

St. Nikolai Orthodox Mission of Alliance, Divine Liturgy, 9:00 am.

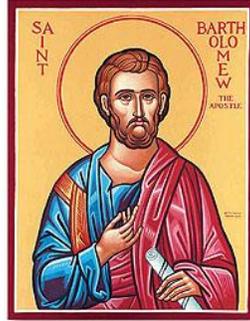
Worship site: Rainbow's End Nursery. 10079 State Street, Louisville, Ohio 44641

Beginning September 8, Mount Union University, Dewald Chapel. Liturgy, 9 am.

Very Reverend Father Joseph Cervo, Archpriest (AOCANA-retired)

Rev. Protodeacon James Gresh, Mission Administrator (Bulgarian Diocese OCA)

AUGUST 25, 2013: 9th Sunday after Pentecost/ Return of the Relics of the Apostle Bartholomew/Holy Apostle Titus.



Tone 8 Troparion (Resurrection)

You descended from on high, O Merciful One.

You accepted the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!//
O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to You!

Tone 3 Troparion (Holy Apostles Bartholomew and Titus)

Holy Apostles, Bartholomew and Titus, entreat the merciful God,
to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions!

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 (Resurrection)

By rising from the tomb, You raised the dead and resurrected Adam.

Eve exults in Your Resurrection, and the world celebrates Your rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

Tone 4 Kontakion (Holy Apostle Bartholomew)

You appeared as a great sun to the world with miracles and rays of teaching.
You guide to the Light all who venerate you, O Apostle of the Lord, Bartholomew.

Tone 2 Kontakion (Holy Apostle Titus)

Titus, worthy of all praise and preacher of Christ's mysteries,
you were Paul's companion, and with him taught us the doctrine of God.
Therefore we cry out to you: "Never cease to intercede for the sake of us all!"

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 3:9-17

Tone 8 Prokeimenon (Resurrection)

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God!
v: In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel!

Tone 8 : Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

v :Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-34

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



The holy, glorious and all-laudable Apostle Bartholomew (also known as **Nathaniel**) was one of the twelve Apostles. He is referenced in the Synoptic Gospels and in the Acts of the Apostles. His feast days are celebrated on June 11 (with St. Barnabas) and August 25 (the translation of his relics). It is believed that he is the same person commemorated on April 22 with Apostles Luke and Clement as Nathaniel of the Seventy.

After the Ascension of Christ, Bartholomew preached in Asia with the Apostle Philip, Philip's sister Mariamma, and Apostle John. He later preached in India and then Armenia where he was martyred. Prior to India, he was crucified upside down in Hierapolis with the Apostle Philip for causing the death of a great serpent the people worshiped and healing people through prayer. He was removed from the cross during a great earthquake because the people thought God was judging them; St. Philip had already reposed.

He then went to India, translated the Gospel of Matthew and cured the Armenian king's daughter of insanity; but the king's envious brother had him crucified, skinned him, and finally beheaded him.

Christians buried his body but because of the miracles happening over his relics the pagans threw his coffin into the sea. The coffin ended up at the island of Lipara where Bishop Agathon—who met it via a revelation in a dream—buried it in a church. St. Bartholomew appeared to St. Joseph the Hymnographer and blessed him that he might be able to sing spiritual hymns, saying, "Let heavenly water of wisdom flow from your tongue!" He also appeared to Emperor Anastasius I (491-518) and told him that he would protect the new town of Dara. Later his relics were translated to Rome where miracles continue to occur.

Donation Requests:

Land & Building Project:

We are still asking for everyone's consideration to make a special pledge toward the land purchase and building fund. The timing to pay your pledges can be according to your cash availability as well as being connected to our plan approval and construction schedule. As previously indicated, please convey your pledge decision confidentially to Father Joe or Protodeacon James as soon as possible.

Icon of St. Nikolai of Zica: The work on our mission patron saint handwritten icon, St. Nikolai, has begun. The Icon size has increased in conjunction with the scope of its depiction of prominent scenes of St. Nikolai's life; it will also house his holy "relics." No Icon of St. Nikolai exists that will encompass the important points of remembrance of his holy ministry. We are humbly accepting donations towards the icon which has now been finalized to cost \$1800. If you would like to make a contribution, please make your check payable to "St. Nikolai Orthodox Mission of Alliance;" make a notation that it is for the Icon of St. Nikolai.

St. Nikolai Mission of Alliance Financial Policy:

1. According to civil law, "Restricted donations" must be used only for the purpose for which they are given. If such purpose no longer exists, donations must be returned to the respective donors at which time the donors may designate, if they wish, that their gift be used for another purpose.
2. St. Nikolai Mission will maintain strict confidentiality of all donor information and records. Only the clergy and financial officers will be knowledgeable of individual donation records.
3. A yearly financial statement will be disseminated to each donor.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE:

There has been a slight adjustment in our schedule for returning to The University of Mount Union. We will remain at our temporary summer home at Rainbow's End Nursery for an additional week. We thank and ask God's abundant blessings to the Janice Raber Family for their kindness and generosity in allowing us to worship here over the past 3 ½ months. *"May the Lord repay them with rich and heavenly gifts; give them things heavenly for things earthly, things eternal for things temporal, things incorruptible for things corruptible"* (from the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great).

Beginning Sunday, September 8, we will be returning to the **Dewald Chapel at The University of Mount Union**, with Divine Liturgy remaining at 9 am.

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