

September Announcements

MAKE RESERVATIONS NOW: Third Annual Parish Dinner & Silent Auction

Our Third Annual Dinner & Silent Auction is scheduled for **6 p.m. Saturday, October 22** at the Tanglewood Club (8745 Tanglewood Trail, Bainbridge, 44023). This year, we will be doing a clambake! Please contact the event chair Anne Thomas (abthomasessq@aol.com or 216-401-4641) to make reservations. Donation of \$35 per person. Tables of eight are also available for reservation.

Stewardship 2017 Begins

Our annual stewardship drive for the coming year will begin on Sunday, September 4. In years past, we have conducted our annual stewardship drive during November. This year, the Parish Council scheduled the drive during September to better prepare the budget for the annual meeting. Stewardship packets will be given to each family of the parish at church then. Completed stewardship materials are requested back in the parish by Sunday, September 25.

Supplication Service to St. Raphael of Brooklyn

We will offer our next Supplication Service to St. Raphael of Brooklyn **5 p.m. on Saturday, September 3**. This service will be in place of our usual Saturday Vespers service. As the "patron saint of missions" in our Archdiocese, we offer this service as an intercession for our community as it embarks upon a building program.

September Outreach: St. Herman's Orthodox House of Hospitality

We will again prepare and serve meals at St. Herman's Orthodox House of Hospitality on **Saturday, September 10** at **3-6 p.m.** at St. Herman's. Contact Tyler Stevens if you can participate (stevent@ccf.org, 216-213-0494).

Church School Begins

Church School for the fall will begin at **9 a.m. on Sunday, September 21**. We are moving the time to **before** Sunday Divine Liturgy to avoid the issues of crowding, interruptions, etc., that past schedules have experienced. We will have two classes on Sunday morning: one for the older elementary children and one for the younger K/pre-K children. (A third class outside of Sunday morning is in the process of being planned for the tween/teen children that will focus on the Gospel of Mark and possible Bible Bowl teams.)

Commissioning for Church School

To begin Church School for the fall, we will have a brief commissioning service for all children, parents, and godparents at the end of Liturgy on Sunday, September 11.

September Town Hall Meeting

Our next parish town hall meeting will take place **after coffee hour on Sunday, September 11**. The meeting will focus on planning for the annual dinner and provide a brief update on the building program.

September Parish Council

The September Parish Council meeting is scheduled for **4:30 p.m. (note earlier time) on Sunday, September 18**.

September Building Committee Meeting

The Building Committee is schedule to meet **6 p.m. on Sunday, September 25**. As a reminder, all Building Committee meetings are open to the parish.

St. Matthew's Clambake

Please find below the flier for St. Matthew Antiochian Orthodox Church's annual clambake, which will take place September 24. St. Matthew is another area Orthodox Church that has supported our work at St. Luke for several years: Please make every effort to attend!

IOCC High Tea & Fashion Show

There will be an IOCC High Tea & Fashion Show 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 1 at the Copper Stone Events Center (4630 Ridge Rd, Brooklyn, 44144). Please see the flier below for ticket information.

From the Synaxarion: Major Feasts in September

September 1: The Ecclesiastical New Year

On September 1 in the Holy Orthodox Church we celebrate the Beginning of the Indiction—the Ecclesiastical (Church) New Year. The First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea in 325 decreed that the Church year should begin on September 1. The month of September was, for the Hebrews, the beginning of the civil year, the month of gathering the harvest and of the offering of thanks to God. It was on this feast that the Lord Jesus entered the synagogue in Nazareth, and opened the book to read from the Prophet Isaiah, as found in today's Liturgy Gospel reading. The month of September is also important in the history of Christianity, because Emperor Constantine the Great was victorious over Maxentius, the enemy of the Christian Faith, in September. Following this victory, Constantine granted freedom of confession to the Christian Faith throughout the Roman Empire.

September 8: The Nativity of the Theotokos (Celebrated with Evening Divine Liturgy on 9/7)

On September 8 in the Holy Orthodox Church we celebrate the Nativity of our Most-holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-virgin Mary. The Holy Virgin Mary was born of aged parents, Joachim and Anna. Her father was of the lineage of David, and her mother of the lineage of Aaron. Thus, she was of royal birth by her father and of priestly birth by her mother. In this, she foreshadowed Him Who would be born of her as King and High Priest. Her parents were quite old and had no children. Because of this they were ashamed before men and humble before God. In their humility they prayed to God with tears, to bring them joy in their old age by giving them a child, as He had once given joy to the aged Abraham and his wife Sarah by giving them Isaac. The Almighty and All-seeing God rewarded them with a joy that surpassed all their expectations and all their most beautiful dreams; for He gave them not just a daughter, but the Mother of God. She was Mary, Full of grace, Blessed among women, the Temple of the Holy Spirit, the Altar of the Living God, the Table of the Heavenly Bread, the Ark of God's Holiness, the Tree of the Sweetest Fruit, the Glory of the race of man, the Praise of womanhood, and the Fount of virginity and purity. Through her intercessions, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us, and save us. Amen.

September 14: The Exaltation of the Cross (Celebrated with Evening Divine Liturgy on 9/13)

On September 14 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the Universal Exaltation (Elevation) of the Honored and Life-giving Cross. On this day, we commemorate two events connected with the Precious Cross of Christ: the finding of the Cross on Golgotha, and the returning of the Cross to Jerusalem from Persia. While in the Holy Land, the Empress Helena learned that the Holy Cross was buried underneath the temple of the pagan goddess Venus built on Golgotha. She demanded it be torn down and the Cross be excavated. The search turned up three crosses. Uncertain which was the true Cross, the Patriarch Marcarius ordered that each cross be placed on the corpse in a funeral procession passing by. The first two produced nothing, but the third brought the man back to life, thus determining that this was the very Cross on which our Savior brought life to the world. Later, King Chozroes conquered Jerusalem, took the people into slavery and carried off the Lord's Cross to Persia. In 628, the Greek Emperor Heraclius defeated Chozroes, and brought the Cross back to Jerusalem with great ceremony. Heraclius was carrying the Cross on his back when, suddenly, he froze. The Patriarch Zacharias saw an angel directing the emperor to take off his robes and walk with the same extreme humility with which our Savior bore His Cross. The emperor complied, and was able to finish the procession to the Church of the Resurrection on Golgotha, where he restored the Holy Cross. By the power of Thy Cross, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us, and save us. Amen.

Schedule of Services & Events

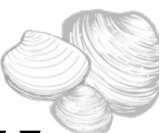
September

1	Fri		Ecclesiastical New Year	
3	Sat	5:00 p.m.	Supplication Service to St. Raphael	
4	Sun			Parish Stewardship 2017 Campaign Begins
		8:30 a.m.	Orthros	11th Sunday after Pentecost
		9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy (Prospora: Thurman; Coffee Hour: Thomas)	
5	Mon		<i>Labor Day Holiday</i>	
7	Wed	6:00 p.m.	Evening Divine Liturgy	Nativity of the Theotokos
10	Sat	3:00 p.m.	St. Herman's Orthodox House of Hospitality Dinner/Vespers	
11	Sun	8:30 a.m.	Orthros	Sunday before the Cross
		9:00 a.m.	Church School	
		9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy <i>Church School Commissioning at the end of Divine Liturgy</i> (Prospora: Abraham; Coffee Hour: Peña) Town Hall Meeting after Coffee Hour	
13	Tue	6:00 p.m.	Evening Divine Liturgy	Exaltation of the Cross
17	Sat	5:00 p.m.	Vespers	
18	Sun	8:30 a.m.	Orthros	Sunday after the Cross
		8:00 a.m.	Church School	
		9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy (Prospora: Baskette; Coffee Hour: Abraham & Baskette) Town Hall Meeting after Coffee Hour	
		4:30 p.m.	September Parish Council Meeting	
24	Sat	4:00 p.m.	St. Matthew Clambake — N. Royalton	
25	Sun			Parish Stewardship 2017 Campaign Ends
		8:30 a.m.	Orthros	14th Sunday after Pentecost
		8:00 a.m.	Church School	
		9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy (Prospora: Bifano; Coffee Hour: Bifano)	
		6:00 p.m.	Building Committee	

October

1	Sat	5:00 p.m.	Supplication Service to St. Raphael	
2	Sun	8:30 a.m.	Orthros	15th Sunday after Pentecost
		8:00 a.m.	Church School	
		9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy (Prospora: Thurman; Coffee Hour: TBA)	
8	Sat	5:00 p.m.	Vespers	

9	Sun	8:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Orthros Church School Divine Liturgy 2nd Collection: Archdiocese Seminary Tray (Prospora: Abraham; Coffee Hour: TBA) Town Hall Meeting after Coffee Hour	16th Sunday after Pentecost
15	Sat	3:00 p.m.	St. Herman's Orthodox House of Hospitality Dinner / Vespers	
16	Sun	8:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Orthros Church School Divine Liturgy 2nd Collection: Special Olympics Awareness Sunday (Prospora: Baskette; Coffee Hour: TBA) October Parish Council Meeting	Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council
		4:30 p.m.		
17	Mon	6:00 p.m.	Evening Divine Liturgy	St. Luke the Evangelist
22	Sat	6:00 p.m.	3rd Annual Gala Dinner & Parish Celebration	
23	Sun	8:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Orthros Church School Divine Liturgy (Prospora: Bifano; Coffee Hour: TBA)	St. James the Brother of Our Lord
29	Sat	5:00 p.m.	Vespers	
30	Sun	8:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Orthros Church School Divine Liturgy (Prospora: Thurman; Coffee Hour: TBA)	19th Sunday after Pentecost



ST. LUKE ORTHODOX CHURCH CLAMBAKE FUNDRAISER

Saturday, October 22nd, 2016

6:00-9:00 PM

The Tanglewood Club

8745 Tanglewood Trail Chagrin Falls

 Amazing Auction Items

 Fellowship

 D.J. Entertainment

Your \$35 Ticket Includes:

- New England Clam Chowder
- Steamed Middle Neck Clams
- Herb Roasted Chicken
- Corn-on-the-Cobb
- Roast Sweet Potatoes
- Rolls & butter
- Assorted Homemade Desserts

****Kids Meals may be pre-ordered****

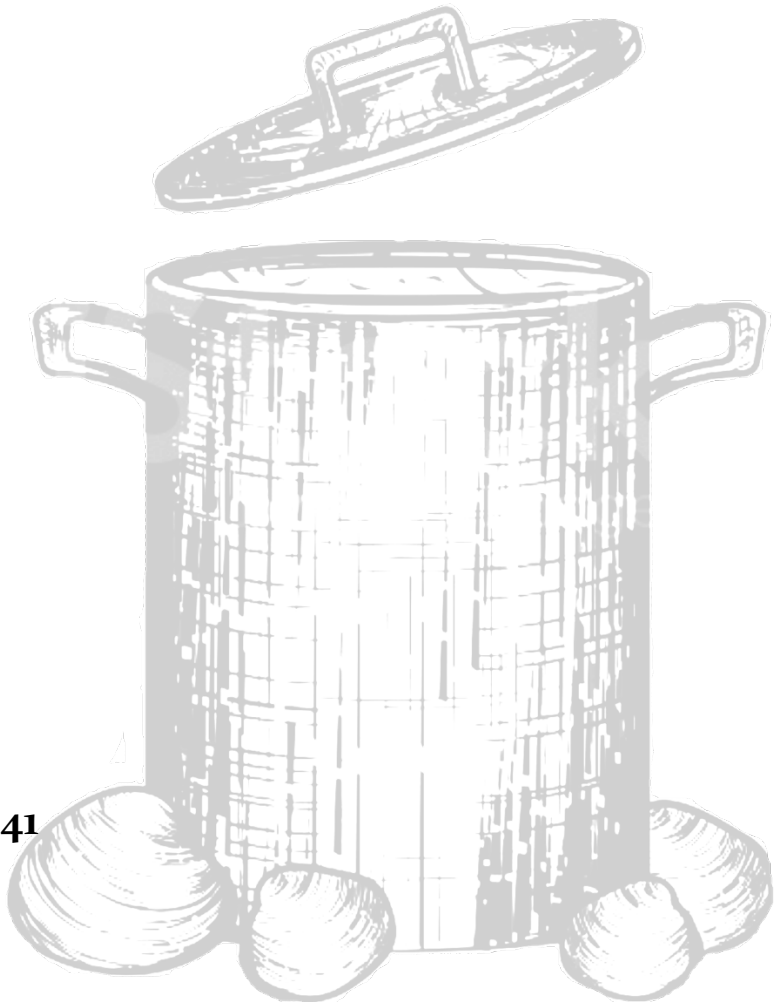
 Cash Bar Available 

Table Reservations Available

(Seating for 8 People)

Anne Bourjaily-Thomas - (216) 401-4641

CASH & CHECKS ACCEPTED



St. Matthew 19th Annual Clam Bake

Saturday, September 24th

**St. Matthew Orthodox Church
10383 Albion Rd, North Royalton**

Seating Times: 4:00 or 5:15 or 6:30 pm

Steak and Clam Dinner \$35.00

Steak Dinner \$30.00

Chicken and Clam Dinner \$25.00

Chicken Dinner \$20.00

Call For Tickets: Beth Farage 216-970-7160

Company Sponsorship Opportunity! \$300

Advertising Day of Event and Weekly Bulletin

Two Dinner Tickets of Your Choice and Bottle of Wine

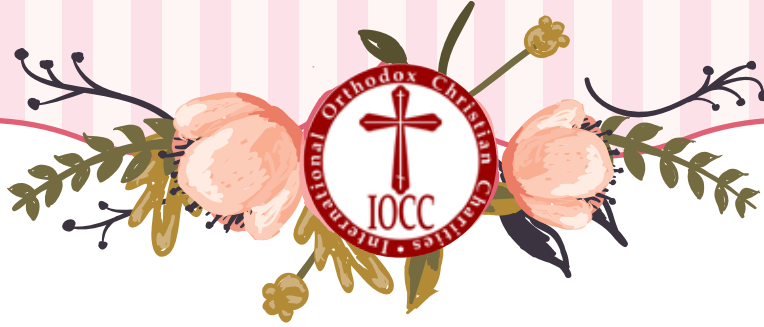
Family / Individual Sponsorship Opportunity! \$175

Special Recognition Day of Event

Two Dinner Tickets of Your Choice and Bottle of Wine

Free Will Donations are also welcome

Contact for Sponsorship: Jeannette Roma scanartist1@yahoo.com



High Tea & Fashion Show

October 1, 2016

Doors Open at 10:00 am

Shop our artisans of jewelry & fashion accessories, browse our baskets / gift table

Lunch Served at 11:30 am

Dessert Served at 12:00 pm - Fashion Show Begins

Copper Stone Event Center

(St. Theodosius Ridge Manor)

4630 Ridge Road | Brooklyn, Ohio 44144 | 216-749-5509

Fashions by: Christopher & Banks and Sword Furs

Jewelry & Accessories for sale

For More Information: Lissa 216-407-2119

Tickets: \$25.00

Tickets/Reservations: Contact your Parish IOCC Rep
call Dana 440-539-8500 or dwatts779@hotmail.com

Reservation Deadline: 9/19/16

