

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

10383 Albion Rd, North Royalton, OH

September 15, 2024

Sunday After the Elevation of the Holy Cross

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 Deacon Basil and Joanne Vazquez for their grandchildren Sophia Gazal and Theodore Vazquez on their birthdays; and by the Roach family for the health & salvation of Emilia on her birthday; and by Fr. Andrew & Kh. Bonnie for the health & salvation of their daughter-in-law, Anya, on her birthday; and by Fr Fred & Kh Michelle in memory of Kh Michelle's Yiayia and Papou Eirene & George Samaras and Fr. Fred's Aunt Marina; and by Leontina Petromaniac in memory of her mother, Paraschiva Blaz (40 days) and in memory of the departed: Alexandar, Maria, Peter, Christina, Trifu, Valian, Ana, Jouan, Trifu, Valian, George, and Aurelia.

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

Justin Mosier	Nancy Yanik	Father John Henry	Jared Johnston
Lucy Kinkaid	Julie Dunn	Charles & Judy Burhen	Christina Bossart
Marc Balke	Ed Haddad	Constantine & Maria Kornea	Ann Ghianni
Christopher Samuel	Jean Fadil	Sara Scordos and baby	Don Heatwole
Peter George	Victoria Thorp	George & Christine Simon	Tony Branson
Pauline Hanna	Argie Katsaros	Michael & Marilyn Francu	Jemma Whorley
Frank Popovich	Theodore Bunevich	Tamara Derosset	Metropolitan LONGIN
Issa Zaboura	Donald Glaser	Dana	Sharon Mack
Corrine George	Mary Violanti	Charlotte Shaheen	Craig George
James Padzerski	Jerry Morrison	Roy	Christian
Josephine Katzbach	Danielle	Elias Karam	Susan Joseph

And for the newly departed servants of God: Tom Thomas (Gail Malaniak's uncle), Christos Yannaras, Dmitry, John Zerilla (Larry Malaniak's uncle), Tony Burhen, Igumen Pitirim, Robert Speck

EPISTLE LESSON: Galatians 2:16-20

EPISTLE READER: Reader Anthony Harmon

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 8:34-9:1

HOMILY: Fr. Fred

USHERS: Louise Bouhasin & Michael Fazio

ALTAR BOY TEAM 3—Josiah Blazek, captain; Gabriel Amer, Gregory Blazek, Adam Heatwole

THE MEMORIAL SERVICE will be offered at the end of liturgy by Leontina Petromaniac for her mother, Paraschiva Blaz (40 days) and for Alexandar, Maria, Peter, Christina, Trifu, Valian, Ana, Jouan, Trifu, Valian, George, and Aurelia.

FIRST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ARE TODAY FOR CHILDREN AGES 3.5-19!

Students and teachers will be first in line for communion and will walk directly to their classrooms after they receive communion.

PLEASE STAY FOR COFFEETIME TODAY AFTER LITURGY!

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

TONE 3 / EOTHINON 1

SUNDAY AFTER THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Great-martyr Nikitas the Goth and those with him

VERSES OF THE FIRST ANTIPHON

O God, my God, attend to me; why hast Thou forsaken me? Far from my salvation are the words of my transgressions.

My God, I will cry by day, and wilt Thou not hearken? And by night, and it shall not be unto folly for me. But as for Thee, Thou dwellest in the sanctuary, O Praise of Israel.

Glory... Both now...

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

O God, why hast Thou cast us off unto the end? Remember Thy congregation which Thou hast purchased from the beginning.



Save us, O Son of God Who wast cru-ci-fied in the flesh, who sing to



Thee: Al-le-lu-i-a.

This is Mount Zion wherein Thou hast dwelt. (*Refrain*)

God is our King before the ages. He hath wrought salvation in the midst of the earth. (*Refrain*)

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

THE THIRD ANTIPHON

The Lord reigneth, let the people rage; He sitteth upon the cherubim, let the earth be shaken. The Lord is great in Zion; and He is high above all peoples. Let them confess Thy great Name, for it is terrible and holy. (*now sing the Apolytikion of the Holy Cross*)

- *The Eisodikon (Entrance Hymn) is "O come, let us worship... save us, O Son of God, **Who art risen from the dead...**" as on ordinary Sundays.*

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 THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS IN TONE ONE

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, and to Thy faithful rulers grant victory over the barbarians. And by the power of Thy Cross, protect all those who follow 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 ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS IN TONE FOUR

*(**The Original Melody**)*

Thou Who wast raised up on the Cross of Thine own will, O Christ our God, do Thou bestow Thy compassions upon this, Thy new commonwealth named after Thee. Gladden with Thy sovereign might our most Orthodox hierarchs, and vouchsafe them victory over every false teaching; and as Thy help in war may they possess the weapon of peace, the trophy invincible.

THE EPISTLE (For Sunday after the Elevation of the Holy Cross)

Sing praises to our God, sing praises. Clap your hands all ye peoples.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (2:16-20)

Brethren, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. Even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the Law died to the Law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me.

THE GOSPEL (For Sunday after the Elevation of the Holy Cross)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (8:34-9:1)

The Lord said, "If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake and the Gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And He said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Kingdom of God come with power."

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sat, Sept 21 4pm *Great Vespers (note earlier time than usual)*

Sun, Sept 22 8:50am *Orthros*, 10am *Divine Liturgy*; The Holy Bread of Oblation will be offered by the Amer family for the health & salvation of Jay on his birthday; and by Maria Simescu for the health & salvation of her brother, Mihail, on his birthday, and in memory of her brother, Cristian; and by the Dinu family for the health & salvation of Livia on her birthday.

MEETINGS

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY— Saturday, September 28 at 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--- Tuesday, 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 Oct 6 after liturgy in the board room.

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--- Sun, Sept 15 after liturgy. If you don't know how to play, they will teach you!

PATHWAYS TO PEACE- 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 22. 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 TODAY 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

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
Kitchen Help	Gloria Zabala	gzabala104@gmail.com

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!

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.

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.

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* 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!**

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOOP:

Today is the first day of Sunday School classes.

9/22 Regular classes

9/29 Regular classes

10/6 Shortened Class followed by choir practice

If you are interested in leading the children's choir or Christmas program, please see Dawn Heatwole. Also, the Sunday School is looking for new or gently used items for our new sensory area. Acceptable items include balls of any size, squishy toys, fidgets, beads, popping toys, etc. No play doh or sand. Thank you!

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

St. Paul Ladies Philoptochos Society

Autumn

• CRAFT FAIR •

Saturday, October 12, 2024

9am-4pm, Cash Entry \$2

St. Paul Hellenic Center
4548 Wallings Road
North Royalton, Ohio 44133

A variety of unique vendors and artisans!

Authentic Greek Food, Pastries, and Other Treats!

Indoor Event!

Proceeds to benefit
St. Paul Ladies Philoptochos Society Charities

St. Paul Greek Orthodox Church
North Royalton, Ohio

Benefit Concert for St. Theodosius Orthodox Christian Cathedral

Sunday, SEPTEMBER 15, 2024 at 3 pm

at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church
6822 Broadview Road, Parma 44134



Presented by the

***Pan-Orthodox Choir of the
Greater Cleveland Area Churches***

One-hour concert open to the public.
Free Will Donation to go toward the
RESTORATION FUND following a fire.
Light refreshments and fellowship at
conclusion.

CD available to purchase. Professional
recording donated by *Spider Studios*.
15 tracks of familiar hymns and a
special interview with Fr. Ján Čižmár,
Cathedral Dean. **\$20**



**EASTERN ORTHODOX WOMEN'S GUILD
OF GREATER CLEVELAND**
Unity Through Participation

Theotokos of Vladimir

Thursday, October 10, 2024
Annual Fundraising Dinner

- All proceeds will go to St. Theodosius Cathedral (rebuilding fund)



Holy Trinity Church Hall
6822 Broadview Road
Parma, OH 44134

- Doors open at 6:00 PM / Dinner at 7:00 PM
 - Enjoy appetizers at social hour with friends and family – **All invited**
 - Homemade dinner
 - Delicious Pastries
 - Auction Gift Baskets
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- Tickets: Adults - \$20 / Children 6-12 \$10 / Under 6 – FREE
 - For tickets, see Parish Representatives Gloria Zabala
○ or Helen Beverly (440-212-5545)
 - Reservations must be made by Tuesday, October 1, 2024

October 18-20, 2024

Clergy: October 17-19



Midwest Diocese
FAMILY FALL
Gathering

ST. NICHOLAS - GRAND RAPIDS, MI

Welcoming our new Archbishop 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

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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		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		

St Matthew Church can now accept donations online:

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



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>