

ALL SAINTS DAY

Today, the Sunday after Pentecost, is observed each year in the Orthodox Church as All Saints Day. This is the day we commemorate all the Saints at once-----from both the Old & New Testaments and post-Bible times; male and female; all nationalities; the famous and the unknown. This Feast is on the Sunday after Pentecost because it is the Holy Spirit, who descended on the Church at Pentecost, who makes Saints saintly. The Roman Catholic Church long ago changed All Saints Day to November 1----thus, the date of Halloween, the eve of Western All Saints Day on October 31. As usual, the Eastern Christians left things the way they were-----thus, we still celebrate this Feast today, on the Sunday after Pentecost.

THE HOLY APOSTLE JUDE, THE BROTHER OF GOD

St. Jude, whose memory we celebrate today, was not one of the 12 Disciples, but is one of the larger group of Apostles who were not of the 12. He wrote the short Epistle of Jude in the New Testament. He is called "the brother of God" as he was a stepbrother of Jesus Christ, most likely the son of St. Joseph with his first wife who died. Therefore, Jude would have had the Theotokos as his stepmother. He is also the brother of St. James, who wrote the Epistle of James, and who also had the Theotokos as his stepmother.

St. Jude preached in many places and was finally martyred in the city of Edessa on June 19th, year unknown.

YOU'RE INVITED!

It's almost summer so you know what that means: Time for the 3rd Annual St. Matthew Open House at the Blazeks' house!

We'll celebrate on Monday, July 4th starting at noon and going on into the evening. This year we have a few things to celebrate along with a general get together: Xavier turning 15, Susan turning 50, Caleb graduating from high school and Paul graduating from Baldwin-Wallace.

Like in previous years, we'll have hot dogs, hamburgers, s'mores and just general fun. For the kids, our house has a swing set, a trampoline, chickens and a very nice park at the end of the street with a bigger playground, woods to explore and basketball hoops.

If you can, bring something to share - we had a great variety of food and drink last year that made a good event great. But if you can't please just BRING YOURSELF because you being there is the most important thing.

It's an Open House so come when you want, stay as little or as long as you want, leave when you want. There's plenty of on-street parking and a Meijer a 2 minute drive (really) so we can get anything you need.

PLEASE RSVP to Al Blazek on Telegram, via text or a phone call (440-799-2487) or by email (al.blazek@gmail.com). Bring a friend, bring family, everyone's invited. Hope to see you there!

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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June 19, 2022

All Saints Sunday

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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 the Blazek family for the health & salvation of Xavier Gerasimos on his 15th birthday; and is offered by the Amer family for the health & salvation of Gabriel on his birthday; and is offered by Father Andrew & Khourie Bonnie in thanksgiving to God on their 46th wedding anniversary; and is offered by Daniel & Maria Simescu for the health & salvation of their grandchildren, Zack & Emma, on their 7th birthdays, and for the health & salvation of Maria, Mihaela, & Catalina; and in beloved memory of Cristian & Olimpia (Maria's grandparents); and is offered by Hani Saddic in beloved memory of his relative, Father Stephanos Farahat.

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

Josephine Katzbach	Paraschiva Blaz	Norman Fadil
Justin Mosier	Phyllis Simmons	Photia Boukis
Tony Burhen	Nancy Yanik	Mary Malaniak
Lucy Kinkaid	Dolores Kaleal	David Ries
Marc Balke	William	Layima Charles
Christopher Samuel	Donna Teaman	Peter
Peter George	Jerry Morrison	Terry Provost
Pauline Hanna	Iliana Radivoj	Athiodoros Vrettakos
Frank Popovich	Lena Batina	Bob Andrews
Issa Zaboura	Danielle	Robbie Betor
Argie Katsaros	Ruth Zheltov	Teresa Kolasz
Archdeacon Joseph Harb	James Padzerski	Rick Walters
Joseph Watson	Ron Hakaim	Clay Frodge
Jean Caldaroni	James Schwind	

And for the newly departed servants of God: Jeremy Burnside (friend of Michael Palmer), Steve Moses (friend of Colton Bose), Ron Teaman, Michelle Matthews, Jean Harmon (Fr. Andrew's aunt)

EPISTLE LESSON: Hebrews 11:33-12:2 **EPISTLE READER:** Reader Anthony Harmon

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30 **HOMILY:** "The Saints Help Us"

USHERS: Marianne Feuerstein & Subdeacon Richard Sahley

CATECHUMEN BLESSING TODAY---Victoria Rodgers will receive the blessing to become a Catechumen and begin preparation to enter the Holy Orthodox Church by Chrismation.

THE WEDDING CROWN REMOVAL CEREMONY will take place today for the newly wed Mr. & Mrs. Nichola & Rose Almalas.

THE MEMORIAL SERVICE is being offered today by Hani Saddic in memory of his relative, Father Stephanos Farahat, the pastor of St. James Antiochian Orthodox Church, in Placentia, California.

FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH---TODAY AFTER LITURGY

HOSTED BY THE SISTERHOOD TO HONOR ALL FATHERS!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Please join us for the

FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH!!!

Hosted by the
St. Matthew Sisterhood

on

Sunday, June 19, 2022

During coffee hour.

We are happy to honor

Our wonderful

Fathers, Step-Fathers,
Grandfathers and God-Fathers!!

Join us for good food and fellowship!!

and

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!!

Thank you!!!

MINISTRY NEWS

OUR JUNE DATE TO PROVIDE, COOK, AND SERVE A MEAL TO THE POOR AT ST. HERMAN ORTHODOX HOMELESS SHELTER IS *today* If you can help by serving, please contact Deacon Basil, 440-665-3591

OUR PARISH'S MINISTRY OF DELIVERY OF FOOD, CLOTHING, ETC. TO THE HOMELESS ON THE STREETS OF CLEVELAND July delivery date to be announced. The alms box to help fund the lunches is near main hall entry door.

FOOD PANTRY— As of right now, the pantry is well-stocked.... **BUT WE ARE AGAIN IN NEED OF GROCERY GIFT CARDS... YOU EITHER BRING OR MAIL TO THE CHURCH.**

OCLife ST. MATTHEW CHURCH—**Attention:** To those who feel God is leading you to do more for life issues, such as the protection of unborn babies in the womb, defending sexual purity for our teens and adults, advocating for the elderly in nursing homes and all issues having to do with living a life pleasing to God: We have a new group at St. Matthew's called OCLife St. Matthew Church. This group is officially affiliated with the national group OCLife, a "non-profit organization dedicated to equipping the Orthodox Christian community to strengthen its commitment to the sacredness of human life from conception to death, illuminating the Church's teaching on life issues through education and engagement." If you wish to get involved in this new ministry, please contact Lisa Palivoda at LDPAL1703@outlook.com or Cindy George at cindygeorge127@gmail.com.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFETIME HOSTS NEEDED—sign up in the hall by the bulletin board!

HOLY BREAD OBLATIONS SIGN-UP for 2022 is in the hall to the right of the sink area. Please sign up for what Sundays you wish to offer an oblation.

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.

SEEKING WORK— Michael Palmer is seeking work. He has 15 years experience in customer service, most recently as a health screener at Cleveland Clinic. He is seeking a job of 20-25 hours per week in Berea/Middleburg Heights area. If you know of anything, please call him---216-212-7436.

DOG SITTER NEEDED—Someone is looking for a dog sitter for a well behaved 70 pound Doberman, while its owner is on vacation in Romania. The dates for watching the dog are from July 15th to the end of August, 2022. The owner will provide the dog's food and toys, and a daily fee for watching the dog (negotiable). Please let Electra know if you are interested in watching this dog, and she will put you in touch with the owner. Electra Floasiu 216-671-0743 electra.floasiu@yahoo.com

ST. MATTHEW'S CHESS CLUB BEGINNING The first meeting of our parish chess club will be after liturgy on Sunday, June 26. If you are an experienced player or have never played---please come! At this first meeting---basic info, discussion of scheduling, and some playing. No RSVP needed, but for more details, call Michael Palmer, 216-212-7436.

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 2022

TONE 8 / EOTHINON 1

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Apostle Jude (Thaddeus), brother of the Lord; Venerable Zenon of Palestine; Martyr Zosimas the Soldier at Antioch in Pisidia

Today we will use alternate musical settings for the following hymns:

- *First Antiphon: Alt. #2 (p. 4)*
- *Second Antiphon and "Only-Begotten Son": Alt. #2 (p. 7)*
- *Entrance Hymn "Come let us worship": Alt. #2 (p. 10)*

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE EIGHT (p. 15)

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ALL SAINTS IN TONE FOUR

Adorned in the blood of Thy Martyrs throughout all the world as in purple and fine linen, Thy Church, through them, doth cry unto Thee, O Christ God: Send down Thy compassions upon Thy people; grant peace to Thy commonwealth, and great mercy to our souls.

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 ALL SAINTS IN TONE EIGHT

*(**The original melody**)*

As first-fruits of our nature to the Planter of created things, * the world presenteth the God-bearing martyred Saints in offering unto Thee, O Lord. * Through their earnest entreaties, * keep Thy Church in deep peace and divine tranquility, * through the pure Theotokos, O Thou Who art greatly merciful.

THE EPISTLE

God is wondrous in His saints. In the churches, bless ye God.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (11:33-12:2)

Brethren, all the saints through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, and turned to flight armies of the aliens. Women received their dead by resurrection, and others were tortured, not accepting their deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. And others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, they were tempted, they were slain with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, being destitute, afflicted, tormented (of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a witness through their faith, did not receive the promise, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which does so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the Author and Perfecter of our faith.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

(10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30)

The Lord said to His disciples, "Everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father Who is in heaven; but whoever denies Me before men, I also will deny before My Father Who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me." Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed Thee. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the New World, when the Son of Man shall sit on His glorious throne, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My Name's sake, will receive a hundred fold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first."

KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) OF ALL SAINTS (Psalm 32(33))

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous; praise is meet for the upright. Alleluia.

UPCOMING SERVICES

SAT, JUNE 25---Vespers, 5pm

SUN, JUNE 26---Matins, 8:50 am, Divine Liturgy, 10am; The Holy Bread of Oblation will be offered by the Blazek family for Susan Julianna's 50th birthday; and will be offered by the Musarra family for Gianna's Name Day (St. Joanna); and will be offered by Susan Joseph in beloved memory of Abraham and Mabel Issa, for the health and safety of grandchildren Lucas, Layla, and Abel, and for uncle Gordon Churchill.

SAINTS PETER & PAUL DAY IS JUNE 29---Our schedule:

Tuesday, June 28---Vespers with Artoklasia, 6:30

Wednesday, June 29---Matins, 9 a.m.; Liturgy, 10 a.m.; Potluck lunch right after liturgy. (Lenten food, please).

The Apostles' Fast begins tomorrow, Monday, June 20, and runs through Tuesday, June 28, the day before Saints Peter & Paul Day (although Ss. Peter & Paul Day is actually a fast day too this year, falling on a Wednesday) It is a Lenten-type fast that we keep as a way of venerating the Holy Apostles and as preparation for the Saints Peter & Paul Day on June 29th.

MEETINGS

PATHWAYS TO PEACE--- Mondays 7:15 p.m., at church & 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 Dcn Basil, 440-665-3591, for zoom info. See flier in this bulletin.

SOUTH BIBLE STUDY--- Tues, June 21 at 6:30pm at Craig & Cindy George's, 9451 Sherwood Trl, Brecksville. Regularly meets the 1st & 3rd Tues of the month. The topic is the book of Ephesians.

WEST BIBLE STUDY--- Sat, June 25, 6pm (after 5pm Vespers). Studying I Corinthians.

NORTH BIBLE STUDY--- Tues, June 23, 6:30pm, meets at the Parkers' house, 1350 Elmwood Court Rocky River. Continuing with the book of Isaiah.

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP--- Fri, June 24th, 1pm, at Tara Reidy's 274 Elmwood, Berea; For more info, call Sandy Tolbert, 440-773-9162.

TEEN GROUP--- June activity to be announced

HOMESCHOOL GROUP---not meeting in the summer, but will resume in August.