

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

10383 Albion Rd, North Royalton, OH

April 28, 2024

Palm Sunday

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Archbishop of New York and Antiochian Metropolitan of all North America

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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 Al & Susan Blazek in thanksgiving to God on their 23rd wedding anniversary; and is offered by the Amer family for the health & salvation of Lisa's mother, Joanne Vazquez, on her birthday; and is offered by Cindy George for the health & salvation of Craig on his birthday; and is offered by Maria Simescu for the health & salvation of her brothers, Ioan and Mihkail.

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

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

And for the newly departed servants of God: Daniel, Rocky Farage (Beth Snyder's brother), Father Andrew Short, Margaret Sabrey, Jean Browne (Sandy Tolbert's cousin), Nikki Bober, Livia Coconocu (Mark Monalache's grandmother), George Spevoc (Marianne Feuerstein's brother-in-law), Eric Ghianni (Ginger Defilippo's brother-in-law)

EPISTLE LESSON: Philippians 4:4-9

EPISTLE READER: Reader Anthony Harmon

GOSPEL LESSON: John 12:1-18

HOMILY: "Making A Decision"

USHERS: Louise Bouhasin & Kosta Bokjanc

ALTAR BOY TEAM 1---Caleb Blazek, captain; Christos Allen, Cosby Hunter, Phillip Roach

AT THE END OF THE SERVICE TODAY---

---Blessing of the palms and outdoor procession.

---The 40-Day Churching for Lindsey Katsaros and her son, James

PLEASE STAY FOR COFFEETIME RIGHT AFTER THE LITURGY!

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY

TWO SPECIAL FOOD-RELATED EVENTS TODAY

---Our annual Women's Sisterhood Palm Sunday Bake Sale at Coffeetime

Please support the good works of the Sisterhood while enjoying some delicious items!

---Palm Sunday Fish Dinner, 1:15 All welcome—no charge

Thank you to all who donated the food for the meal!

TONIGHT—THE FIRST BRIDEGROOM SERVICE—6:30 P.M

Please see elsewhere in bulletin for full Holy Week schedule.

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES

VERSES OF THE FIRST ANTIPHON (*Psalm 114 (116)*)

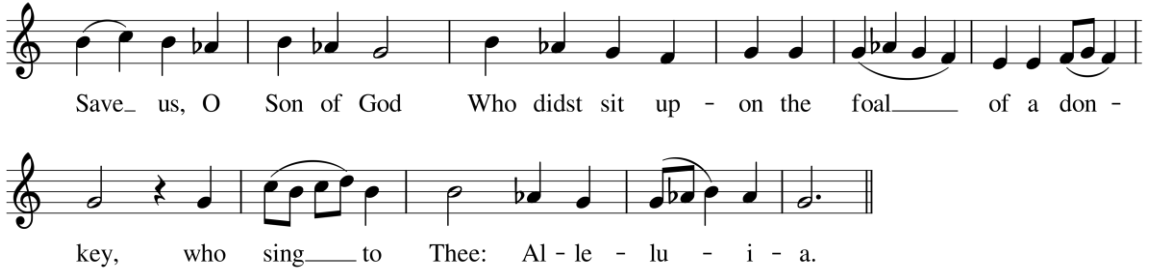
I am filled with joy, for the Lord will hear the voice of my supplication. The anguish of death encompassed me, the perils of hell beset me.

I found tribulation and anguish, and I called upon the Name of the Lord. I will walk acceptably before the Lord in the land of the living.

Glory... Both now...

THE SECOND ANTIPHON (*Psalm 115 (116)*)

I believed, and therefore have I spoken: but I was deeply humiliated. What shall I render unto the Lord, for all His benefits unto me?



Save_ us, O Son of God Who didst sit up - on the foal_____ of a don -
key, who sing_____ to Thee: Al - le - lu - i - a.

I will take the cup of Salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord. (**Refrain**)

I will pay my vows unto the Lord in the presence of all His people. (**Refrain**)

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

VERSES OF THE THIRD ANTIPHON (*Psalm 117 (118)*)

O, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever. Let the house of Israel now say that He is good: for His mercy endureth forever. Let the house of Aaron now say that He is good: for His mercy endureth forever. Let all that fear the Lord now say that He is good: for His mercy endureth forever. (*Now sing the Apolytikion of Lazarus Saturday, below*)

THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF PALM SUNDAY (*Psalm 117 (118)*)

Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord: God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us. Save us, O Son of God, Who didst sit upon the foal of a donkey; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

APOLYTIKION OF LAZARUS SATURDAY IN TONE 1

O Christ our God, when Thou didst raise Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion, Thou didst confirm the resurrection of the universe. Wherefore, we, like children, carry the banners of triumph and victory; and we cry to Thee, O Conqueror of death: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

APOLYTIKION OF PALM SUNDAY IN TONE 4

As by baptism we were buried with Thee, O Christ our God, so by Thy Resurrection we were deemed worthy of immortal life; and praising Thee, we cry: Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

KONTAKION OF PALM SUNDAY IN TONE 6

Being borne upon a throne in Heaven, and upon a colt on the earth, O Christ God, Thou didst accept the praise of the Angels and the laudation of the children as they cried to Thee: Blessed art Thou Who comest to recall Adam.

THE EPISTLE

Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Philippians. (4:4-9)

Brethren, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice! Let your forbearance be known to all people. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your petitions be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are honorable, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report; if there is any virtue, and if there is any praise, think about these things. The things which you both learned and received, and heard and saw in me, these things do; and the God of peace will be with you.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (12:1-18)

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus who had died was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made Him a supper; Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at table with Him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, one of His Disciples (he who was to betray Jesus), said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not because he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the moneybox he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of My burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have Me." When the great crowd of the Jews learned that He was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus. The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord, the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His Disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of Him and had been done to Him. The crowd that had been with Jesus when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet Jesus was that they heard He had done this sign.

MEGALYNARION FOR PALM SUNDAY IN TONE 4

God is the Lord and hath appeared unto us; ordain a feast, and rejoicing, come let us magnify Christ with palms and branches, crying out with hymns: Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord, our Savior.

KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) FOR PALM SUNDAY (Psalm 117 (118))

Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. Alleluia.

- *Instead of "We have seen the true light", sing the Apolytikion of Lazarus Saturday.*

Next Sunday, Pascha, May 5th—Father Andrew & Khourie Bonnie will offer the bread of oblation for Olivia Harmon, for all their family, and for the parishioners of St. Matthew's.

UPCOMING SERVICES

FULL HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

OUR 2024 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

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

LAZARUS SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH---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 28TH—Matins, 8:45 a.m.; Liturgy with Palm Procession, 10 a.m.;
----First Bridegroom Service, 6:30 p.m.

HOLY MONDAY, APRIL 29TH—Second Bridegroom Service, 6:30 p.m.

HOLY TUESDAY, APRIL 30TH---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

BRIGHT WEDNESDAY VESPERS---May 8, 6:30 p.m. Potluck meal right afterwards---
a fasting-free meal, of course!

LENTEN CONFESSIONS---All Orthodox Christians should go to the Sacrament of Confession during Lent or Holy Week. To make an appointment to come for Confession contact Father Andrew or contact him if you have questions.....

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

Or Lisa Amer---216- 415-9126, lisa.amer@att.net

SOME HOLY WEEK NOTES-----

---If enough altar boys (or other male!) are available for the Holy Thursday, May 2, 10 a.m. liturgy, we will have the **foot washing ceremony**. If you can be present, please let Fr. Andrew or one of the deacons know ahead of time. If a letter to a school is needed, let Fr. Andrew know.

---During the day on Great & Holy Friday, May 3, we will **decorate the tomb and dye eggs in between the short Hours services**. Please come and help---and enjoy some “holy day fellowship”.

---**Blessing of baskets**: Pascha baskets will be blessed at the end of our midnight Pascha service. It is traditional to include in the baskets food that you didn't eat during Lent---meat, eggs, cheese, wine, candy, etc.—plus anything else you like.... There will be tables in the church to put the baskets on.

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. You can sign up for one or more small time periods and do not have to stay all night. There now is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Michael Musarra is coordinating the schedule. Contact him at 216-559-7203 if you have questions!

PASCHA PARISH POTLUCK FEAST After the Midnite Pascha Service (which starts at 10:30 p.m., Saturday, May 4th) . Please stay after the liturgy for the Potluck of Potlucks as we break the Lenten Fast and celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ! If you can help that night, please contact our committee---Susan Blazek, Electra Floasiu, Tony Latina, Sondra Palivoda. Or just let Fr. Andrew know.....***THERE IS A SIGN-UP SHEET IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PUT DOWN WHAT YOU ARE BRINGING-----ON COUNTER IN HALL***

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

ON LAZARUS SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH, graves at Brooklyn Heights Cemetery and Holy Cross Cemetery were blessed.

ON ST. THOMAS SUNDAY, MAY 12TH, 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.....

MEETINGS

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY—Sat, May 18. 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 or Colton Bose, 440-567-6101

WEST BIBLE STUDY---Sat, May 11. Meets at the church one Sat a month at 6pm (after 5pm Vespers). We are studying the book of Revelation.

SOUTH BIBLE STUDY--- Tuesday, May 21st, 6:30 p.m., at Craig & Cindy George's, 9451 Sherwood Trail, Brecksville. Beginning a study on the Servant Songs in book of Isaiah---all are welcome!

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP— May date to be announced, 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--- Is on break for the summer. Next year we plan to meet Aug-Oct 9:30-noon on Fridays for story time, chemistry, math, music, and catechism courses. Infants through Elementary School children are welcome to participate. Contact Olivia Harmon for more information: 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--- May date to be announced. *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 26th. And they will be participating in Holy Friday overnight Vigil and will be in charge of Children's Egg Hunt on May 12.

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN'S SISTERHOOD—Next meeting: Sun, May 19 after liturgy.

MINISTRY NEWS

STREET DELIVERY TO THE HOMELESS----- MAY 26 is the next monthly Sunday 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 SUNDAY, MAY 19TH is the monthly date that we 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 contact 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--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

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 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!

FIRST EVER ANCIENT FAITH MEN'S RETREAT- at Antiochian Village in Bolivar, PA Aug 22-25, 2024; 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/>

RECRUITING SUNDAY GREETERS

Every Sunday morning, we have new first-time attenders at St. Matthew's. Truly a wonderful thing! But because of our having many new parishioners and high attendance lately, it is very common that first-time visitors "get lost in the shuffle". Quite often, they don't get greeted or spoken to and they leave as unknown to us as when they walked in.

It's important that visitors get greeted and especially wonderful if they come to coffee-time where they will get to know lots of friendly St. Matthew's folks. And it is a problem problem if no one makes any significant contact with them--then it's impossible for me to follow up with them.....

So we need to have very friendly and assertive (nicely assertive!) greeters each Sunday. We would set up a rotation schedule so no one would serve as greeter more than once a month (less than that if enough volunteer). The main priorities of a greeter on that person's assigned Sunday would be to be "on the watch" for visitors and make a priority of speaking to them before they leave; to introduce them to other people, to invite them to coffee-time, etc. A very serious task; perhaps not always easy. It may be a rather draining Sunday morning for a greeter--but you will know it was well worth it if that person enters the Faith by Holy Baptism a year later!

If you can do this or just need more info, please let me know. As soon as we have enough volunteers (at least 4 or 5) we will meet to get ready. This is an important service to Christ---please pray and consider it!

Thank you!

---Father Andrew

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:

Today- no classes (Palm Sunday)

Good Friday, May 3- Children's quiet activities from 9-3 in between the services. Bring your own snacks and lunch for your family. (Fasting food, please.)

May 5- no classes (Pascha)

May 12- special last day activity and egg hunt **May 19-** first confessions

If anyone is interested in teaching for the 2024-25 school year, please see Dawn Heatwole. Please consider joining this very important ministry.

ANNUAL CHILDREN'S EGG HUNT---AFTER LITURGY ON ST. THOMAS

SUNDAY, MAY 12. If you can help, please bring in ahead of time candy or money for candy or those little plastic eggs..... The Teen Club is running the hunt.

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!!! ~~~



# SAVE THE DATE

FOR A WEEKEND RETREAT  
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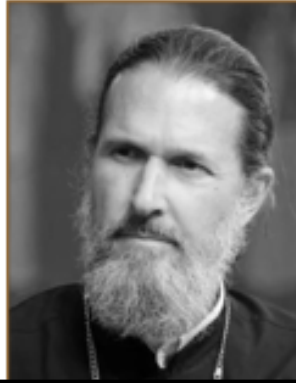
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TIME AND SCHEDULE: TBA

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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)



# SUMMER ENRICHMENT DAY CAMP

## 2024 THEME "ORTHODOXY AROUND THE WORLD"

JOIN US AS WE EXPLORE:



Lives of the Saints  
Sacred Arts  
Sports  
International Foods



**WHEN:** June 3-7 (Monday - Friday)

**TIME:** 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** St. Matthew's Antiochian Church  
10383 Albion Road  
North Royalton, Ohio 44133

**OPEN:** Ages 3-12 Years Old



**MONDAY:** Romania - Kolyva, Iconography & Soccer

**TUESDAY:** Russia, China & OCA - Prospora, Woodworking & Martial Arts

**WEDNESDAY:** Antioch - Prayer Rope Weaving & Basketball

**THURSDAY:** Serbia - Slava Bread, Candle Making & Dance

**FRIDAY:** Greece - Icon Corner & Olympic Games

**ADMISSION IS FREE!**

(Free Will Donations Are Welcomed)

To register your child(ren) and/or to volunteer,  
Please call, text or e-mail Olivia Harmon by:

**MONDAY, MAY 20  
REGISTRATION DEADLINE**

(440) 220-2624

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# ANTIOCHIAN VILLAGE CAMPER SPOTLIGHT

## Brooke Musarra



### Camper Spotlight



#### What session will you attend?

Session 1

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

This is my first year.

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

I am looking forward to swimming and going to the Gimme Shop.

### FOREIGN LANGUAGE READERS FOR AGAPE VESPERS----

On Pascha Day, Sunday, May 5th, there is no morning liturgy because we will already have had the Midnite Liturgy.

But there is the brief and happy Agape Vespers service at noon. It is customary at this service to have the gospel lesson read in many foreign languages to show the universality of the good new of Christ's Resurrection and of our Orthodox Faith.

If you wish to read in a language other than English, please let Father Andrew know----440-539-1116 or [fatherharmon@outlook.com](mailto:fatherharmon@outlook.com) Once we have our list of readers, they will be emailed details about how it all works. Who reads what is on a "first come/first served basis". If you wish to read in more than one language, please list which is first priority for you, as we wish to spread the languages around to as many readers as possible---it is common, though, for a reader to do more than one language. Please let Fr. Andrew know before Tuesday, April 30, so he can make up and send the list of readers out that day.



# 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.

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| April 2024 |    |                                     |                                                |         |
|------------|----|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|---------|
|            |    | Morning                             | Afternoon                                      | Evening |
| 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 |                                     |                                                |         |

| May 2024  |    |                                     |                                            |                                     |
|-----------|----|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|           |    | Morning                             | Afternoon                                  | Evening                             |
| Wednesday | 1  |                                     |                                            |                                     |
| Thursday  | 2  |                                     |                                            |                                     |
| Friday    | 3  |                                     |                                            |                                     |
| Saturday  | 4  |                                     |                                            |                                     |
| Sunday    | 5  |                                     | Kirsch Family Pascha Celebration 1:30-6:00 |                                     |
| Monday    | 6  |                                     |                                            |                                     |
| Tuesday   | 7  |                                     |                                            |                                     |
| Wednesday | 8  |                                     |                                            |                                     |
| Thursday  | 9  |                                     |                                            |                                     |
| Friday    | 10 |                                     |                                            |                                     |
| Saturday  | 11 |                                     |                                            |                                     |
| Sunday    | 12 |                                     |                                            |                                     |
| Monday    | 13 |                                     |                                            |                                     |
| Tuesday   | 14 |                                     |                                            |                                     |
| Wednesday | 15 |                                     |                                            |                                     |
| Thursday  | 16 |                                     |                                            |                                     |
| Friday    | 17 |                                     |                                            |                                     |
| Saturday  | 18 |                                     |                                            |                                     |
| Sunday    | 19 |                                     | Bose Baptism 1:30-4:00                     |                                     |
| Monday    | 20 |                                     |                                            |                                     |
| Tuesday   | 21 |                                     |                                            |                                     |
| Wednesday | 22 |                                     |                                            |                                     |
| Thursday  | 23 |                                     |                                            |                                     |
| Friday    | 24 |                                     |                                            | Kitchen in use-6-9 St. John Mission |
| Saturday  | 25 | Kitchen in use 9-3 St. John Mission | Kitchen in use 9-3 St. John Mission        |                                     |
| Sunday    | 26 |                                     | Hall Rental Bonnie Harmon 3-7              |                                     |
| Monday    | 27 |                                     |                                            |                                     |
| Tuesday   | 28 |                                     |                                            |                                     |
| Wednesday | 29 |                                     |                                            |                                     |
| Thursday  | 30 |                                     |                                            |                                     |
| Friday    | 31 |                                     |                                            |                                     |

## **THE HOLY APOSTLES AMONG THE 70-----JASON AND SOSIPATER**

In addition to the more famous 12 Apostles, there were 70 more, the “outer circle” of Disciples. Like the 12, they spread to many areas after Pentecost spreading the new Christian Faith. Today, on April 28<sup>th</sup>, we commemorate two of them:

St. Jason was born in Tarsus like St. Paul. And like Paul, he was Jewish. In Thessalonica he had to speak in defense of Paul before a government official. He later returned to his native Tarsus where he served as bishop.

St. Sospater was also Jewish. He served as bishop of Iconium in what is now Turkey. These 2 Saints are commemorated together because at one point in their lives they traveled together to the island of Corfu to do missionary work there. They both eventually had peaceful deaths.

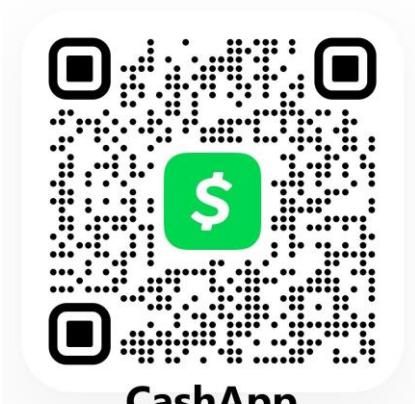
***PASCHA THIS YEAR IS NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>***

**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!

**St Matthew Church can now accept donations with these online services:**

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