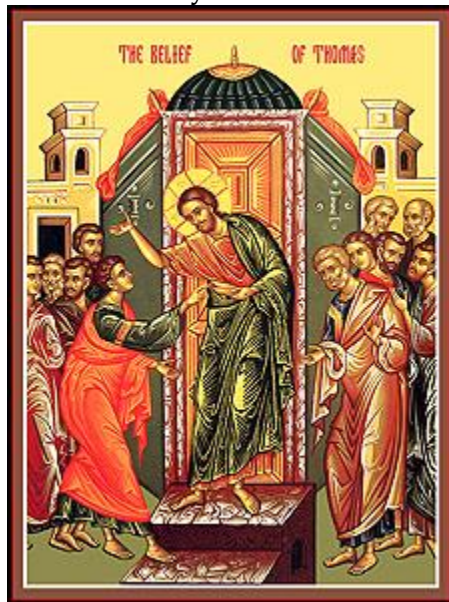


St. Nikolai Orthodox Mission of Alliance
820 South Linden Avenue, Alliance, Ohio
(at St. Theodore Romanian Byzantine Catholic Church)
Divine Liturgy, 9:30

Right Rev. Bishop Alexander, Bulgarian Diocese, Orthodox Church in America
Very Reverend Father Joseph Cervo, Archpriest (AOCANA-retired)
Rev. Protodeacon James Gresh, Mission Administrator (Bulgarian Diocese OCA)
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April 19, 2015: 2nd Sunday of PASCHA - Thomas Sunday



Welcome to Visitors. Thank you for coming and praying with us today. In the Orthodox Church, Holy Communion is reserved only for Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and confession during the Church fasting seasons. We invite you to introduce yourself to Father Joe and Deacon James at the end of the Liturgy and receive a piece of the blessed bread and join us for fellowship and Christian education at the Jonathan Casteel hall, directly through the alley way behind the church. We look forward to seeing you again and encourage you to learn more about the Orthodox Faith.

Priest: Blessed is the Kingdom.....

Choir: Amen

Priest: "Christ is risen from the dead ..." (1 time)

Choir: Christ is risen from the dead ..." (2 times)

(The Divine Liturgy is begun in this manner until the Leavetaking of Pascha.)

Tone 7 Troparion (from the Pentecostarion)

From the sealed tomb, You shone forth, O Life! Through closed doors You came to Your Disciples, O Christ God. Renew in us, through them, an upright spirit, //by the greatness of Your mercy, O Resurrection of all!

Tone 4 Troparion St. Nikolai

In truth you were revealed to your flock as a rule of faith, an image of humility and a teacher of abstinence; your humility exalted you; your poverty enriched you. Hierarch Father Nikolai, entreat Christ our God that our souls may be saved!

Tone 8 Kontakion (from the Pentecostarion)

Thomas touched Your life-giving side with an eager hand, O Christ God, when You came to Your Apostles through closed doors. He cried out with all: "You are my Lord and my God!"

(The Trisagion is sung)

Epistle: Acts 5:12-20

Tone 3 Prokeimenon

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power! His understanding is beyondmeasure!

v: Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God!

Tone 8 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

v: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King over all the earth.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

(Instead of "It is truly meet ...," we sing:)

The Angel cried to the Lady, full of grace:

"Rejoice, O pure Virgin! Again, I say: 'Rejoice,
your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb!
With Himself He has raised all the dead.'"

Rejoice, O ye people!

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem!

The glory of the Lord has shone on you!

Exult now, and be glad, O Zion!

Be radiant, O pure Theotokos,
in the Resurrection of your Son!

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Priest: "In the fear of God ..."

Choir: "Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord ..."

Priest: "O Lord, save Your people ..."

Choir: "Christ is risen from the dead ... " (instead of "We have seen the True Light ...)

Priest: "Always, now and ever ..."

Choir: "Let our mouths be filled ..."

(At the Dismissal, the Priest says:) "Glory to You, O Christ....," and the choir sings "Christ is risen from the dead...." (thrice).

And unto us He has given eternal life.

Let us worship His Resurrection on the third day!

Parish Patron Saint Celebration (Slava) Commemorating the Transfer of the Relics of St. Nikolai, next, Sunday, April 26, following Liturgy, at the home of Corbin & Georgie Washington – 921 Fernwood Blvd. Alliance. Please be certain to participate in this major celebration in the life of our mission as we honor St. Nikolai and supplicate his holy prayers for our mission and for our salvation. Side dishes are requested for the meal that will follow the cutting of the Kolach (The service of blessing the feast bread).

Thought for the Day: Some icons depicting this event are inscribed "The Doubting Thomas." This is incorrect. In Greek, the inscription reads, "The Touching of Thomas." The Slavonic inscription is, "The Belief of Thomas." When St Thomas touched the Life-giving side of the Lord, he no longer had any doubts.

This day is also known as "Antipascha." This does not mean "opposed to Pascha," but "in place of Pascha." Beginning with this first Sunday after Pascha, the Church dedicates every Sunday of the year to the Lord's Resurrection.

DAILY SCRIPTURAL READINGS ARE AVAILABLE TO READ ON OUR WEBSITE.

SPECIAL THANKS!

To George "Bobo" Blebea for building the 12 candle stand that was used for the Holy Friday Matins!

May God bless you for your good works for the Mission.

PRAYERS requested

For The Health and Salvation of:

Mother Ana

Father Joe Cervo

Doreen Wishnok (friend of the Krupko's who is battling breast cancer)
George Ralich, (Dan's father)
Stefanie Waseman
Kerri Baugher (friend of the Krupko's who has cancer)
The Knoll Family
Mildred (Peggy) and Walter Borojevich (Wally's Parents)
Stephanie (Father David's Cousin), who suffered a mild heart attack
Mara (Jaga's Sister)
Father Rastko Trbuhovich (Fr. Dragan's Kum)
Andre Dordea
Bonnie Smith (Friend of Jaga Radosevic)
Niki – Father David's first cousin facing surgery
Janet - an elderly work colleague of Father David's with serious health issues

For The Repose of the Souls of:

+Dr. Gregory Spohn, Canton Area Pediatrician and doctor to Tillman Children
+Candi (Friend of John and Lynette Baier)
+Gloria Lijoi (friend of the Krupkos)
Protopresbyter +Thomas Hopko

(Please update prayer requests at the beginning of each month. Names will be removed if the request is not renewed.)

ADULT EDUCATION:

We will resume the study group meetings the Saturday after Pascha. The group has decided to continue after Pascha with the current book – Victory in the Unseen Warfare – until we finish the book.

SAVE. SAVE SAVE!

Everything you have.
On Sat. June 13 we will have a mission rummage sale at Hartville Flea Market.
If you have any questions see Georgie or call her at 330 635 1715 Thank you !

ST. THEODORE ROMANIAN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

The Mission is most thankful to Bishop John Michael and the Romanian Byzantine Catholic Diocese for graciously providing us with a home until our building is complete. As a gesture of gratitude the Mission is giving a gift of \$250.00 per month. The money is being used to pay for meals for those in need.

COFFEE HOUR:

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| April 5 | - | Dan Ralich |
| April 12 | - | Pascha |
| April 19 | - | Helen Blebea |
| April 26 | - | Patronal Feast |

Please see Deanna and Larry Dordea if you are interested in hosting a Coffee Hour. There are plenty of dates available. Thank you to Deanna, Larry and Georgie for chairing our Coffee Hours.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE HOSTED COFFEE HOUR!!!!

DONATIONS:

Please note, any special donations will be added directly to our building fund unless otherwise specified by the donor. God bless all who have generously donated to and support our mission.

SPECIAL DONATIONS WERE RECEIVED IN MARCH FROM:

UNIREA Romanian Transilvaniana Inc.
Jenifer Codrea
Oliver Musat
Jenny Codrea
Peter and Shirene Tapyrik

BUILDING PROJECT:

By the grace of God and with the sacrificial donations of many, phase one of construction for our chapel began Bright Week, April 13. We are still in need of additional funding for the general building project. If you are able to make an initial or additional contribution to the building fund, please see Father Joe or Deacon James.

May the Lord bless all our endeavors to glorify His Holy Name and bring others to the fullness of the truth.

CHOIR PRACTICES:

Choir Practice will be held on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm beginning April 22 at the Gresh Home. Please see Heidi for details.

UNITED WOMEN:

Recently, Helen (Mimi) Blebea attended the United Women group representing the Mission. Their next meeting is April 10 at 1:00 pm. If any women are interested in attending the meeting next month, please See Helen.

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