

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

September 2024 NEWSLETTER

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SATURDAY VESPERS—5 p.m.

SUNDAY MATINS—8:50 a.m. SUNDAY LITURGY—10 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Sept-May 11:15 AM

CONFESSION—after Saturday Vespers and by appointment

September Services Calendar

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
September 1 Church New Year <i>8:50am Orthros,</i> <i>10am Divine Liturgy</i>						Sep 7 Eve of the Nativity of the Theotokos: <i>5pm Great Vespers with Litya</i>
Sept 8 Nativity of the Theotokos: <i>8:50am Orthros,</i> <i>10am Divine Liturgy</i> The annual Parish Picnic and Sunday School Open House will be after liturgy.					Sept 13 Eve of the Elevation of the Holy Cross: <i>6:30 pm Great Vespers with Litya</i>	Sept 14 Elevation of the Holy Cross: <i>9:00 am Orthros, 10 am Liturgy</i> <i>5pm Great Vespers</i> *This is a strict one-day fast.
Sept 15 <i>8:50am Orthros,</i> <i>10am Divine Liturgy</i>						Sept 21 <i>4pm Great Vespers</i> (Note the time change due to the parish retreat)
Sept 22 <i>8:50am Orthros,</i> <i>10am Divine Liturgy</i>						Sept 28 <i>5pm Great Vespers</i>
Sept 29 <i>8:50am Orthros,</i> <i>10am Divine Liturgy</i>						

PARISH PICNIC & SUNDAY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE IS **SUN SEPT 8!**

Sept 15 is the first day of Sunday School classes.

(If you are interested in leading the children's choir or Christmas program, please see Dawn Heatwole)

MEETINGS

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY— Sept date to be announced. Meets one Sat a month, 6pm at the church. 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--- Tues, Sept 3 and Tues, Sept 17, 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!

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP— Tues, Sept 17, 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 Sun Sept 8 after liturgy.

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—Upcoming events to be announced.

CHESS CLUB--- Sept 15. Meets monthly in the hall after liturgy. If you don't know how to play, they will teach you!

PATHWAYS TO PEACE- is resuming! The group will meet Mon, 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----- Sept date to be announced. 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 SEPT 15 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!

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.

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 ABOUT LEAVING ITEMS AT CHURCH:

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)

We often have weekday events and hall rentals. Piles and boxes get in the way and are sometimes taken to the dumpster. **Please help us to keep our hall presentable!**

You may drop off donation items at the local Goodwill: 6068 Royalton Rd, North Royalton

Or contact Olivia Harmon to list items in the monthly newsletter:

oharmon15@gmail.com

ST. MATTHEW'S MESSAGE BOARD

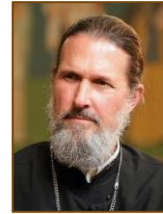
DESK AND SHELVING UNITS NEEDED: Colton and Veronica Bose are looking for anyone who may be able to donate a desk or shelving to them for their new apartment. You can contact Colton on his cell phone: 440-567-6101

HELP NEEDED WITH TRANSPORTATION

If anyone would be willing to provide lodging for out-of-towners attending of the retreat in September (with Fr. Josiah Trenham), please let Cindy George, Leigh Frank or Steve Morgan know.



**SAVE THE DATE
FOR A WEEKEND
RETREAT WITH
FATHER JOSIAH TRENHAM, PH.D.**



**“Godly Marriage and Virginity:
Paths to Holiness”**

DATE: September 20 – 22, 2024

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- Friday, 9/20 7-9:00 pm 1st talk with Q & A
- Saturday, 9/21 9:30 am check in / continental breakfast
 10 – 12 2nd talk
 12 – 1 Lunch
 1 – 3 pm 3rd talk
 4:00 pm Vespers
- Sunday, 9/22 Join us for Sunday Liturgy with Father Josiah
 8:50 am Sunday Matins
 10:00 am Divine Liturgy with homily
 Luncheon after Liturgy

Father Josiah has published numerous articles and 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. His books will be available at the retreat at a wholesale discount. There will be a free-will offering to help cover expenses.

Registration deadline: September 8, 2024 - Register early. Seating is limited.

Contact: Cindy George at cindygeorge127@gmail.com
Steve Morgan at stevemorgx@pm.me
Leigh Frank at loberlinfrank@gmail.com

RETREAT HELP NEEDED: We are busy planning our September Retreat with Fr Josiah Trenham. If you have ever asked yourself, “I wonder how I might be able to help with this?” Here is the answer to that question.

The following are specific areas of need and the people you may contact if you can help:

<u>Need</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>	
Babysitting	Cindy George	cindygeorge127@gmail.com
Parking	Sam Harmon	samuelharmon15@gmail.com
Host/House out-of-towners	Cindy George	cindygeorge127@gmail.com
Kitchen Help	Gloria Zabala	gzabala104@gmail.com

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)

		September 2024		
		Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Sunday	1		Rachid Zoghaib-graduation party 2-10PM	Zoghaib grad party 2-10
Monday	2			
Tuesday	3			
Wednesday	4			
Thursday	5			
Friday	6	Homeschool Enrichment 9-1		
Saturday	7		EOWG meeting (Gloria Z.) 9-12	
Sunday	8			
Monday	9			
Tuesday	10			
Wednesday	11			
Thursday	12			
Friday	13	Homeschool Enrichment 9-1		
Saturday	14			
Sunday	15			
Monday	16			
Tuesday	17			
Wednesday	18			
Thursday	19			
Friday	20	Homeschool Enrichment 9-1		Retreat
Saturday	21	Retreat	Retreat	Retreat
Sunday	22			
Monday	23			
Tuesday	24			
Wednesday	25			
Thursday	26			
Friday	27	Homeschool Enrichment 9-1		
Saturday	28			
Sunday	29			
Monday	30			
Tuesday	31			

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>

St Matthew Church can now accept donations online:

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



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

NEW PARISH MEMBERS:

Michael Asta

PLEASE WELCOME HIM TO OUR PARISH FAMILY!

OUR CURRENT CATECHUMENS ARE:

Charles Bossart

Dean Albashani

Zachary Beltz

Nizam Jawhari

We pray for them at every liturgy.....please also pray for them in your own prayers as they prepare to join the Orthodox Church.

OUR CONDOLENCES

---to the family of Parakeva Blaz who fell asleep in Christ on Aug 5.

---to the Speck family on the passing of Larry's father, Robert Speck on Aug 12.

---to the family of Richard (Tony) Burhen who fell asleep in Christ on Aug 14.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS

---to Vincent & Ginger DeFilippo on their wedding on July 21

---to Michael Asta on his baptism on July 14

---to Constantine & Lindsey Katsaros on the baptism of their son, James on July 20

---to Westly & Besan Collado on the baptism of their son, Xavier on July 27

---to Rebecca Aboumrad and her daughter Leila on their 40-day churching

---Charles Bossart on his blessing to become a catechumen on July 7

SAVE THE DATE

October 18-20, 2024
Clergy: October 17-19

Midwest Diocese FAMILY FALL Gathering

ST. NICHOLAS - GRAND RAPIDS, MI



Look for
Registration
in Early
August!

Registration
\$50 - Adults
\$30 - Kids 12
& under

Highlight of Events

Welcoming our new Archbishopric 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



Come & Join
the FUN!

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