

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

10383 Albion Rd, North Royalton, OH

January 12, 2025

Sunday After Theophany of Christ

**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 Jeb & Irene Brooks for the return to health of Irene, and for the health & salvation of Kalliope & Helen; and by the Blazek family for the health & salvation of Caleb Blazek on his 21st birthday; and by Jack & Lisa Palivoda for the health & salvation of their daughter, Alicia, on her birthday; and by the DeFilippo family for the health & salvation of Vincent DeFilippo, Zachary Beltz, & Fr. John Henry on their birthdays, and for the return to health of Gina DeFilippo; and by Polycarp & Veronica Bose in memory of Polycarp's grandmother, Madeline De Maria; and by David & Rudylin Glaser in memory of David's grandmother, Pauline Hanna; and by George, Christina & Justin Nassif for the newly deceased friend Joseph Zkiab and in loving memory of both of our Dads: Adeeb Nassif & Thomas Simmons.

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

Charles Bossart, Dean Albashani, Zachary Beltz, Nizam Jawhari, Andrew Richards, Maria Sagi

And for the health & safety of:

Justin Mosier	Jean Fadil	Fr. John Henry	Grant Oberlin
Lucy Kinkaid	Victoria Thorp	Metropolitan LONGIN	Jenna Bshara
Marc Balke	Argie Katsaros	Constantine & Maria Kornea	Lori Davidson
Christopher Samuel	Theodore Bunevich	Tony Branson	Catherine Morton
Peter George	Donald Glaser	George & Christine Simon	Sam Shaheen
Frank Popovich	Mary Violanti	Michael & Marilyn Francu	Alexis Borovlak
Issa Zaboura	Jerry Morrison	Christian	Harold Tolbert, Sr.
Corrine George	Danielle	Charlotte Shaheen	Rosalinda Bacus
James Padzinski	Roy	Jared Johnston	Carole George
Josephine Katzbach	Susan Joseph	Christine Bossart	baby Michael
Elias Karam	Ann Ghianni	Olivia Harmon & baby	Diana Popa
Fr. Don Shadid	Julie Dunn	Tatiana Santiago	Marianne Feuerstein
Judy Yanik	Don Ambrose	Tamara Derosset	Wanda Patchin
Nancy Yanik	Judy Burhen	Sharon Mack	Gina DeFilippo
Ed Haddad	Baby Dhillion	Alfred & Rita Blazek	Rosemary Sahley
Protinicia Lindsey	Samuel Harmon	Alexander N. Olhovsky	Tom Baker
Nick	Peter	Michael	

And for the newly departed servants of God: Rodica Iancu, Priest Epiphanius, Samira Hanna,

Bishop Elijah of Tartu, Fr. Vyacheslav Zernov, the victims of recent mass shooting in Montenegro

EPISTLE READER: Reader Anthony Harmon

HOMILY: "Pressure On"

USHERS: Anthony Yanik & Gino

SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY after communion

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

MEMORIAL SERVICE today for Pauline Hanna (40 days) and for Madeline De Maria (23 years).

Congratulations to the following people elected to the St. Matthew Parish Council: Vincent DeFilippo, Electra Floasiu, Dave Glaser, and Sandy Tolbert. We will install the 2025 Council today before the dismissal from Liturgy. The officers will be elected in a special meeting following Liturgy.

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025
TONE 4 / EOTHINON 7; SUNDAY AFTER THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST
Martyr Tatiana of Rome and those with her; Martyr Peter Absalom of Palestine

VERSES OF THE FIRST ANTIPHON

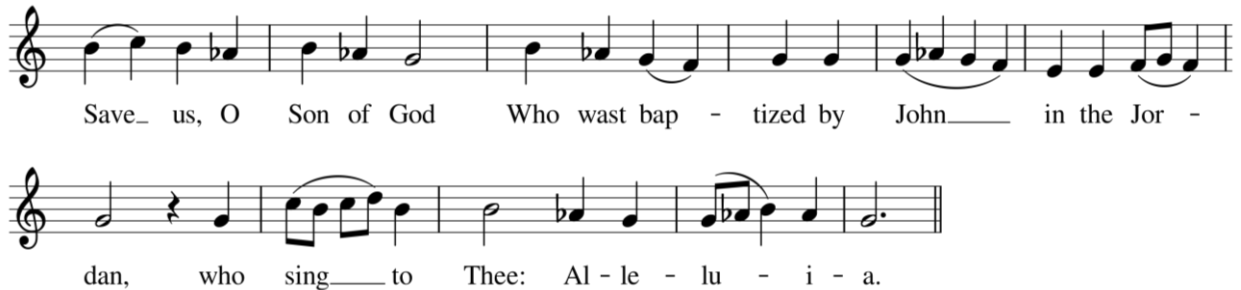
When Israel went out of Egypt, and the house of Jacob from among a barbarous people; Judah became His sanctuary; Israel His dominion.

The sea beheld and fled: Jordan turned back. What aileth thee, O sea, that thou fleddest? And thou Jordan, that thou didst turn back?

Glory... Both now...

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

I am filled with love, for the Lord will hear the voice of my supplication. For He hath inclined His ear unto me, and in my days will I call upon Him.



Save_ us, O Son of God Who wast bap - tized by John_____ in the Jor -
dan, who sing_____ to Thee: Al - le - lu - i - a.

The pangs of death have encompassed me; the perils of hades have found me. Tribulation and sorrow have I found, and I called upon the name of the Lord. (*Refrain*)

Merciful is the Lord, and righteous; and our God hath mercy. (*Refrain*)

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

THE THIRD ANTIPHON

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever. Let the house of Israel now confess that He is good; for His mercy endureth forever. Let the house of Aaron confess that He is good; for His mercy endureth forever. Let them now who fear the Lord confess that He is good; for His mercy endureth forever. (*now sing the Apolytikion of Theophany*)

- “O come, let us worship... save us, O Son of God, **Who art risen from the dead...**”

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 THEOPHANY OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest; for the voice of the Father bore witness unto Thee, and called Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truthfulness of His word. O Christ our God, Who hast revealed Thyself and hast enlightened the world, glory to 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 THEOPHANY OF CHRIST IN TONE FOUR

(***The original melody***)

On this day Thou hast appeared * unto the whole world, * and Thy light, O Sovereign Lord, * is signed on us who sing Thy praise * and chant with knowledge: Thou hast now come, * Thou hast appeared, O Thou Light unapproachable.

THE EPISTLE (For the Sunday after Theophany of Christ)

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (4:7-13)

Brethren, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore, it is said, "When He ascended on high He led a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that He had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is He who also ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And His gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

THE GOSPEL (For the Sunday after Theophany of Christ)

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (4:12-17)

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulon and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulon and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand."

- *Today for the Cherubic Hymn we will use Alt. #1 (p. 31).*

PLEASE STAY FOR COFFEETIME TODAY AFTER LITURGY!

Thank you to group 13 for hosting today: The Palivodas, the Mlakars , the Sahleys, Andrea Serafino, Maria Sikoutris, the Simons, the Vazquezes, the Zabalas.

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

CATECHISM- will meet at 1pm

UPCOMING SERVICES

Friday, January 17 – 6:30 pm *Vespers*

Saturday, January 18 – 9am *Orthros* and 10am *Liturgy for St. Athanasius*
5pm *Great Vespers*

Sun, Jan 19 8:50am *Orthros*, 10am *Divine Liturgy*; The holy bread of oblation will be offered by Jeb & Irene Brooks for the return to health of Irene, and the health & salvation of Kalliope & Helen; and by Jack & Lisa Palivoda for the health & salvation of their godson, Luke Harmon on his birthday; and by the Amer family for the health & salvation of Marina on her birthday; and by Craig & Cindy George for the health & salvation of Leigh Frank on her birthday and saint's day; and by Maria Simescu for the health & salvation of Dan, Zack, Emma, & Brian, and in memory of her grandparents Teodor & Ana.

HOUSE BLESSINGS--- will begin on Jan 6 and run through Mar 1.

To schedule use the QR code to the right or the link below to access Calendly.

Should you have any trouble with the app, please contact Fr. Fred directly.

You can also access this link from our parish website!

<https://calendly.com/fredshaheen01/30min?month=2025-01>



Sunday School Schedule:

Sunday School will meet every Sun in Jan with regular classes.

MEETINGS

YOUNG ADULT GROUP—Jan date to be announced. 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, Jan 21, 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 Lenten Services of the Church---all are welcome!

WEST BIBLE STUDY---January 18, 6pm. They meet monthly at the church after Sat Vespers. They are studying the Book of Revelation. All are welcome!

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP—Jan 21, 10:30am. They meet monthly 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--- Fridays at 9:30am. Contact Olivia Harmon for more information: oharmon15@gmail.com

PATHWAYS TO PEACE- Jan 27 at 7pm in the church conference room. The meetings will be held 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- Jan date to be announced. If you don't know how to play, they will teach you!

CATECHISM- The class will meet every Sun at 1pm, alternating The Orthodox Faith & Scripture Track. These sessions are open to anyone, not just catechumens!

TEEN SOYO CLUB- Feb 2 after liturgy

MINISTRY NEWS

ST. MARY OF EGYPT is in greater need of food donations at this time of year. Please do what you can to help.

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----- Jan 19. 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.

MEAL SERVING AT ST. HERMAN ORTHODOX HOMELESS SHELTER Jan 19 is our next monthly date to provide, cook, & serve a meal to the poor at St. Herman Orthodox Homeless Shelter in Cleveland. If you can help in any way, please talk with Dcn Basil, 440-665-3591 or sign up in the hall

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.

We currently have 2 meal trains going for ongoing health needs:

Subdeacon Sam Harmon and family: <https://mealtrain.com/27ove7>

Reader Anthony Harmon and family: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/nw0r2e>

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

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY BREAD OBLATION SIGN-UP—*If you would like to add an oblation for next Sunday, please contact Olivia (stmattroyaltonbulletin@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, 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 flower fund (or provide flowers) to decorate our church for one of our many feast days, contact Lisa Amer 216-415-9126 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)

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.

NEW CONTACT:

Please email stmattroyaltonbulletin@gmail.com with any information that should be posted in the bulletin or newsletter. This includes prayer list requests, Holy Bread oblations, and group announcements. The deadline to submit requests for the Sunday bulletin is noon on Friday. Additions submitted after noon Friday cannot be guaranteed to be printed in the bulletin. Thank you!

Dear Parish Family,

Thank you all so much for your heartfelt prayers and support during my daughter's time in the hospital. Your kindness and faith have been a true source of comfort and strength for our family. We are deeply grateful for your continued prayers for her health and recovery. May God bless each of you abundantly.

With gratitude and love,

Ginger and Vinny DeFilippo

Senior Game Night: Friday, January 31st, 6:00 PM

At the home of Craig and Cindy George.

4414 Brookhaven Drive, North Royalton

Ages 55 and older

RSVP to Gail Malaniak by January 24th.

Space is limited-First come first serve!

440-552-4586

*Please join ZOE for Life!®
and
St. Matthew the Evangelist Antiochian Orthodox
Church
for a Prayer Service as we*

Pray for the Unborn Children



***Sunday, January 26, 2025
6:00 pm
10383 Albion Road
North Royalton 44133***

***Prayer Service & Presentation
Guest Speaker Presentation Follows – 6:45 pm
Father Andrew Harmon***



**THE ZOE FOR LIFE
DIAPER DRIVE
JANUARY/2025**

The St. Matthew Sisterhood will be holding our annual

Zoe for Life Diaper Drive

all Sunday's in January!!

Please bring a package of disposable diapers AND/OR a package of baby cleaning wipes and place them in the designated spot which will be located in the hall.

Any size diapers will be appreciated, although the smaller sizes may be more useful.

If you wish to make a monetary donation, it would also be much appreciated.

Make your check out to

"Zoe for Life"

and give it to Georgette Dye.

Thank you for your generosity and for helping those in great need!!

Camper Fundraiser Raffle!

Throughout the month of January our campers will be selling raffle tickets for a chance to win 10 AMAZING prizes:



- A Family Fun Bundle – hours of fun and games!
- Women's Wellness Bundle – including a House of Colour color and style analysis
- Sips, Sweets, and Such – wine tasting, couples color analysis and more
- Men's Leisure – round of golf, car washes, whiskey, cigars!
- Bath and Body Works Bundle – soaps, lotions, and perfumes
- Japanese Ramen Bundle – all the ingredients you need to make delicious ramen at home!
- Coffee Bundle – Keurig machine, mugs, and more!
- Clean House Bundle – let someone else clean your house for a change
- Greek Food Bundle – have your dinner cooked and served by Fr. Fred and Kh. Michelle!
- Gardening Bundle – including tickets to the Cleveland Botanical gardens

The drawing will be held at the Chili Cook-off on Saturday, February 8, 2025. You can purchase your tickets directly from our campers at our table in the hall, or scan the QR code to buy them online.

Calling all Chili Chefs and Bakers!

Do you have a famous or not-so-famous Chili recipe that you are willing to make for our 2025 Chili Cookoff for Campers?! Or a scrumptious baked good we can add to our bake sale? Please see Kendra Hunter in the hall after church to SIGN UP to bring a chili and/or a baked good. Don't let the competition intimidate you... it's all in fun! The Golden Ladle goes to the chili in each category that receives the most money in their bucket during our event on February 8, so bring your friends AND your cash! It's all for the worthy cause of helping to send our parish's 15 campers to Antiochian Village this summer! Thank you for your support - May God bless our efforts!

Who will win this year's Golden Ladle???

SAVE THE DATE!

4th annual

CHILI COOK-OFF FOR CAMPERS!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2025

6:00-8:00 PM

**Bake Sale
& Raffle!**

**FREE-WILL
admission!
Vote with
Cash!**

**Invite
Friends &
Family!**

All proceeds
benefit our
15
Antiochian
Village
Campers!

Chili Chef and Bake Sale Sign-Ups coming soon...
Contact Kendra Hunter or Lisa Amer with Questions

IT TAKES A VILLAGE...

Adopt a Camper

Here's how:

- CHOOSE A CAMPER YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR. (SEE KENDRA HUNTER OR FR. FRED FOR A LIST OF CAMPERS.)
- COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND TURN IT IN TO THE DONATION BOX WITH YOUR CHECK, IN AN ENVELOPE.

When:

- FROM NOW UNTIL APRIL 1, 2025.

Cost:

- TUITION IS \$1,150 BUT ANY AMOUNT TOWARDS THAT IS APPRECIATED.
- CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO "ST. MATTHEW CHURCH" WITH "CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND" IN THE MEMO.

ON A RECENT SURVEY DONE BY OUR ARCHDIOCESE, ANTIOCHIAN VILLAGE CAMP WAS FOUND TO BE THE LARGEST FACTOR THAT IMPACTED THE FAITH OF OUR YOUTH.

Thank you for your generosity!

2025 Campers

Updated 1/8/25

1. Xenia Amer
2. Marina Amer
3. Julie Amer
4. Gabriel Amer
5. Ana Blazek
6. Xavier Blazek (CIT hopeful)
7. Miles Hunter
8. Cosby Hunter
9. Isaac Kash
10. Christos Simmons
11. Brooke Musarra
12. Gia Musarra
13. Nawal Alsafi
14. Eirene Shaheen
15. Harry Shaheen

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• CAMPER'S NAME: _____

• AMOUNT: _____

• SPONSOR'S NAME: _____

• DO YOU WISH TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS? _____

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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		January 2025		
		Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Wednesday	1			
Thursday	2			
Friday	3			
Saturday	4			
Sunday	5			
Monday	6			
Tuesday	7			
Wednesday	8			
Thursday	9			
Friday	10	Homeschool Enrichment 9-noon		
Saturday	11			
Sunday	12			
Monday	13			
Tuesday	14			
Wednesday	15			
Thursday	16			
Friday	17	Homeschool Enrichment 9-noon		
Saturday	18		Bokjanc memorial lunch 12-4	
Sunday	19			
Monday	20			
Tuesday	21			
Wednesday	22			
Thursday	23			
Friday	24	Homeschool Enrichment 9-noon		
Saturday	25			
Sunday	26			
Monday	27			
Tuesday	28			
Wednesday	29			
Thursday	30			
Friday	31	Homeschool Enrichment 9-noon		

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

or use the QR code to the right



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<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>