

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER, 2016 NEWSLETTER

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SATURDAY VESPERS—9/3, 7 p.m.; 9/10, 3 p.m.;
No Vespers, 9/17, 9/24, 10/1, 10/8, 10/22; 10/15, 6 p.m.; 10/29, 7pm
SUNDAY SCHOOL—September-May, 9 a.m.
CONFESSION—after Vespers and 9:45 a.m., Sunday
SUNDAY MATINS—9 a.m.
DIVINE LITURGY—10 a.m.
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EXTRA SERVICES COMING UP

NATIVITY (Birthday) OF THE THEOTOKOS IS THURSDAY, SEPT. 8. Our schedule---
Vespers with Artoklasia---Wednesday, September 7, 6:30 p.m.
Matins—Thursday, September 8, 9 a.m.
Liturgy---10 a.m. Potluck Lunch---11:30 a.m. *Come celebrate one of the 12 Great Feasts!*

THE ELEVATION OF THE CROSS IS WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 14—Our schedule—
Vesperal Liturgy on the eve of the feast----*Tuesday, Sept. 13*, 6:30 p.m.
Potluck right after the service—Strict fasting food as this is a very strict fast day.
If you can donate for flowers for the cross procession, please contact Subdeacon Richard Sahley,
216-513-9738. *This is also one of the 12 great Holy Days*---join us as we give thanks to Christ for
His death on the cross and celebrate the finding of the True Cross by St. Helen and the recovery of the
True Cross in the 600's A.D.

WEEKDAY VESPERS----*Friday, Sept. 9, 6:30 p.m.; Friday, Oct. 7, 6:30 p.m.*

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS, STUDY GROUPS, AND MINISTRY TEAMS

SOUTH BIBLE STUDY—6:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Sept. 6, & Oct. 4 and 18, at Dr. Craig & Cindy
George's, 9451 Sherwood Trail, Brecksville. We are studying the book of Romans—all are welcome!

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP---Friday, Sept. 2, 7 p.m. at Jean Fadil's, 477 Cranston
Drive, Berea. *October date to be announced.* All women are welcome! Call Joanne Vazquez, 440-
239-9464, for more info.

WEST BIBLE STUDY—6:45 p.m., Saturday, October 15 (right after Vespers which will be at 6 that
day). We are studying the book of James. *West Study will not meet in September.*

NORTH BIBLE STUDY--- Tuesday, October 18, 6:30 p.m., at Ralph & Elle Parkers', 1350
Elmwood Court, Rocky River. We are starting Lamentations----all welcome! *North Study will not
meet in September.*

TEEN GROUP -----Monthly Teen/Parent Bible Study—after church some
upcoming Sunday.... Food, games, Bible discussion....*dates & locations to be
announced for September & October.*

ST. HERMAN'S MINISTRY TEAM---We will be cooking and serving meals for the homeless at St. Herman Shelter on **Sundays, Sept. 18 & Oct. 16**. **Can you do the cooking for one of these Sundays? Contact Fr. Andrew for details.....thank you! And if you would like to help with the serving of the meals at 5:30, please let Fr. Andrew know.** If you can bring desserts to St. Matthew's those morning, we can bring them to serve. *Thank you to all who helped with the August meal—David & Rajka & Sarah Ries, Josephine Vuich, & Dee Hire who provided and cooked the meal; and to Presbyteria Lindsey Zobenica, Beth Farage, and Debbie who helped serve....*

CARD PARTY!—

THURSDAYS, SEPTEMBER 15 & OCTOBER 20, 10:30-3:30

THE \$6 ADMISSION INCLUDES A DELICIOUS LUNCH

Hosted by the Sisterhood, but men are very welcome!

SISTERHOOD MEETING---After liturgy, Sunday, September 11.

MINISTRY TO THE HOMELESS----Some of our parishioners will be delivering personal necessity bags, sandwiches, clothes, water, socks, etc. to the homeless on the streets of Cleveland after church Sundays, **Sept. 18 & Oct. 16**. If you can help by donating items, let Josie Katzbach 440-668-9831, or contact Fr. Andrew. **ESPECIALLY NEEDED NOW----** **SOCKS** (see big box on table in hall) **AND WATER**. *And please remember the need for cash funding---please put your donations in the alms box in church narthex. And a new need---we are “adopting” some folks in need of tents. Can you donate a tent?---any size is fine. Either new or used but in good shape and ready to use..... Just let Josie know.*

HOLY BREAD BAKING MINISTRY TEAM-- We have a rotation of bakers who prepare the bread for the Divine Liturgy. If you would like to be one of them and bake about once every 6 weeks or so, contact Father Andrew. Training available!

PARISH FOOD PANTRY----Thank you very much for your generosity in helping your parish help needy families during Holy Week. 9 homes (about 50/50 in parish/outside of parish) received help—God bless you for donating! The pantry is now a bit bare and we need to build it back up as deliveries take place throughout the year---if you can help build it back up, please bring in non-perishable food & household items. The pantry is in the first room next to the kitchen.

TRIP TO EUROPE—Father Andrew & Khouriye Bonnie will be celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary with a trip to Europe. They will be gone September 14-October 12. Sunday services will continue as usual with visiting priests. In case of an emergency need for a priest while Father is gone, call Father Matthew Thurman of St. Luke's in Chagrin Falls, 440-591-1030. And you may contact our deacons.....

OCTOBER COMMUNITY LUNCH—SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23 . Dimitrie & Marijana Kornea and John & Jeannette Roma are hosting. Please be present for good food and good fellowship!

SEPTEMBER COMMUNITY LUNCH is not yet scheduled.....Can you host? Please contact Father Andrew.....

KEEP THESE DATES FREE!—Bishop ANTHONY will be with us the weekend of Nov. 13

2 SPECIAL THINGS ABOUT HIS WEEKEND-----

-----His Grace will bring us a holy relic of St. Mary of Egypt for our church

-----His Grace will lead a retreat on “The Second Coming of Jesus Christ” on Friday evening & Saturday

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMING FOR FALL

Summer is about over....and Sunday School will resume for fall on Sunday, September 11, at 9 a.m. Parents, please make sure your children are here for the new school year!

As usual, opening Sunday will be celebrated with a special Sunday School Sundaes Coffeetime right after liturgy---ice cream for all!

E-MAIL ADDRESSES NEEDED We are now e-mailing most of our parish newsletters to save on paper, copying, and mailing. If you received this copy by regular mail, but do have e-mail, please get your address to us. Just send a quick e-mail to fatherharmon@wowway.com or call 440-582-5673 **THANK YOU!**

NEXT PARISH NEWSLETTER will be printed the week of October 23. Please give any info for it to Father Andrew by then. It will be a combined September/October issue.

DONATIONS NEEDED----

---copy paper, either 8 x11 or 8 x 14

---stamps for church mailings

--flowers for Elevation of the Cross evening liturgy, September 13

AUDIO RECORDINGS OF PAUL FINLEY'S TALKS---If you missed any sessions of Paul Finley's recent lecture series on the Sermon on the Mount, or just want to enjoy them again, you can find the mp3 files on St. Matthew's website, at the following page---- <http://www.stmattroyalton.org/Sermons>

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE

<u>TEAM A, 9/4, 10/2, 10/30</u>	<u>TEAM B, 9/11, 10/9</u>	<u>TEAM C, 9/18, 10/16</u>	<u>TEAM D, 9/25, 10/25</u>
Gregory Tolbert, captain	Fuad Zogheib, captain	Justin Nassif, captain	Shadi Zogheib, captain
Jacob Kash	Samir Amer	Joseph Ibrahim	Eli Haddad
Joseph Mozden	Ricky Farris	Grant Johnson	Nicholas Katsaros
Edward Sevastos	Evan Sevastos	Jed Zogheib	Emad Zogheib

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER GREETERS SCHEDULE—

9/4, 10/2, 10/30—Georgette Dye, Judy Yanik **9/11, 10/9**--Fred Bourjaily, Penny Sent
9/18, 10/16---Scott & Simona Palmer **9/25, 10/23**-Ralph & Elle Parker

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER USHERS SCHEDULE

<u>September 4</u>	<u>September 11</u>	<u>September 18</u>	<u>September 25</u>
Sam Daher	Anthony Yanik	Jeff & Susan Joseph	The Handmaidens
Gail Malaniak	George Nassif		
Cody Krakowski	Nicholas Katsaros		

OCTOBER IS TEEN MONTH---THEY WILL DO THE USHERING

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER EPISTLE READERS SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER SUNDAYS--- **September 4**—Cindy George **September 18**---Judy Yanik
September 11—Maggie George **September 25**---Justin Nassif
Nativity of Theotokos morning liturgy, Thurs., Sept. 8---Anthony Yanik
Elevation of Cross evening liturgy, Tues., Sept. 13—Lisa Palivoda

OCTOBER SUNDAYS---*The teens will be reading the epistles for Teen Month.*

MORE MEMORIAL WHEAT PREPARERS NEEDED—We have several preparers who make the wheat for memorial services, but we need some more... If you would like to be a wheat preparer, contact Father Andrew. Training available!

CAN YOU SPONSOR A MEAL FOR THE POOR? It costs about \$100 for us to serve our monthly meal to the poor at St. Herman's. Would you like to help in a very special way by sponsoring one meal by donating \$100? You can do this either by yourself or together with another family or families. Please mark your donation clearly!

THANK YOU TO-----

--the North Royalton Soccer Club (which uses our field for practice) for their gift to the church
--the Brotherhood Club for a great parish picnic on August 28
--John & Jennifer Roma and John & Maria Pasula and Dimitrie & Marijana for hosting our August Community Lunch.
--George & Christina Nassif for heading up the August Teen Bible Study/Lunch. And to Deacon Basil for teaching....
--the Palivodas for hosting the Chat and Chew Party in August.
--those who regularly host our various Bible study and fellowship groups---Ralph & Elle Parker, Craig & Cindy George, Marianna Russyn, and Jean Fadil

NORTH ROYALTON MINISTERS' ASSOCIATION---COMMUNITY MONTHLY MEAL

This ministry has been organized with Orthodox (2 parishes), Catholic, Lutheran, Baptist, Nazarene, & Methodist participation. The basic plan is for the parishes to go together to serve a hot meal to all who can come---the target group originally was the needy, but all are welcome! The next two meals will be Sundays, September 25 & October 30, 3-5 p.m., at St. Albert Catholic Church on Wallings Road. If you can help in any way, contact Father Andrew.

OUR CONDOLENCES TO—

--Judy George on the falling asleep in Christ of her uncle, Father Wilfred Smith.
--Pat & Jody Crawford on the falling asleep in Christ of Tom Crawford.
--Helen Mozden on the falling asleep in Christ of her mother, Joanne Payamgis.
--Hani Saddic on the falling asleep in Christ of his niece, Priscilla Saddic.

SAINTS DAY PRAYERS---Children whose Saints Days fall in September will be honored and prayed for after the liturgy on Sunday, September 11. And in October, it will be on Sunday, October 30.

CONGRATULATIONS---

---to Olivia Harmon and her son, John, on their 40 Day Churching on August 28.

SHOEBOXES FOR KIDS

Collections of items for our annual outreach to inner city school children are now under way---
NEEDED ITEMS---- school supplies, crayons, colored pencils, scissors, #2 pencils, erasers, hygiene items, kids' toothbrushes, washcloths, bars of soap, deodorant, socks, underwear.

Please put in or near collection box on table in hall.

NEWS FROM OUTSIDE THE PARISH----

Retreat at St. Innocent's, 8526 Usher Road, Olmsted Falls, Sat., Sept. 3, 1-4:30 p.m. Dr. Albert Rossi of St. Vladimir Seminary is the speaker. Topic---"Holy Conversations at Home: Daily Nurturing of Faith in our Families" Great Vespers at 5. Free-will offering. For more info---www.saintinnocent.org fatheralessandro@gmail.com
Diocese Outing & Dinner—proceeds for diocese mission fund September 10, in Grand Rapids, Michigan. For all the details, go to michaelgsimon@aol.com or see Sunday bulletin.
Diocese Fall Meeting---October 20-23, in Madison, Wisconsin See Sunday bulletins and bulletin board for all the details. saintignatiuschurch.org/2016-fall-gathering/
St. Luke Clambake Fundraiser—Sat. Oct. 22, 6-9 p.m., Tanglewood Club, 8745 Tanglewood Trail, Chagrin Falls \$35. Auction, D.J. Entertainment Call Anne Bourjaily-Thomas, 216-401-4641, for tickets. See bulletin board for all the details.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday & Many Years to----

4—Sharon Esber
6—Joanne Esber, Harry Marantides, Joseph Vazquez
8—Rebecca Yanik
13—Jed Zoghaib
14—Michael Simon
15—Lucy Dragos, Jessica Rotundo, Evan Sevastos
16—Rany Haddad
17—Lee Ann Daher
19—Stephanie Esber
20—Georgette Dye
22—Marilyn Bailey, Ryan Johnson
23—Jay Amer
24—Derek Childress
25—Tonya Katsaros
30—Julianna Amer, Father Andrew

Wedding Anniversaries

4-Alex & Rachel Lane
6—Scott & Simona Palmer
9—Craig & Cindy George
21-Ron & Georgette Dye

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday & Many Years to-----

1—Samantha Daher
2—Lynne Rotundo
3—Greg Gasbarro, Dale McPherson
5—Jean Caldaroni
6—Diyana George
8—Deborah Farris, Mary Ann Opincar
12—Rick Esber
18—Natalie George
20—Cody Krakowski
21—Rachael Palmer
22—Christopher Yanik
23—Apostolis Tsokantas
26—Janette Campenza, Christina Nassif
27---Emad Zoghaib

Wedding Anniversaries

4—Ted & Janette Campenza
7—Dimitrie & Marijana Kornea; Ted & Mary Beth Sevasos
12---Darek & Maya Childress
23—Jay & Lisa Amer
24—Rudy & Diyana George
29—Subdeacon Richard & Rose Sahley

Send a card or make a call and make someone's special day a little more special!

IF YOU ARE NOT ON THE PARISHIONER BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY LIST, CALL FR. ANDREW!

