

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

10383 Albion Rd, North Royalton, OH

**May 5, 2024**

*Holy Pascha*

**His Eminence Metropolitan SABA**  
Archbishop of New York and Antiochian Metropolitan of all North America

**His Grace Bishop ANTHONY**  
Auxiliary Bishop of the Antiochian Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest

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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 Father Andrew & Khourie Bonnie for the health & salvation of Olivia Harmon on her birthday, of all their family, and all the parishioners of St. Matthew Church; and is offered by the Musarra family for the health & salvation of Eleni on her Saint Day (May 7); and is offered by the Vazquez family for the health & salvation of Sami, Xander, & Klementine Conrad; and is offered by Maria Simescu for the health & salvation of her brothers, Ioan and Mihkail.

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

Justin Mosier	Mary Malaniak	James Padzerski	Theodore Bunevich
Tony Burhen	Julie Dunn	Jerry Morrison	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	Donald Glaser
Peter George	Victoria Thorp	Deacon Macarius Tolbert	Mary Violanti
Pauline Hanna	Paraschiva Blaz	Becca Aboumrad & child	Dana
Frank Popovich	Dolores Kaleal	Vincent & Ginger DeFilippo	Elias Karam
Issa Zaboura	Josephine Katzbach	Uva & Harold Tolbert, Sr.	Nancy Yanik
Argie Katsaros	Father John Henry	George & Christine Simon	John Schweitzer

**And for the newly departed servants of God:** Audrey Nicoloff, Daniel, Rocky Farage (Beth Snyder's brother), Father Andrew Short, Margaret Sabrey, Jean Browne (Sandy Tolbert's cousin)

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**EPISTLE LESSON:** Acts 1:1-8

**EPISTLE READER:** Dan Patrick

**GOSPEL LESSON:** John 1:1-17 **HOMILY:** Pascha Homily of St. John Chrysostom (at end of Matins)

**USHERS:** Subdeacon Fred Bourjaily & Theresa Popovich

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

**PASCHA BASKETS WILL BE BLESSED AT THE END OF THE SERVICE**

**PLEASE STAY FOR OUR FEAST IN THE HALL RIGHT AFTER THE SERVICE—NO CHARGE, OF COURSE!**

*Our thanks to all who brought food, all who are helping in any way, and to our feast coordinators—Susan Blazek, Electra Floasiu, Tony Latina, & Sondra Palivoda; and to the men of the parish who will be doing the cleanup.*

***NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY***

**TODAY, GREAT & HOLY PASCHA, SUNDAY, MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>---**Agape Vespers at noon

**BRIGHT WEDNESDAY VESPERS----**May 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. *Potluck meal afterwards---a fast-free meal, of course!*

**NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 12<sup>TH</sup>---***ANNUAL CHILDREN'S EGG HUNT AFTER LITURGY----*  
*If you can donate candy or money for candy, please see Teen Advisors Lena & Sam Snyder or one of the teens.*

# DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES

## VERSES OF THE FIRST ANTIPHON

- Shout with joy to God, all the earth; sing to His Name, give glory to His praises.
- Say to God: How awesome are Thy works; let all the earth worship Thee, and sing to Thee. Let it sing a song to Thy Name, O Most High.
- Glory... Both now...

## VERSES OF THE SECOND ANTIPHON

- May God have mercy upon us, and bless us, and may He cause His face to shine upon us, and have mercy upon us.
- That Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy salvation among all nations; let the peoples give thanks to Thee, O God, let all the peoples give thanks to Thee.
- May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear Him.
- Glory... Both now... O only begotten Son and Word of God...

## VERSES OF THE THIRD ANTIPHON (*Refrain: "Christ is risen from the dead..."*)

- Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered, and let them that hate Him flee from before His face.
- As smoke vanisheth, so let them vanish; as wax melteth before the fire.
- So let sinners perish at the presence of God, and let the righteous be glad.
- This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad therein.

## THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF THE FEAST

In the congregations bless God, the Lord from the wellsprings of Israel. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

## PASCHAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE 5

Christ is risen from the dead, and by His death He has trampled death; and unto those who are within the tombs, has He granted life! (ONCE)

## HYPAKOE OF PASCHA IN TONE 4

When they who were with Mary came, anticipating the dawn, and found the stone rolled away from the sepulcher, they heard the Angel: "Why seek ye among the dead, as though He were mortal man, Him Who abideth in everlasting light? Behold the grave-clothes. Go quickly and proclaim to the world that the Lord is risen, and hath put death to death. For He is the Son of God, Who saveth the race of man."

## KONTAKION OF PASCHA IN TONE 8

Though Thou didst descend into the grave, O Immortal One, yet didst Thou destroy the power of Hades, and didst arise as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh-bearing women, "Rejoice," and giving peace unto Thine Apostles, O Thou who dost grant resurrection to the fallen.

- *Instead of "Holy God," sing "As many of you" (p. 81 in Liturgy book)*

## THE EPISTLE

*This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad therein!  
O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; His mercy endureth forever.*

### **The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (1:1-8)**

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when He was taken up, after He had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the Apostles whom He had chosen. To them He presented Himself alive after His passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them He charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, He said, “You heard from Me; for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” So when they had come together, they asked Him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth.”

## THE GOSPEL

### **The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (1:1-17)**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light. The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world knew Him not. He came to His own home, and His own people received Him not. But to all who received Him, who believed in His Name, He gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to Him, and cried, “This was He of Whom I said, ‘He Who comes after me ranks before me, for He was before me.’”) And from His fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

## MEGALYNARION FOR PASCHA

*The angel cried to the Lady full of grace: “Rejoice, rejoice, O pure Virgin! Again I say, rejoice! Thy Son is risen from His three days in the tomb. With Himself He has raised all the dead.” Rejoice, rejoice, O ye people!*

Shine! Shine! Shine, O new Jerusalem: the glory of the Lord has shone on thee. Exult now: exult and be glad, O Zion. Be radiant, O pure Theotokos, in the Resurrection: the Resurrection of Thy Son.

## KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) OF PASCHA

Receive the body of Christ; taste the fountain of immortality. Alleluia.

- *Instead of “We have seen the true light,” sing “Christ is Risen” ONCE.*
- *Instead of “Blessed be the Name of the Lord,” sing “Christ is Risen” THRICE.*

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR LENTEN ALMS BOXES TO THE CHURCH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.... The amount received will be forwarded to our Archdiocese's outreach to the poor around the world**

## **UPCOMING SERVICES**

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

**SAT, MAY 11-5pm Vespers**

**SUN, MAY 12- 8:50am Matins, 10am Divine Liturgy;** The Holy Bread of Oblation will be offered by the Blazeks for Anastasia on her 10<sup>th</sup> birthday; and by Craig & Cindy George for their goddaughter, Pam Stephanoff, on her Saint Day (St. Dymphna); and will be offered by David & Rudylin Glaser for their goddaughter, Mikaela Cihon, on the anniversary of her baptism; and by Marcella Simescu for her brothers, Mikhael and Ioan. The 40-day churching will be done for Veronica Bose & her daughter, Anna Evangelia. ***AND FATHER FRED SHAHEEN, OUR NEW PASTOR AS OF AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup>, WILL BE VISITING US FOR THE FIRST TIME!***

**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 27<sup>TH</sup>,** graves at Brooklyn Heights Cemetery and Holy Cross Cemetery were blessed.

**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.....**

## **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](mailto:samuelfharmon15@gmail.com) or Colton Bose, 440-567-6101

**WEST BIBLE STUDY**---Is rescheduled to Sat May 25. 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 21, 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](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**--- 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 26<sup>th</sup>. They 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. Herman's Homeless Shelter this month.

**MEAL SERVING AT ST. HERMAN ORTHODOX HOMELESS SHELTER SUNDAY, MAY 19<sup>TH</sup>** 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](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**

**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/>

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:**

**Today**- 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.

*Dear St. Matthew Family,*

*The Sisterhood would like to thank everyone who baked, bought, helped, and donated to our Palm Sunday Bake Sale!!! It was a great success!! The table was adorned with beautiful and delicious items. A special thank you goes to our Spinach Pie baking crew!! It was a lot of fun to carry on the tradition of the wonderful ladies who are no longer with us and I know they would have been so proud!! This year our crew consisted of///Camille Patrick, Lisa Palivoda, Susan Blazek, LeeAnn Daher, Elaine Nassar, Fadia Abdul Karim, Elle Parker, Leigh Frank, Josie & Mark Katzbach, Sheila Kotnik (Georgette's friend) and Me!!! After expenses, our Bake Sale made a profit of.....**\$1,245.91**.*

Thank you all so very much!!!!

Many Blessings!!

Georgette Dye

# SAVE THE DATE

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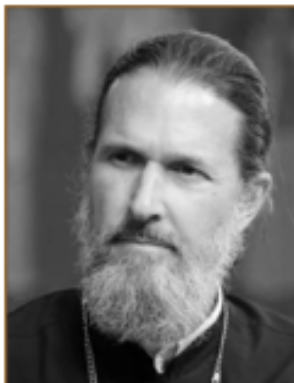
FATHER JOSIAH  
TRENHAM, PH.D.

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DATE: SEPTEMBER 20 – 22, 2024

TIME AND SCHEDULE: TBA

LOCATION:

St. Matthew the Evangelist  
Orthodox Church  
10383 Albion Road  
North Royalton, OH 44133



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

[oharmon15@gmail.com](mailto:oharmon15@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.

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		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			

# CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!

## THE HOLY SEASON OF PASCHA

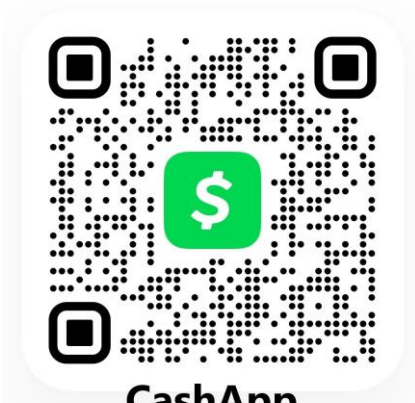
Although Orthodox people in the West may sometimes use the Anglo-Saxon term “Easter”, the proper and historical term for this holiest of all days is “Pascha” ----Greek for “Passover”. The Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of the Old Testament Passover---our Lord “passed over” from death to life.

During this season (until Pentecost, June 23) we do not kneel to pray at home or at church----this is an expression of our joy at the Resurrection. We greet each other (especially during this week, Bright Week) with “Christ is risen!” and the response, “Truly He is risen!”. Wednesdays and Fridays (by Antiochian practice and ancient practice of all Orthodox) are not fast days until after Ascension Day, June 13<sup>th</sup>.

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

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