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Divine Services

Eve Sundays & Feast Days

5:00 PM Confessions

6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sundays and Feast Days

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

*** AMBO: Articles for publication should be submitted to: sttheocemetery@yahoo.com by Wednesday of each week before noon.**

*** CALENDAR: Event dates must be submitted by the**

SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

HOLY PROTOMARTYR AND EQUAL-TO-THE-APOSTLES THECLA

HOLY PROTOMARTYR THECLA

The Holy Protomartyr and Equal of the Apostles Thekla was born in the city of Iconium. She was the daughter of rich and illustrious parents, and she was distinguished by extraordinary beauty. At eighteen years of age they betrothed her to an eminent youth. But after she heard the preaching of the holy Apostle Paul about the Savior, Saint Thekla with all her heart came to love the Lord Jesus Christ, and she steadfastly resolved not to enter into marriage, but rather to devote all her life to preaching the Gospel.

Saint Thekla's mother was opposed to her daughter's plans and insisted that she marry her betrothed. Saint Thekla's fiancé also complained to the prefect of the city about the Apostle Paul, accusing him of turning his bride against him. The prefect locked up Saint Paul in prison.

During the night Saint Thekla secretly ran away from her house, and she bribed the prison guards, giving them all her gold ornaments, and so made her way into the prison to the prisoner. For three days she sat at the feet of the Apostle Paul, listening to his fatherly precepts. Thekla's disappearance was discovered, and servants were sent out everywhere looking for her. Finally, they found her in the prison and brought her home by force.

At his trial Saint Paul was sentenced to banishment from the city. Again they urged Saint Thekla to consent to the marriage, but she would not change her mind. Neither the tears of her mother, nor her wrath, nor the threats of the prefect could separate Saint Thekla from her love for the Heavenly Bridegroom, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Her mother in a insane rage demanded from the judges a death sentence against her unyielding daughter, and Saint Thekla was sentenced to be burned. Without flinching, the holy martyr went into the fire and made the Sign of the Cross over herself. At this moment the Savior appeared to her, blessing her present deed, and inexpressible joy filled her holy soul.

The flames of the fire shot up high, but the martyr was surrounded by a light and the flames did not touch her. Thunder boomed, and a strong downpour of rain and hail extinguished the fire. The torturers scattered in fear. Saint Thekla, kept safe by the Lord, left the city and with the help of a certain Christian youth, searched for the Apostle Paul. The holy apostle and his companions, among whom was Saint Barnabas, were hidden in a cave not far from the city, praying fervently, that the Lord would strengthen Saint Thekla in her sufferings.

After this, Saint Thekla went with them preaching the Gospel in Antioch. In this city she was pursued by a certain dignitary named Alexander, who was captivated by her beauty. Saint Thekla refused his offer of marriage, and so she was condemned to death for being a Christian. Twice they set loose hungry wild animals upon her, but they would not touch the holy virgin. Instead, they lay down meekly and licked her feet.

The Providence of God preserved the holy martyr unharmed through all her torments. Finally, they tied her to two oxen and began to chase her with red-hot rods, but the strong cords broke asunder like cobwebs, and the oxen ran off, leaving Saint Thekla unharmed. The people began shouting, "Great is the God of the Christians!" The prefect himself became terrified, realizing that the holy martyr was being kept safe by the Almighty God, Whom she served. He then gave orders to set free the servant of God Thekla.

With the blessing of the Apostle Paul, Saint Thekla then settled in a desolate region of Isaurian Seleucia and dwelt there for many years, constantly preaching the Word of God and healing the sick through her prayer. Saint Thekla converted many pagans to Christ, and the Church appropriately names her as "Equal- to-the-Apostles." Even a pagan priest, trying to assault her purity and punished for his impudence, was brought by her to holy Baptism. More than once the Enemy of the race of man tried to destroy Saint Thekla through people blinded by sin, but the power of God always preserved this faithful servant of Christ.

When Saint Thekla was already a ninety-year-old woman, pagan sorcerers became incensed at her for treating the sick for free. They were unable to comprehend that the saint was healing the sick by the power of the grace of Christ, and they presumed that the virgin-goddess Artemis was her special helper. Envious of Saint Thekla, they sent their followers to defile her. When they came near her, Saint Thekla cried out for help to Christ the Savior, and a rock split open and hid the holy virgin, the bride of Christ. Thus did Saint Thekla offer up her holy soul to the Lord.

The holy Church glorifies the Protomartyr Thekla as " the glory of women and guide for the suffering, opening up the way through every torment." From of old many churches were dedicated to her, one of which was built at Constantinople by the holy Equal of the Apostles Constantine (May 21). The Protomartyr Thekla, a prayerful intercessor for ascetics, is also invoked during the tonsure of women into monasticism.

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24

Sept. 24 2 Cor. 6:1-10
Luke 5:1-11

Sept. 25 Eph. 1:22-2:3
Luke 4:37-44

Sept. 26 Eph. 2:19-3:7
Luke 5:12-16

Sept. 27 Eph. 3:8-21
Luke 5:33-39

Sept. 28 Eph. 4:14-19
Luke 6:12-19

Sept. 29 Eph. 4:17-25
Luke 6:17-23

Sept. 30 1 Cor. 14:20-25
Luke 5:17-26

Faith Enrichment is on Thursdays at 11:00 AM at Copper Stone. Please see Darrell Felon or Paul Pangrace for additional information.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Departed:

Ill Afflicted & Special Intentions:

Matushka Laryssa Hutnyan
Archpriest Theodore Bobosh
Child Katie
Julia
Betty Balasz
Christopher Baymiller *(friend of Paul Pangrace)*
Paula Baymiller *(friend of Paul Pangrace)*
Carol Bohurjak
Marie Borland
Elizabeth Bullock (*friend of the Jacobsons*)
Julie Byndas
Gregory Cervo
Elsie Conrad
Arlene Czajkowski
Jerry Czajkowski
Horia Dascalescu (*Lavinia Morris's brother)*
Gregory Galan
Joseph Gammalo
Joy Jahans *(friend of Paul Pangrace)*
Stephen Jahans *(friend of Paul Pangrace)*
Diane Kearsey (*Janice Tkacz's sister*)
John Kovalski *(friend of Paul Pangrace)*
Chris Magee (*Erin Zawolowycz's brother*)
Melissa McCutcheon
Jethro Miles
Paul Mihal
Irene Mysiw (*friend of Helen Antonik*)
Andy Mytrohovich
Daniel O'Donnell
Pat O'Donnell
Debra Parhamovich *(Karen Felon's sister)*
Grace Parhamovich **(***Karen Felon's mother)*
Gina Petkac
Peter Petkac
Anastasia Pogorily
Marshall Prock
Elena Rich (*Jerry Czajkowski's daughter*)
Kay Rogozinski (*Janice Tkacz's mother*)
Julia Sankovic *(Child)*
Andrew Sykaluk
Elaine Sudnick *(Joy Pfeiffer's mother)*
Janice Tkacz
Bob Walsh (*friend of The Felons*)
Colleen Walsh (*friend of the The Felons*)
Helmut Weber (*Cathy Weber's father*)
Elisabeth Wright (*friend of Paul Pangrace***)**
Erin Zawolowycz
Peter Zimmerman

Christopher & Melanie (Wayne & Gayle Vidovich's daughter) Hunter & Unborn Child

Welcome Visitors

Our parish welcomes you and thanks you for joining us at today's Divine Liturgy.
While only Orthodox Christians may approach the chalice for Holy Communion,
everyone is welcome to partake of the Holy Bread after Liturgy.
You are also invited to join us for fellowship in the Parish Hall following Liturgy.

COFEE HOUR & GREETERS SCHEDULES

	Coffee Hour:	Greeters:
9/24/17	Lauren Miklos & Chandra Czaruk	Mat. Jenn Boerio & Karen Felon
10/1/17	Dan & Lavinia Morris	Tammy & Eva Ponomarenko
10/8/17	Cathy Weber & Mat. Jenn Boerio	Nina & Elizabeth Antonik
10/15/17	Joy & David Pfeiffer	Karen Felon & Paul Pangrace
10/22/17	Mats. Cindy Zdinak & Jenna Van Sickle	Tammy & Eva Ponomarenko
10/29/17	Joyce Tabeling & Judy Schwind	Virginia Medvec & Sonia Vorell
11/5/17	Michael Tabeling & Michael Udell	Sonia Vorell & Virginia Medvec

FOOD PANTRY

Our Food Pantry ministry continues through Merrick House. They currently use the bags in their Moms First program. We can always use your help by "sponsoring a bag". Envelopes are in the foyer, $10 fills a bag. Thank you and God bless you for helping those in need. - Dan Morris

Dome Lighters

Donations to offset the cost of lighting the domes can be made for *The Health Of* or *In Memory Of* your loved ones. Contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

For the entire 2017 year:

In loving memory of Olga Fritskey

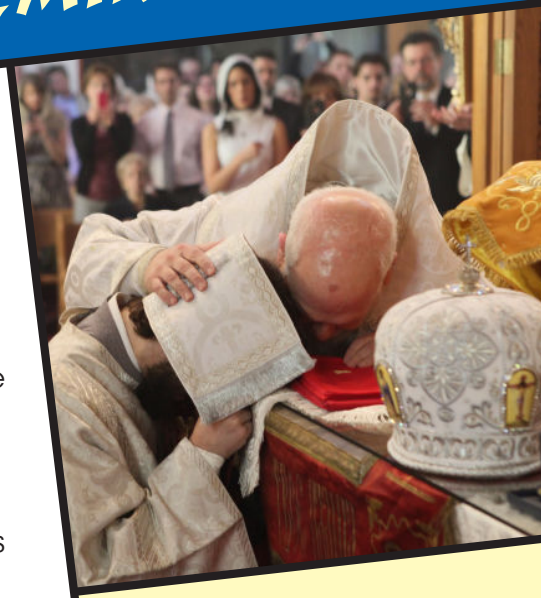
from John & Ruth Fritskey

Before His Ascension, Our Lord commissioned His disciples to "teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS!

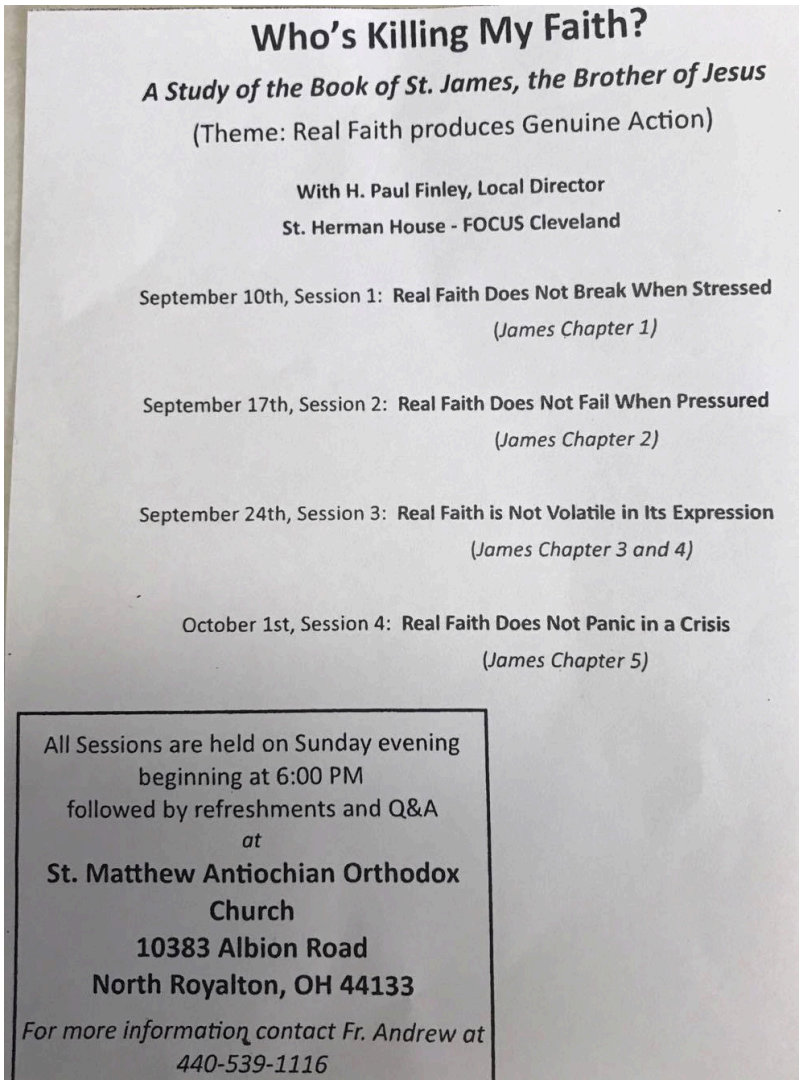
■ While all of God's People are called to proclaim the Good News, our clergy have been given the special task of "equipping the saints for ministry" by planting the seeds of faith and nurturing spiritual growth. ■ For nearly eight decades, our seminaries have devoted themselves to imparting *information* about our faith while pursuing the *formation* of those called to the ordained ministry. ■ Our growing number of diocesan seminarians have chosen a truly selfless path, especially in terms of funding their studies and related living expenses. ■ **September 2017** has been designated **"Support Our Seminarians Month"** in the Diocese of the Midwest, culminating in **"SOS Sunday"** on **September 24.** Please **be generous** as we join together to help lighten our seminarians' financial burdens.

■ **All funds will be given directly to our seminarians!**



SEPTEMBER 24 IS SOS SUNDAY!

Please send your donations to the Diocese of the Midwest 927 North LaSalle Blvd. Chicago, IL 60610

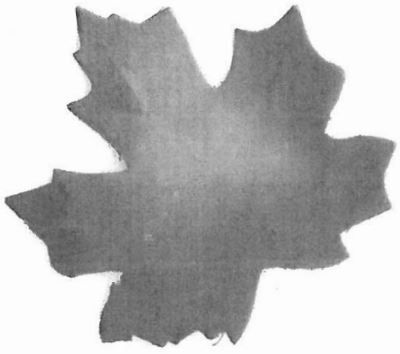


Set aside Sunday evening, October 15th at 5:00 PM for Boys Night Out! We will be meeting at Nano Brew at the corner of W. 25th & Bridge. There is plenty of parking behind West Side Market. Please see Dan Morris to be included.

SOMETHING
RUSSIAN
FESTIVAL
Tuesday and Wednesday 10am to 9pm
OCTOBER 3&4
St. Nicholas Orthodox Church
755 S. Cleveland Avenue
Mogadore Ohio 44260
at Rt 532 and US 224
food, imports,
entertainment and more
free admission free parking
somethingrussian.com
St. Nicholas Orthodox Church celebrating
100 YEARS

EASTERN ORTHODOX WOMEN'S GUILD
OF GREATER CLEVELAND
55th Anniversary Year

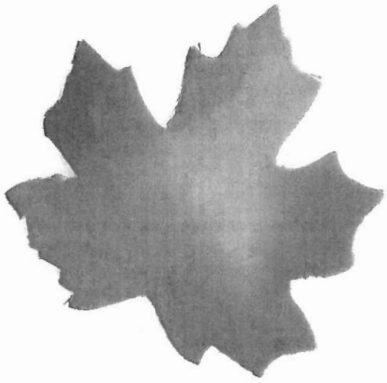
OCTOBER



Thursday
October 5, 2017

Doors open 6.00 P.M.
Dinner at 7:00 P.M.

55th Anniversary Dinner
Copper Stone (former Ridge Manor)
4630 Ridge Road
Brooklyn, Ohio 44144



Anniversary Dinner
Family Style
Chinese Auction/Vendors
Tickets $30.00/Adults
$7.50/Children 6-12
Children under 6 Free

<u>See Parish Representatives for Tickers</u> or
Call Karen Felon at 440-238-3637
Helen Beverly at 440-212-5545
(E.O.W.G. members provide dessert baked goods)

What Cancer Cannot Do!

DeterminNation

2017 Bank of America Chicago Marathon
October 8, 2017

Cancer is so limited....It cannot cripple love. It cannot shatter hope. It cannot corrode faith. It cannot eat away peace. It cannot destroy confidence. It cannot kill friendship. It cannot shut out memories. It cannot silence courage. It cannot reduce eternal life. It cannot quench the Spirit.
It ***CANNOT STOP OUR WORK!!!!***

I, once again, come to you for your participation consideration,....to donate to this cause, or to simply keep me in your daily prayers, for health and well being, as I push my body to it's 52 year old limits.

You can support my efforts by visiting my *personal page* and making a donation of whatever amount you can. Your donation will help the American Cancer Society save lives by helping people stay well, helping people get well, by finding cures, and by fighting back.

As is my practice, I wish to honor **YOUR** loved ones and remember their names throughout my preparation,... they are what drive my efforts. Forward them to me, for their spirit, in memory or honor will lighten my load.

This will be a magnificent year! OUR 13TH YEAR, fighting the good fight! Help me make a difference.

With Gratitude,
Bob Klinar

Copy & Paste this link, if you'd like to donate to my run:
http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?fr_id=83928&pg=personal&px=6120794

Clambake Fundraiser!

Clambake Fundraiser to benefit St. Vladimir Camp & Retreat Center

When: Saturday, October 21, 2017
Doors Open at 5:30 pm
Dinner Served at 6:30 pm

Where: "The Shanty" at Archangel Michael Orthodox Church
5025 East Mill, Rd., Broadview Heights, Ohio

Cost:
Clambake with Chicken $25
Chicken Dinner $20
Clambake with Steak $35
Steak Dinner $30
Extra Clams $8/dz
Child Chicken Nuggets & Fries $5

To purchase tickets:
Make Checks Payable to: Cleveland R Club
Note: "Clambake" in the subject line

Mail to:
Becky Tesar
8205 Ivandale Dr.
Parma, OH 44129
440-884-6662

50/50 Raffle
&
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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

2017

Sunday, Sept. 24
HOLY PROTOMARTYR AND EQUAL-TO-THE-APOSTLES THECLA
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
6:00 PM "Who's Killing My Faith?" @ St. Matthew Antiochian

Monday, Sept. 25
REPOSE OF VEN. SERGIUS OF RADONEZH
7:00 PM Bible Study @ Parish Hall

Tuesday, Sept. 26
REPOSE OF ST. JOHN THE THEOLOGIAN

Wednesday, Sept. 27
MARTYR CALLISTRATUS HIS 49 COMPANIONS

REMINDER:

Please be sure that cell phones are turned off before entering the temple.

SEPTEMBER
Special Collection
YOUTH WORK

Thursday, Sept. 28
VEN. CHARITON THE CONFESSOR
MARTYRDOM OF PRINCE WENCESLAUS
11:00 AM Faith Enrichment @ Copper Stone
6:00 PM Australian Wine Tasting @ Copper Stone

Friday, Sept. 29
VEN. CYRIACUS, HERMIT OF PALESTINE

Saturday, Sept. 30
HIEROMARTYR GREGORY, BISHOP OF ARMENIA
6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, Oct. 1
PROTECTION (POKROV) OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

St. Theodosius Orthodox Cathedral
733 Starkweather Avenue
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SEPTEMBER /OCTOBER