

Deuteronomy 26:1-11; 1 Timothy 6:6-11,17-19; Luke 12:13-15,2:2-31
Luke 12:42-48; Luke 17:12-19; Matthew 15:32-39

November 23: Isaiah 11:10-16 Luke 8:4-15
November 24: Isaiah 14:1-3,7-9 Luke 8:16-18
November 25: Isaiah 26:1-6 Luke 8:40-56
November 26: Isaiah 30:19-26 Luke 9:46-48
November 27: Isaiah 33:17-24 Luke 10:21-24
November 28: Micah 1:2-4;2:12+13; James 1:19-27 Luke 1:26-38
November 29: Isaiah 32:3-5,15-20; 1 Corinthians 4:9-16;
Matthew 4:18-23
November 30: Nahum 1:6-2:3; Luke 12:35-40; John 1:35-51

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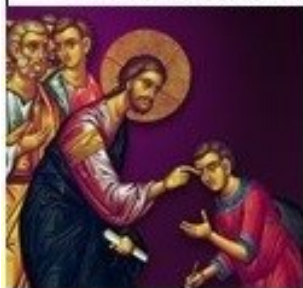
Invite the Faithful to Receive the Sacrament of

Holy Unction

Marking the start of Advent

Wed., Nov. 15 @ 6:30 p.m.

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



Theotokos of Vladimir

EASTERN ORTHODOX WOMEN'S GUILD OF GREATER CLEVELAND UNITY THROUGH PARTICIPATION

*"O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast
love endures forever!" Psalm 107:1*



**Saturday, November 11, 2023
10:00 A.M.**

**St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church
22909 Center Ridge Road
Rocky River, OH 44116**

- ♥ Fellowship and Refreshments
- ♥ Distribute gifts for Nursing Home and shut-in parishioners
- ♥ Speaker and Topic – Joanne Stoyka – Touring the Eastern Orthodox Churches in Eastern Europe



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Welcome to our parish. We invite you to worship with us again.

November, 2023

**Glory to Jesus Christ!
Slava Isusu Khristu!**

**Glory Forever!
Slava na viki!**

Schedule of Services **(October 29 –December 3, 2023)**

Sunday, October 29

The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost, Resurrectional
Tone 4; The Holy Woman Martyr Anastasia the Roman
10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth

Sunday, November 5

The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost, Resurrectional
Tone 5; The Holy Martyrs Galacteon and His Wife,
Epistemis, at Emesa (3rd C.).
9:30 a.m.—The Public Chanting of the Prayers of Preparation for
the Holy Mystery of Repentance Followed by an Examination
of Conscience and Concluded by Absolution
10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth

Sunday, November 12

The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost, Resurrectional
Tone 6; Our Venerable Father John the Merciful,
Patriarch of Alexandria (612-20)
10:00 a.m.—The Divine Liturgy of St John the Golden-Mouth

Sunday, November 19

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, Resurrectional
Tone 7; The Holy Prophet Obadiah
10:00 a.m.—The Divine Liturgy of St John the Golden-Mouth

Sunday, November 26

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, Resurrectional
Tone 8; Our Venerable Father Alypius the Stylite of
Adrianopolis
10:00 a.m.—The Divine Liturgy of St John the Golden-Mouth

Sunday, December 3

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, Resurrectional Tone 1; The Holy Prophet Zephaniah (Sophonias)

9:30 a.m.—The Public Chanting of the Prayers of Preparation for the Holy Mystery of Repentance Followed by an Examination of Conscience and Concluded by Absolution

10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth

November Milestones - Birthdays: 10, Marina Anderson; 21, Dr. Vladimir Swerchowsky; 22, Michele Hejnal. May our Good God grant her and her family peace, health, salvation, and longevity for many blessed years, на многая і благая літа!

November Calendar Raffle

All for the price of \$10 you will have 30 chances to win a variety of gift cards each day of the month. It's still not too late to start winning amazing gifts cards starting this Tuesday

Annual Parish Meeting

The **Annual Parish Meeting** will take place on **Sunday, November 12** following morning services. In accordance with Article V, Section 2 of the Parish Constitution, elections for Vice-President, Treasurer, and 3rd Auditor shall be held. Those positions are presently held by Barbara Cooney, Maria Hejnal and Nestor Kostryk . Nominations are being accepted for candidates to serve in these three important Parish Council positions.

Prayer Service For Sanctity Of Life:

St. Matthew Church invites all to attend a prayer service at 6:15 p.m., on Monday, Nov. 6, the evening before the vote on Issue 1 in Ohio. The service will be the Akathist Hymn to our Sweetest Lord Jesus Christ with the intercessory litany and prayer concerning the abortion issue.

Philip's Fast Пилипівка (Pilipiwka)

Nativity (Christmas) Fast (Різдвяний Піст)

The Orthodox Church begins the forty day period of preparation for the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ on the evening of the feast of the Holy and All-Praised Apostle Philip, November 14. For this reason, the fast is known by many names: Philip's Fast Pilipiwka, the Nativity (Christmas) Fast, and even as Advent. However, Advent is an incorrect title for this period of fasting since it comes from the Latin Church and is a specified period of four Sundays before their celebration of Christmas. This period of fasting and spiritual preparation for the feast of Christmas sets us apart from our non-Orthodox neighbors who now begin celebrating and preparing for what they have turned into the secular holiday of Christmas even as they are still trying to sell Halloween candy and paraphernalia. We fast, pray, and donate towards charitable causes during the period before Christmas. We do not begin celebrating Christmas until after the feast itself on December 25.

The strict rules for Philip's Fast are abstention from animal products for the entire forty day period preceding Christmas. When fasting bodily, we must turn our minds and hearts to God in prayer. Scriptural readings for each day of Pilipiwka will also be included in the Parish

Bulletin to enhance your prayer and meditation during this period. We must take painstaking efforts to keep from becoming part of the secularization and denigration of the Feast of Christ's Birth.

The first mention of a fasting period in spiritual preparation for the feast of the Nativity of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ was at the Council of Saragossa in 380 A.D. This Council recommended that every Christian should go attend Church services every day from December 17 to January 6. This was when the Christian Church in the Eastern Roman Empire still celebrated the Birth of Christ along with His Baptism on January 6, before the universal acceptance of December 25 as the feast of the Nativity at the beginning of the fifth century. It is from this ancient canon that the Sundays of the Holy Forefathers and Fathers which immediately precede Christmas find their derivation. Finally, a Church Council held in Constantinople in 1166 A.D. established definitively the forty day fasting period prior to Christmas imitating the length of the Great Fast. However, this fast was not as rigorous as the Great Fast since strict fasting was called for only on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The twelfth century Byzantine canonist named Balsamon wrote that he felt it was sufficient that lay people keep the strict fast only in the week immediately preceding Christmas. However, monastic influence and rigorism eventually won the day setting the current regulations for this fast. The fast began on the evening of November 14, the feast of the Holy, Glorious, and All-Praised Apostle Philip. Accordingly, the fasting period became known as Philip's Fast Пилипівка due to this happy coincidence.

This fast has a two-fold theme of expectation: The liturgical one in which we await the feast of the Lord's birth, and the second an apocalyptic one in which we await the Lord's Second Coming in the final days. The Gospel Readings emphasize the seriousness of our present lives and the manner in which we live. Readings from the Old Testament and the Prophets call for a reform in people's lives, pointing to the coming of the Messiah, the Anointed One. Appropriately, we are called to respond by increasing our prayer and fasting, our works of charity, and our participation in the Holy Mysteries of the Church.

Readings for Philip's Fast Pilipiwka

The readings are intended to be taken on the evening of the day on which they are assigned. You may take them on that evening or any time during the following day.

November 14: Ezekiel 11:17-21 Colossians 3:4-11 Luke 5:1-11

November 15: Isaiah 2:6,9-22; Matthew 9:9-13; Mark 1:1-8;
1 Peter 1:1-6 1 Peter 2:21-3:9 1 Peter 4:1-11

November 16: Isaiah 40:2-6; John 1:14-23

November 17: Isaiah 10:20-27 Matthew 17:21-27;

November 18: Obadiah 15-21 John 5:33-38

November 19: Isaiah 35:1-10 Luke 7:20b-23

November 20: Isaiah 51:1-6; Exodus 40:1-5,9+10,16,34+35
Ezekiel 43:27-44:4; 1 Kings 7:51;8:1,3+4,6+7,9-11; Hebrews 9:1-7
Luke 7:24-28

November 21: Isaiah 7:10-16;8:1-4,9+10 Hebrews 10:4-10 Luke 10:38-42;11:27+28

November 22: Isaiah 11:1-9 Luke 8:1-3,19-21

For Thanksgiving: Deuteronomy 8:7-18; 1 Chronicles 29:9-18;