

**ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST  
ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**

10383 Albion Rd, North Royalton, OH

***April 14, 2024***

*Fourth Sunday of Great Lent*

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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 David & Rudylin Glaser for the health & salvation of Adam, Stevi, & Liv James on the day of their baptisms; and is offered by Deacon Macarius & Sandy Tolbert for the health & salvation of all the members of the Tolbert & Rahall families and of all in the community of St. Matthew Church; and is offered by Maria Simescu in memory of her aunt, Maria, and her grandfather, Teodor, and her grandmother Ana.

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

Justin Mosier	Mary Malaniak	James Padzerski	Corrine George
Tony Burhen	Julie Dunn	Judy Yanik	Danielle
Lucy Kinkaid	Ed Haddad	Father Basil Caldaroni	Christine Simon
Marc Balke	Michael Francu	Charles & Judy Burhen	John Forcena
Christopher Samuel	Jean Fadil	Constantine & Maria Kornea	Ann Marie
Peter George	Victoria Thorp	Deacon Macarius Tolbert	Harold Tolbert, Sr.
Pauline Hanna	Paraschiva Blaz	Christopher Bokjanc	Ginger DeFilippo
Frank Popovich	Dolores Kaleal	Hani Farhat	Eleanor Parker
Issa Zaboura	Josephine Katzbach	Becca Aboumrad & child	
Argie Katsaros	Father John Henry	Gina DeFilippo	
Nancy Yanik	Theodore Bunevich	Nancy Brown	
Jerry Morriston	Mary Violanti	Elias Karam	

**And for the newly departed servants of God:** Margaret Sabrey, Father Michael Gulgas (pastor of St. Nicholas Orthodox Church in Lorain), Jean Browne (Sandy Tolbert's cousin), Nikki Bober, Livia Coconocu (Mark Monalache's grandmother), George Spevoc (brother-in-law of Marianne Feuerstein), Eric Ghianni (brother-in-law of Ginger Defilippo), Iliana Radivoj, Betty Christianson (Father Andrew's Cousin), Tony Mlakar (grandfather of David Mlakar), Teodor Stroe (Father-in-law of Fr. Petru at Buna Vestire Church)

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**EPISTLE LESSON:** Hebrews 6: 13-20

**EPISTLE READER:** Reader Anthony Harmon

**GOSPEL LESSON:** Mark 9:17-31

**HOMILY:** "The Cross of Christ"

**USHERS:** Dave & Rudilyn Glaser

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

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES will be dismissed after communion---for ages 3- 19  
PARENTS---PLEASE HAVE YOUR CHILDREN ATTEND TODAY!**

**PLEASE STAY FOR COFFEETIME RIGHT AFTER THE LITURGY!**

**OUR PARISH WOMEN'S SISTERHOOD WILL MEET TODAY AFTER THE  
LITURGY**

**OUR PARISH CHESS CLUB WILL MEET TODAY AFTER THE LITURGY**

On Lenten Sundays, we use the St. Basil Liturgy. Some hymns and prayers are different. They are boxed in the liturgy book.

**DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024**  
**TONE 4 / EOTHINON 1; FOURTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT**  
**Commemoration of John Climacus, Author of “The Ladder”**  
Apostles Aristarchos, Pudens and Trophymos of the Seventy

**\*\*Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great\*\***

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 ST. JOHN CLIMACUS IN TONE EIGHT

With the streams of thy tears, thou didst cultivate the barrenness of the desert; and by thy sighings from the depths, thou didst bear fruit a hundredfold in labors; and thou becamest a luminary, shining with miracles upon the world, O John our righteous Father. Intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

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 AKATHIST/ANNUNCIATION IN TONE EIGHT (p. 80)

Verily I, thy servant, O Theotokos, inscribe unto thee the banners of conquest, O Defending Soldier; I offer thanks to thee as a deliverer from tribulation. And since thine is the might unconquerable, deliver me, O deliver me from oppression, that I may sing unto thee: Rejoice, O Bride without bridegroom.

THE EPISTLE

*O Lord, how magnified are Thy works. In wisdom hast Thou made them all.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul.*

**The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (6:13-20)**

Brethren, when God made a promise to Abraham, since He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, saying, “Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee.” And thus, having patiently endured, he obtained the promise. For people indeed swear by what is greater, and in every dispute of theirs the oath is final for confirmation. So when God, being minded to show more abundantly to the heirs of the promise the immutability of His counsel, He interposed it with an oath, that by two immutable things—in which it is impossible for God to lie—we might

have a strong consolation, we, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope that is set before us; a hope, which we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and entering into “that which is within the veil,” where Jesus entered as a Forerunner on our behalf, having become a High Priest “forever according to the order of Melchizedek.”

### THE GOSPEL

#### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (9:17-31)**

At that time, a man came to Jesus, kneeling down and saying unto him, “Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit. And wherever it seizes him, it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked Thy Disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.” And Jesus answered them, “O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to Me.” And they brought the boy to Him; and when the spirit saw Jesus, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, “How long has he had this?” And he said, “From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if Thou canst do anything, have pity on us and help us.” And Jesus said to him, “If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.” Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!” And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again.” And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, “He is dead.” But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when Jesus had entered the house, His Disciples asked Him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” And Jesus said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting.” They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And Jesus would not have anyone know it; for He was teaching His Disciples, saying to them, “The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him; and after He is killed, He will rise on the third day.”

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

### .ST. BASIL LITURGY MEGALYNARION

All creation rejoiceth in thee, O thou who art full of grace: the angelic hosts and the race of men. O hallowed temple and spiritual paradise, glory of virgins, of whom God was incarnate and became a little child, even our God who is before all the ages; for he made thy womb a throne, and thy body more spacious than the heavens. All creation rejoiceth in thee, O thou who art full of grace. Glory to thee.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:

**Today-** regular classes      **Apr 21-** regular classes      **Apr 28-** no classes (Palm Sunday)  
**May 5-** no classes (Pascha)      **May 12-** special last day activity and egg hunt      **May 19-** first confessions

## **UPCOMING SERVICES**

**THE SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK, THE 5<sup>TH</sup> WEEK OF LENT IS UNIQUE---HERE IT IS-----**

**Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**---Great Compline, 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**---Little Compline with Canon of St. Andrew of Crete and the reading of the Life of St. Mary of Egypt, 6:30 p.m. *No meal*

**Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**---Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, 6:30 p.m. Potluck meal afterwards—strict fasting food, please

**Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**---Akathist service, 7 p.m. Preceded by potluck meal at 6, coordinated by the Teen Club. Strict fasting food, please. The service is followed by 8 p.m. by our Saints Alive! class in the Hall. Led by Colton Bose....Topic: St. Nephon of Constantia

**Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**---Liturgy for the Saturday of the Akathist Hymn, 10 a.m. (Matins at 9 a.m.). *This is not a Soul Saturday, but a Saturday commemorating the miracle in the 600's A.D. that led to the Akathist service that we pray on Lenten Friday evenings.* The 40 day memorial will be offered at the end of the liturgy by Dijana Bokjanc for her mother, Iliana Radivoj.

---Vespers, 5 p.m,

**SUN, APR 21-** 8:50am Matins, 10am Divine Liturgy

### **THE PRE-SANCTIFIED LITURGY**

Canon law does not permit celebration of the liturgy on weekdays in Lent due those days being so solemn and the liturgy being so joyful. However, due to increased spiritual struggle in Lent, Holy Communion is more needed than usual! Therefore, our Orthodox Tradition allows the receiving of Communion from the reserved host from the Sunday before. This beautiful and ornate service can be held on Wednesdays and Fridays.

The most common Antiochian practice is to have it on Wednesdays only due to the Friday Akathist services. We will be having at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. In order to receive Holy Communion, the minimal preparation is to fast after a light Lenten lunch if one is not able to fast from after breakfast or all day. After each of these services, there will be a strictly Lenten potluck meal.

### **THE AKATHIST SERVICE FOR THE HOLY THEOTOKOS**

The Little Compline with the Akathist Hymn originated in Constantinople in the 600's A.D. The city was besieged by the non-Christian Avar barbarians. The people put their hope in the Protectress of the city, St. Mary. Through her prayers to God, the city was saved. The Akathist hymn of thanks to God and the Holy Virgin was written and the people gathered to sing it. It was customary, as a sign of joy, to stand for the whole service---“akathist” is Greek for “not sitting”. Antiochian practice is to have it on the first five Friday nights of Lent. St. Matthew's will have it at 7 p.m. those 5 evenings. It will be preceded by a Lenten community potluck meal at 6. And after the service at 8, we will have our Saints Alive! classes in the hall.

### **LENTEN CONFESSIONS**

All Orthodox Christians should go to the Sacrament of Confession during Lent or Holy Week. Confessions at St. Matthew are held at 5:45 p.m. most Saturdays (after 5 p.m. Vespers); during part of the 8:50 Matins service on Sundays; and sometimes (not always) before or after other worship services. And it is fine to make an appointment to come for Confession at other times. If you have questions about the sacrament, just contact Father Andrew.....

## OUR 2024 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, APRIL 26---Little Compline with Canon of Raising of St. Lazarus, 6:30 p.m.

LAZARUS SATURDAY, APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup>---Matins, 9 a.m.; Liturgy, 10 a.m.; Potluck brunch, 11:30 a.m.

----GRAVE BLESSINGS START AT NOON (see elsewhere in newsletter for info on this);

----Vespers, 5 p.m.

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup>---Matins, 8:45 a.m.; Liturgy with Palm Procession, 10 a.m.;

----First Bridegroom Service, 6:30 p.m.

HOLY MONDAY, APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup>---Second Bridegroom Service, 6:30 p.m.

HOLY TUESDAY, APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>---Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, 10 a.m.;

----Third Bridegroom Service, 6:30 p.m.

HOLY WEDNESDAY, MAY 1---Unction Healing Service, 6:30 p.m.

HOLY THURSDAY, May 2---Matins, 8:30 a.m.; Liturgy, 10 a.m.; Potluck brunch after liturgy.

---Service of the 12 Passion Gospel Readings, 6:30 p.m.

GREAT & HOLY FRIDAY, May 3---

---Royal Hours, 7 a.m., 9 a.m., noon, 3 p.m.

----Great Vespers (Taking Down From Cross)---4 p.m.

---Lamentations Matins, 7 p.m.

GREAT & HOLY SATURDAY, May 4-----Harrowing of Hell Liturgy, 10 a.m.

GREAT & HOLY PASCHA, May 5-----

--Rush, Outdoor Procession, Matins, Liturgy service----10:30 p.m. (*Saturday night*) **THIS IS THE MAIN PASCHA SERVICE**

Followed by Parish Pascha Feast, approximately 1:15 a.m.

---Agape Vespers, noon, on Pascha Day

## HOLY WEEK NEEDS

**VARIOUS ITEMS ARE NEEDED FOR HOLY WEEK AND PASCHA**

*Lilies; palms; flowers & greenery for the tomb; large Paschal candles; smaller brown candles; olive oil; eggs for dying*

**If you can help with any of the things below, please contact**

**Subdeacon Richard Sahley ---216-513-9738, [richardsahley@yahoo.com](mailto:richardsahley@yahoo.com)**

**Or Lisa Amer---216- 415-9126, [lisa.amer@att.net](mailto:lisa.amer@att.net)**

**ALL-NIGHT PRAYER VIGIL AT THE TOMB OF CHRIST**---starts about 9:15 pm after the Holy Friday evening service on May 3..and continues until Holy Saturday liturgy starts at 10am. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex when we get closer to the date...You can sign up for one or more small time periods and do not have to stay all night.

## MEETINGS

**YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY**—Apr meeting already held. 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](mailto:samuelfharmon15@gmail.com) or Colton Bose, 440-567-6101

**WEST BIBLE STUDY**---Sat, May 12. Meets at the church one Sat a month at 6pm (after 5pm Vespers). We are studying the book of Revelation.

**SOUTH BIBLE STUDY**--- *Will not meet during Lent. They will resume meeting on May 21.*

**WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP**— Tues, Apr 23, 10:30am. Meets monthly at Tara Reidy's (274 Elmwood, Berea). For info, call Sandy Tolbert, [440-773-9162](tel:440-773-9162).

**HOMESCHOOL ENRICHMENT GROUP**--- Meets at the church on Fridays from 9:30-1:30 (last day will be Apr 26). Contact Olivia: [oharmon15@gmail.com](mailto:oharmon15@gmail.com),

**KNIT/CROCHET GROUP**---Next date to be announced. Meets quarterly at the church. Do you knit or crochet? Would you like to learn? Please join us! Contact Lisa Bowden at [440-667-2767](tel:440-667-2767) for info.

**CHESS CLUB**--- Today after church. *If you don't know how to play, you are welcome to come and they will teach you!*

**TEEN CLUB**— Next meeting: After liturgy Sun, May 26<sup>th</sup>. They will be in charge of Children's Egg Hunt on May 12

**ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN'S SISTERHOOD**—Today after liturgy.

**MUSIC PRACTICES**- We will be restarting regular monthly singing practices after vespers, both to learn new music and to refine what we already know. Practices will be held Apr 20 and 27 immediately after vespers. Please join us as we "make a joyful noise unto the Lord"! All ages welcome, no experience necessary! Please contact Lisa Amer with any questions.

## MINISTRY NEWS

**STREET DELIVERY TO THE HOMELESS**----- NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 21, is the next monthly day 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** NEXT SUN, APRIL 21 is next monthly date to serve a meal to the poor at St. Herman Orthodox Homeless Shelter in Cleveland. If you can help by serving the 5:30 meal, please see Dcn Basil or call him at 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](mailto: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](mailto:vdefilippo@neo.rr.com)

## **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE ANNUAL LENTEN ALMS BOXES** for our Archdiocese's out reach to the poor around the world are on a table in the narthex. Please take a box home and fill it with money during Lent--then bring it back to church and Holy Week. We will send the money to the Archdiocese which will distribute around the world. God will bless you for being a blessing to His needy ones!

**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!

**ANCIENT FAITH MEN'S RETREAT**- at Antiochian Village in Bolivar, PA Aug 22-25, 2024; Forge enduring connections with Orthodox brothers, strengthen your faith, be encouraged, and challenge yourself at the first ever Ancient Faith Men's Retreat. 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/>

### **Antiochian Village Summer Camp**

## **Marina Amer**

### **Camper Spotlight**



**How many years have you been to camp?**

This will be my fourth year!

**What is your favorite camp memory?**

Going on the overnight.

**What is a favorite activity at camp?**

Evening program and the ropes course.

**What are you looking forward to about camp?**

Seeing old friends and making new ones.



## **THE LENTEN FAST**

Great Lent is a time to especially work on spiritual disciplines to help us grow in Christ. These disciplines include such things as extra worship services, beginning or strengthening the habit of daily prayer, Confession, more Bible reading, almsgiving, and fasting.

Fasting is a discipline meant to help us in several ways: learning self-denial, gaining self-control, helping us to focus more on God and less on food, allowing us to spend less on food and, thus, give more to the poor.

The Lenten fast involves both eating less and giving up certain types of food. Throughout Lent, we should eat less and avoid snacks, in addition to abstaining from some types of food.

Lent this year is from March 18 through April 26. During Lent, Orthodox give up meat and animal foods (such as eggs, dairy, & fish) plus wine and olive oil. Shellfish are eaten. On Annunciation Day, March 25, wine, oil, and fish are consumed. And wine and oil are used on all Saturdays and Sundays in Lent. During Holy Week, April 27- May 4, the fast is the same as in Lent itself except that wine, olive oil, and fish are used on Palm Sunday. Also, Holy & Great Friday and Holy & Great Saturday, May 3rd and 4th, are to be observed as especially strict fast days, with as little eating & drinking as possible.

As with all fasting, the Church's Lenten fasts allows for adjustments for children, pregnant mothers, nursing mothers, and those with health problems that require certain foods. Also, those who are new to fasting may need to begin with a less a strict fast and then "tighten up" year by year---on the other hand some new folks do just fine with diving right in. We should always remember that unless we fast strictly enough to make it hard, it will be of little value to us. One should always feel free to speak to one's spiritual father about how to personally observe, & make the best spiritual use, of the Lenten fast.

The Bible and the Saints are clear that fasting is not a way to earn salvation, but is a tool to help us grow. We must guard against pride when we fast and concentrate most on fasting from sin---gossip, pride, lust, etc.

The prescribed Lenten Fast is sometimes called "the black fast" to distinguish it from less strict fasting. How strictly each person follows the recommended fast is not anyone else's business. We should only be concerned with our own fasting, not judge what others eat. ***A good rule of thumb: fast yourself as strictly as you can; and pay no attention to what anyone else eats.***

***However, when we gather together at church during Lent at coffeetime and meals, we should all abide by the full Lenten fast.***

**GRAVE BLESSINGS**---There are two traditional days for the blessing of loved one's graves in our Orthodox Faith---Lazarus Saturday and St. Thomas Sunday.

**ON LAZARUS SATURDAY, APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup>**, Father Andrew will bless graves beginning approximately at 12:15 after morning liturgy and parish lunch. The two cemeteries that day will be Brooklyn Heights Cemetery and Holy Cross Cemetery.

**ON ST. THOMAS SUNDAY, MAY 12<sup>TH</sup>**, Father Andrew will bless graves beginning approximately at 1pm. The two cemeteries that day will be St. Theodosius Cemetery and Riverside Cemetery.

**BLESSINGS AT OTHER CEMETERIES WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR LATER DATES**

**CONTACT FATHER ANDREW AHEAD OF TIME TO SCHEDULE FOR ANY OF THESE CEMETERIES.....**

# Pascha Food Box Ministry 2024

## Can you help?

We are in need of about 20 Pascha boxes for needy homes!

If you are able to help us with this very important ministry, please bring your filled box to the church on Palm Sunday, April 28th. (Actually, we figured out that it's easier if you could put the food into reusable grocery bags - they are easier for the deliverers to carry).

Have fun packing and thank you so much! It is a great help!

Here are some suggestions, please feel free to add anything else you like!

Sugar  
Easter chocolate/candy  
Peanut butter  
Jelly/jam  
Canned tuna  
Canned beans, soup...  
Rice  
Potatoes (fresh or boxed)  
Pasta  
Pasta sauce  
Tea  
Toilet paper  
Dish soap  
Laundry detergent

We will also need 20 hams and grocery gift cards!

This year we'd also like to offer the opportunity to help us fill a box — but you don't have to do the shopping! You give a cash donation (any \$\$ amount is appreciated!!) and we will do the shopping for you! (Please bring your donation to church by April 21.)

Contact Louise Bouhasin 216-544-2319 or Lisa Bowden 440-667-2767 to let us know you are filling a box/ donation, bringing a ham and/or grocery gift cards.

Please put hams in church freezer or refrigerator. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out! We usually need around 20 filled boxes.

We also need several people who can deliver a box - please let us know if you can help with that!

Thank you SO much for your kindness!

The St. Matthew Antiochian Women's Sisterhood's

# Palm Sunday Bake Sale

Sunday, April 28, 2024

(Right after Liturgy)

Please help to make our Bake Sale a great success by baking,  
bringing and/or buying!!!

Bring in your springtime sweet or savory specialties.

(We LOVE our wonderful bakers!!!)

Please have your bakery ready to place on the table!!

And feel free to price your donations, if you prefer...

which would help us a lot!!!

So, mark your calendars.....

(It's coming up sooner than you think!!)

**~~~ Thank you!!! ~~~**



# IT TAKES A VILLAGE

## Adopt a Camper

### Here's how:

- CHOOSE A CAMPER YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR. (SEE KENDRA HUNTER OR GAIL MALANIAK 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 15, 2024.

### Cost:

- TUITION IS \$1,100 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!*

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• CAMPER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

• AMOUNT: \_\_\_\_\_

• SPONSOR'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

• DO YOU WISH TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS? \_\_\_\_\_

# SAVE THE DATE

FOR A WEEKEND RETREAT  
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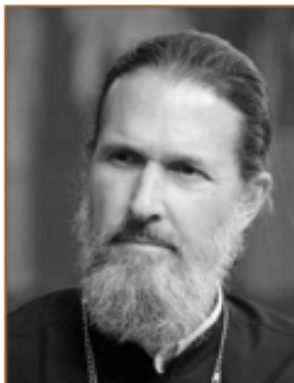
FATHER JOSIAH  
TRENHAM, PH.D.

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DATE: SEPTEMBER 20 – 22, 2024

TIME AND SCHEDULE: TBA

LOCATION:

St. Matthew the Evangelist  
Orthodox Church  
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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](mailto: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



# 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.

April 2024				
		Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Monday	1			
Tuesday	2			
Wednesday	3			
Thursday	4			
Friday	5	Homeschool 9-2		
Saturday	6			
Sunday	7			
Monday	8			
Tuesday	9			
Wednesday	10			
Thursday	11			
Friday	12	Homeschool 9-2		
Saturday	13			
Sunday	14			
Monday	15			
Tuesday	16			
Wednesday	17			
Thursday	18			
Friday	19	Homeschool 9-2		
Saturday	20		Memorial lunch- Kosta and Dijana Bokjanc	
Sunday	21		Kitchen in use-George and Christine Nassif 1-4	
Monday	22	EOWG meeting 10:00- Gloria Z		
Tuesday	23			
Wednesday	24	Kitchen in use-Sisterhood 8:30-4:00	Kitchen in use-Sisterhood 8:30-4:00	
Thursday	25			
Friday	26	Homeschool 9-2		
Saturday	27			
Sunday	28			
Monday	29			
Tuesday	30			

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## PASCHA THIS YEAR IS MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>

### THE HOLY CONFESSOR MARTIN, POPE OF ROME

St. Martin, whom we commemorate today, was elected the pope of Rome in 649 A.D. at the time that the Monothelite was shaking our Orthodox Church. This false teaching cast doubts on Christ being genuinely human by claiming He did not have a human will. The Byzantine Emperor Constans II tried to force this false belief on all Christians. Pope Martin condemned this new false teaching. In his anger the emperor had the pope arrested and brought to Constantinople where he was imprisoned. He was treated terribly and became very ill. He still refused to back the emperor's heresy. Then he was stripped of his papal office and sent to exile in Crimea. His health continued to deteriorate due to poor treatment and he fell asleep in Christ on April 14, 655 A.D. His cause triumphed soon after when at the 6<sup>TH</sup> Ecumenical Council, the heresy of Monotheletism was firmly and forever condemned by the Church.

## ST MATTHEW'S SUMMER DAY CAMP



**June 3-7, 2024 9:30am-12:30pm**

**2024 Theme: ORTHODOXY AROUND THE WORLD**



Join us as we explore the lives of saints, sacred arts, sports, and international foods  
Free! (Donations Accepted)

To register children ages 3-12 or to volunteer: call, text, or email Olivia Harmon  
440-220-2624, [oharmon15@gmail.com](mailto:oharmon15@gmail.com) By May 20th

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