

# Ambo

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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

Please check weekly schedule  
for specific days (last page).

Previous Ambos on website.

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JUNE 2, 2024  
5TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA  
THE SAMARITAN  
WOMAN



The Holy Martyr Photina (Svetlana) the Samaritan Woman, her sons Victor (named Photinus) and Joses; and her sisters Anatola, Phota, Photis, Paraskev , Kyriake; Nero's daughter Domnina; and the Martyr Sebastian: The holy Martyr Photina was the Samaritan Woman, with whom the Savior conversed at Jacob's Well (John. 4:5-42).

During the time of the emperor Nero (54-68), who displayed excessive cruelty against Christians, Saint Photina lived in Carthage with her younger son Joses and fearlessly preached the Gospel there. Her eldest son Victor fought bravely in the Roman army against barbarians, and was appointed military commander

in the city of Attalia (Asia Minor). Later, Nero called him to Italy to arrest and punish Christians.

Sebastian, an official in Italy, said to Saint Victor, "I know that you, your mother and your brother, are followers of Christ. As a friend I advise you to submit to the will of the emperor. If you inform on any Christians, you will receive their wealth. I shall write to your mother and brother, asking them not to preach Christ in public. Let them practice their faith in secret."

Saint Victor replied, "I want to be a preacher of Christianity like my mother and brother." Sebastian said, "O Victor, we all know what woes await you, your moth-

er and brother.” Then Sebastian suddenly felt a sharp pain in his eyes. He was dumbfounded, and his face was somber.

For three days he lay there blind, without uttering a word. On the fourth day he declared, “The God of the Christians is the only true God.” Saint Victor asked why Sebastian had suddenly changed his mind. Sebastian replied, “Because Christ is calling me.” Soon he was baptized, and immediately regained his sight. Saint Sebastian’s servants, after witnessing the miracle, were also baptized.

Reports of this reached Nero, and he commanded that the Christians be brought to him at Rome. Then the Lord Himself appeared to the confessors and said, “Fear not, for I am with you. Nero, and all who serve him, will be vanquished.” The Lord said to Saint Victor, “From this day forward, your name will be Photinus, because through you, many will be enlightened and will believe in Me.” The Lord then told the Christians to strengthen and encourage Saint Sebastian to persevere until the end.

All these things, and even future events, were revealed to Saint Photina. She left Carthage in the company of several Christians and joined the confessors in Rome.

At Rome the emperor ordered the saints to be brought before him and he asked them whether they truly believed in Christ. All the confessors refused to renounce the Savior. Then the emperor gave orders to smash the martyrs’ finger joints. During the torments, the confessors felt no pain, and their hands remained unharmed.

Nero ordered that Saints Sebastian, Photinus and Joses be blinded and locked up in prison, and Saint Photina and her five sisters Anatola, Phota, Photis, Paraskev  and Kyriake were sent to the imperial court under the supervision of Nero’s daughter Domnina. Saint Photina converted both Domnina and all her servants to Christ. She also converted a sorcerer, who had brought her poisoned food to kill her.

Three years passed, and Nero sent to the prison for one

of his servants, who had been locked up. The messengers reported to him that Saints Sebastian, Photinus and Joses, who had been blinded, had completely recovered, and that people were visiting them to hear their preaching, and indeed the whole prison had been transformed into a bright and fragrant place where God was glorified.

Nero then gave orders to crucify the saints, and to beat their naked bodies with straps. On the fourth day the emperor sent servants to see whether the martyrs were still alive. But, approaching the place of the tortures, the servants fell blind. An angel of the Lord freed the martyrs from their crosses and healed them. The saints took pity on the blinded servants, and restored their sight by their prayers to the Lord. Those who were healed came to believe in Christ and were soon baptized.

In an impotent rage Nero gave orders to flay the skin from Saint Photina and to throw the martyr down a well. Sebastian, Photinus and Joses had their legs cut off, and they were thrown to dogs, and then had their skin flayed off. The sisters of Saint Photina also suffered terrible torments. Nero gave orders to cut off their breasts and then to flay their skin. An expert in cruelty, the emperor readied the fiercest execution for Saint Photis: they tied her by the feet to the tops of two bent-over trees. When the ropes were cut the trees sprang upright and tore the martyr apart. The emperor ordered the others beheaded. Saint Photina was removed from the well and locked up in prison for twenty days. After this Nero had her brought to him and asked if she would now relent and offer sacrifice to the idols. Saint Photina spit in the face of the emperor, and laughing at him, said, “O most impious of the blind, you profligate and stupid man! Do you think me so deluded that I would consent to renounce my Lord Christ and instead offer sacrifice to idols as blind as you?”

Hearing such words, Nero gave orders to again throw the martyr down the well, where she surrendered her soul to God (ca. 66). On the Greek Calendar, Saint Photina is commemorated on February 26.



*Theotokos of Vladimir*

EASTERN ORTHODOX WOMEN'S GUILD  
OF GREATER CLEVELAND

**SENDS AN OPEN INVITATION  
TO MEMBERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

**Annual  
Pan-Orthodox  
Luncheon**



Holy Trinity Orthodox Church Hall  
6822 Broadview Road  
Parma, OH 44134

**Date:** Saturday, June 8, 2024  
**Time:** Doors open @ 12:00 AM  
Luncheon @ 12:30 PM

**Reservations required**  
**No tickets sold at the door**  
**Tickets:** Adults - \$15.00  
Children 6 to 12 - 7.50  
Children under 6 – FREE

**Program to include:**

- **A delicious luncheon**
- with heavenly homemade appetizers and desserts
- Socialize and relax with family and friends!
- **Auction Gift Baskets / Door Prizes**
- Opening prayer and speaker: Father Andrew Harmon – Pastor, St. Matthew the Evangelist Orthodox Church
- **For tickets, see Parish Representative Karen Felon**
- Reservations deadline is **Monday, June 3, 2024**



All proceeds go to Orthodox organizations  
see list compiled by EOWG -- <https://www.eowgcle.org/charities>

# 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**

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

as of 6/2/2024

### *Deceased*

**Trisha** Corey

**Robert** Martin Prock

**Valentina** Zawolowycz

*(mother of Paul Z)*

**Justina** Zolikoff

**Elizabeth** Balasz

**Jeff** Zvara

**Child McKenna** Kranek

**Paul** Epele *(Father-in-law of Lauren)*

**Michael** Kalinich *(Uncle of Linda Kovach)*

### *Special Intentions:*

**Subdeacon Theodore** Lentz

**Subdeacon Roger** Pinta

**Subdeacon Leon** Felon

**Reader Frank** Tkacz

**Stephan** Chwalyk

**Horia** Dascalescu *(Lavinia's brother)*

**Diane** Kearsy *(Janice Tkacz's Sister)*

**Janice** Tkacz

**Eleanor** Wachovec *(friend of Karen Felon)*

**Rachel** Ohlin *(relative of Tatiana)*

**Erin** Zawolowycz

**Jeffrey** Parhamovich *(brother of Karen Felon)*

**Margaret** Parhamovich *(sister-in-law of Karen Felon)*

**Margaret** Peyton *(Cathy's aunt)*

**Jean** Woycitzky Thompson *(Frank's cousin)*

**Anna Marie** Luvison *(daughter of Matthew & Katie (Ellis) Luvison)*

**Debra** Parhamovich *(sister of Karen Felon)*

**Grace Mary** Parhamovich *(mother of Karen Felon)*

**Lonnie** Ellis *(Husband to Debra Ellis)*

**Please submit names to the Prayer List by emailing them to Fr. Jan Cizmar**

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Or calling at 1 (440) 732-8182

Names remain on the list for 30 days unless requested otherwise.

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### Coffee Hour Sign-Up

Questions/Concerns: Cathy Weber (412-215-1928)

April 7 Joyce & Judy	May 19 Cindy & Nikol
April 14 Mary & Tammy (In memory of the Pogorily Family)	May 26 Wayne Vidovich (sponsored by Una & John Alexandrovic and anonymous)
April 21 Wayne & Gayle Vidovich & Shawna Whitlock	June 2 Matushka Jana ( <b>cancelled</b> )
April 28 Lina & Georgi	June 9 Cathy & Tammy
May 5 HOLY PASCHA	June 16 (Father's Day) Wayne & Gayle Vidovich & Shawna Whitlock
May 12 (Mother's Day) Nick Zolikoff (sponsored by William Lynk and John & Patty Sankovic)	June 23 Sarah & Mike Brennan
	June 30 Cathy (sponsored by John & Patty Sankovic)

## Consider Sponsoring Coffee Hour!

For those who would like to HELP with Coffee Hour but don't cook, you can now *sponsor* a Coffee Hour! By donating \$65 you can sponsor a Coffee Hour, just put it in a white envelope marked "coffee hour" and place it in the collection basket or coffee hour basket in the Hall.

### Sunday, June 2

5th Sunday of Pascha

#### The Samaritan Woman

St. Nikephoros the Confessor, Patriarch of Constantinople (828)

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy (*at Cemetery*)

### Monday, June 3

Martyr Lucillian and those who suffered with him at Byzantium: four youths Claudius, Hypatius, Paul, and Dionysius; and the Virgin Paula (270-275)

### Tuesday, June 4

St. Metrophanes, first Patriarch of Constantinople (325-326)

### Wednesday, June 5

#### Leavetaking of Midfeast

Hieromartyr Dorotheus, Bishop of Tyre (ca. 362)

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE 2024



Icon of the Mother of God of Kiev-Bratsk

### Thursday, June 6

Ven. Bessarion, Wonderworker of Egypt (4th-5th c.)

### Friday, June 7

Venerable Daniel of Sketis (6th c.)

### Saturday, June 8

Translation of the Relics of the Greatmartyr Theodore Stratelates (319)

6:00 PM Great Vespers

(*at Parish Hall*)

### Sunday, June 9

6th Sunday of Pascha

#### Sunday of the Blind Man

St. Cyril, Archbishop of Alexandria (444)

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

(*at Parish Hall*)

**Special Parish Meeting** to follow