

St. Nikolai Orthodox Mission of Alliance, as part of Orthodox Campus Fellowship
at University of Mount Union, Dewald Chapel.

Divine Liturgy, 9:00 am

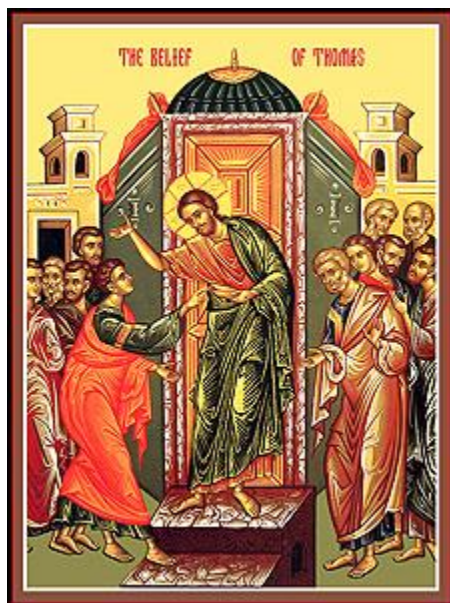
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April 27, 2014: 2nd Sunday of Pascha/St Thomas Sunday

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CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED, HE IS RISEN!

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 beyond measure!
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 Slava (Patron Saint Celebration) Commemorating the Transfer of the Relics of St. Nikolai, Sunday May 4. 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 Slava meal that will follow the cutting of the Kolach (The service of blessing the feast bread).

Relocation of our Mission, beginning Sunday, May 18, 2014: Because of scheduling conflicts during the summer months, we are not able to hold services in the university chapel. However, the university is

accommodating our mission by providing an alternate site on campus for us to hold services. We will have specific information and directions in the near future.

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. Accordingly, Sunday is called “Resurrection-Voskreseniye” in Church Slavonic.

BRIGHT WEDNESDAY:

Bright Wednesday, April 23, we celebrated a Vesperal Paschal Liturgy. Father Don Freude and Father Basil Shaheen joined us along with their wives and numerous parishioners. An agape meal was served following Liturgy and we enjoyed fellowship among ourselves and our guests.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Welcome to our newest member, Nolan Thomas Catania born Tuesday, April 15, 2014

Also Congratulations on her graduation from the University of Mount Union go to Laryssa Byndas. May God bless you in your future endeavors. Please visit in the near future.

Congratulations to TJ Cotterman on his graduation from Kent State University on May 10. May God also bless you in your future endeavors and may God have mercy on TJ's soul. ☺

COFFEE HOUR:

Thank you to the Krupko family for serving as Coffee Hour Hosts this week.

May 4 our mission is celebrating our Slava. Please sign up to bring a covered dish for the meal. We need coffee hour hosts – please see Cathy or Tom Baier

BAPTISMAL INVITATION:

On Saturday, May 3 the White’s, Catania’s and Krupko’s will be celebrating the Baptism of Josephine Rose White and Nolan Thomas Catania. All are invited. The Baptisms will be at St. George Antiochan Orthodox Church in Canton at 11:00 am. A celebration will be hosted at the Krupko home after. Please RSVP to Cathy Krupko.

PRAYERS:

Candi (friend of John and Lynette Baier)

Wendy (friend of Lana Baier)

Jacquelyn, friend of Dan and Jake Krupko who has been diagnosed with heart problems.

Prayers for the repose of Metropolitan Philip of the Antiochian Archdiocese who passed away Wednesday March 19 from a heart attack.

Prayers for the repose of the soul of Father Joe’s and Bishop Mark’s dear friend, +Father Alexander Atty, who passed away March 23.

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