and grocery store gift cards.

(If you would like to deliver a box, please let us know!)

Please contact one of the following to let us know you'll be bringing a box by November 22:

Louise Bouhasin 216-544-2319

Leigh Frank 330-685-1764

Lisa Bowden 440-667-2767

If something comes up or you need help or have questions, don't hesitate to reach out. Thank you SO much for your kindness!

DEADLINE TODAY!

ADOPT A POINSETTIA

If you would like to offer a poinsettia to beautify our church for the Christmas season, please fill out the form below and submit it to the church office with your donation.

Offered by:

For the health & safety of:

In beloved memory of:

Poinsettias will adorn the church beginning on December 23. The deadline to order is **Nov 10**. The donation amount is \$20 per poinsettia. Attach cash or check and submit to the church office via mail or the offering box. See Lisa Amer if you have questions.

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)

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Thursday	28		Abdelkarim Thanksgiving	
Friday	29		Abdelkarim birthday party 3-8	Abdelkarim birthday party 3-8
Saturday	30		Grigson baby shower 11-4	

St Matthew Church can now accept donations online:

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

or use the QR code to the right



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>