

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)

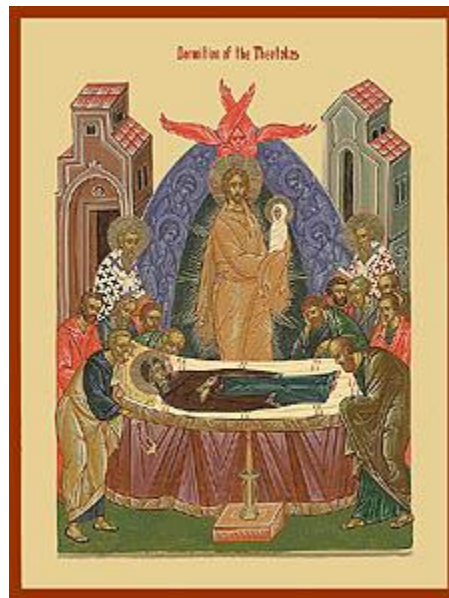
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August 23, 2015: 12th Sunday after Pentecost/ Leavetaking of the Dormition

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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.



Tone 3 Troparion (Resurrection)

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad!
For the Lord has shown strength with His arm.
He has trampled down death by death.
He has become the first born of the dead.
He has delivered us from the depths of hell,
and has granted to the world// great mercy.

Tone 1 Troparion (Dormition)

In giving birth you preserved your virginity.
In falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos.
You were translated to life O Mother of Life, //
and by your prayers you deliver our souls from death.

Tone 3 Kontakion (Resurrection)

On this day You rose from the tomb, O Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death.
On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; with the Prophets and Patriarchs//
they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Your power.

Tone 2 Kontakion (Dormition)

Neither the tomb, nor death, could hold the Theotokos,
who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions.
For being the Mother of Life,//
she was translated to life by the One Who dwelt in her virginal womb.

Tone 3 Prokeimenon (Resurrection)

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
v: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Tone 3 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: In You, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame!

v: Be a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me!

Gospel: Matthew 19:16-26

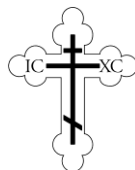
Instead of “It is truly meet ...,” we sing in Tone 1:

Refrain: The Angels, as they looked upon the Dormition of the Virgin, were struck with wonder, seeing how the Virgin went up from earth to heaven.

Heirmos: The limits of nature are overcome in you, O Pure Virgin:
for birthgiving remains virginal, and life is united to death;
a virgin after childbearing and alive after death,
you ever save your inheritance, O Theotokos.
a great deal

Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest!
I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.



“He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. After that...by more than five hundred brethren at once...last of all he was seen by me also.” Today’s first epistle from St. Paul to the Corinthians (15:5-6).

St. John Chrysostom comments:

“Having finished the discourse on spiritual gifts, he (Paul) passes on to the most necessary of all: the subject of the resurrection. For in this, too, they (the Corinthians) were very unsound. And as in men’s bodies when the fever lays actual hold on their solid parts – I mean the nerves and the veins and the primary elements – the virus becomes incurable

unless it receives much attention, at that time something very similar was likely to happen. The virus was proceeding to the very elements of godliness. This is why Paul also uses great earnestness. For his discourse was not of morals...but about the very sum of all good things. They had conflicting opinions about the resurrection itself. The devil was taking a vehement stand against the resurrection because this was our great hope... Paul, writing to Timothy, likened it to the death and decay of soft tissues of the body as a result of lack of blood to the area, saying, 'Of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus (heretics), who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already, and overthrown the faith of some (II Timothy 2:17,18). At one time then they spoke this way, but at another time then said that the body does not rise again but the resurrection is the purification of the soul. But these are things that the wicked demon persuaded them to say... to show that all the things done (by Christ) for our sakes are a fable. For if they were persuaded that there is no resurrection of bodies, the demon would have gradually persuaded them that neither was Christ raised...Paul puts this before us with a great deal of exactness..."

Save the Date: The blessing of our chapel is scheduled for the weekend of October 17 & 18, details will be forthcoming very soon.

PRAYERS requested

For The Health and Salvation of:

Mother Ana
Doreen Wishnok (friend of the Krupko's who is battling breast cancer)
Stefanie Waseman
The Knoll Family
Archpriest Rastko Trbuhovich (Fr. Dragan's Kum)
Ann Cervo (Fr. Joe's sister-in-law, diagnosed with optical melanoma)
Roland Augspurger
Leslie and Tim Kocevar
Joan Downey
Beth Plocher

For The Repose of the Souls of:

Donald Barnhart (Grandfather of Laura Cotterman)

ADULT EDUCATION:

The summer schedule for our weekly study group at the Gresh house has been modified due to the hectic summer schedules of our participants. The study group will resume sessions in September. The potential start date for the Fall season could be either September 5 (which is Labor Day weekend) or September 12. We would like feedback from interested participants on their preference of the start date.

COFFEE HOUR:

Aug 23	Jaga Radosevich
Aug 30	Open
Sept 6	Deb and Wally Borojevich
Sept 13	Open
Sept 20	Washingtons
Sept 27	Open

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!!!!

BUILDING PROJECT:

August 22, UPDATE! By the grace of God construction of our chapel continues to advance rapidly. The exterior is complete. The drywall has been finished and we are seeking "experienced" painters this week. The wood trim is currently being stained and finished with installation after painting is complete. The cupola restoration is nearly finished with its installation on the roof expected before the end of the month (there will be a blessing of the cupola before being set in place; an email will be sent to everyone advising the day and time of this blessing).

Within the next week there will be a "time capsule" prepared and implanted under the altar consisting of parish member names, pictures and other appropriate items. Work on the Icons is progressing and we are still seeking additional donors. Please see Fr. Joe for further information.

For updated construction pictures please visit our parish website or the Facebook page.

We are also still in need of additional funding for the general building fund. If you are able to make an initial or additional contribution, please see Father Joe or Deacon James.

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.

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

Heightened prayers are requested for Mother Anna, abbess of Monastery Marcha, Richfield Ohio. She has been diagnosed with inoperable bladder cancer. May God comfort and strengthen her in the days and months ahead.

CHOIR PRACTICES:

We will be taking a break for the Summer. Practices will resume in the Fall.

MEMORIAL FUND FOR GEORGE RALICH:

Several people have inquired about donations to the Mission in memory of Dan's father, +George Ralich. We will set aside any donations in +George's memory to purchase an item for the church. Thank you!

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:

Corbin Washington – 11th

Jacob Baier - 22th

Greg Cervo – 23th

Larry Dordea - 27th

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES:

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