

**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)**

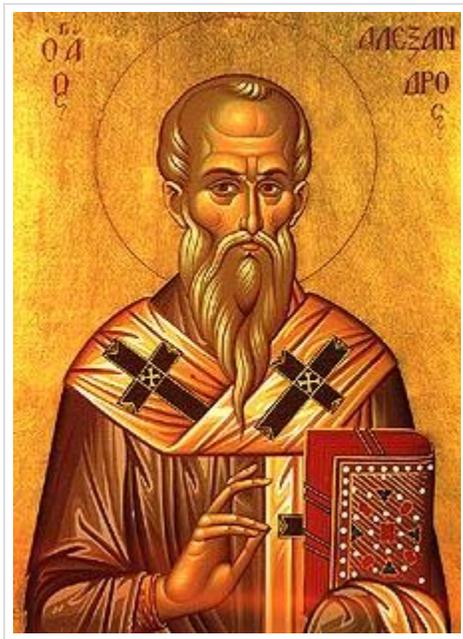
**August 30, 2015: 13th Sunday after Pentecost/  
Saints Alexander John, and Paul, Patriarchs of Constantinople**

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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 4            Troparion            (Resurrection)**

When the women Disciples of the Lord  
learned from the Angel the joyous message of the Resurrection,  
they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the Apostles:  
“Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, // granting the world great mercy!”

**Tone 2            Troparion            (St John the Baptist)**

The memory of the righteous is celebrated with hymns of praise,  
but the Lord’s testimony is sufficient for you, O Forerunner.  
You were shown in truth to be the most honorable of the Prophets,  
for you were deemed worthy to baptize in the steams of the Jordan Him  
Whom they foretold.

Therefore, having suffered for the truth with joy,  
you proclaimed to those in hell God Who appeared in the flesh, //  
Who takes away the sin of the world and grants us great mercy.

**Tone 4            Troparion            (SS Alexander, John, and Paul the New)**

O God of our Fathers, always act with kindness towards us; take not Your mercy from us,  
but guide our lives in peace // through the prayers of the Patriarchs Alexander, John, and  
Paul!

**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 4            Kontakion            (Resurrection)**

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from  
their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master, // He has risen on the third  
day!

**Tone 4            Prokeimenon**

O Lord, how manifold are Your works; in wisdom have You made them all.  
v: Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, You are very great!

**Epistle:**            1 Corinthians 16:13-24

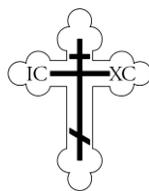
**Tone 4** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth!  
v: For You love righteousness, and hate iniquity.

**Gospel:** Matthew 21:33-42

**Communion Hymn**

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



**Saints Alexander, John and Paul, Patriarchs of Constantinople**, lived at different times,  
but each of them happened to clash with the activities of heretics who sought to distort the  
teachings of the Church. St Alexander (325-340) was a vicar bishop during the time of St  
Metrophanes (June 4), the first Patriarch of Constantinople.

Because of the patriarch's extreme age, Alexander substituted for him at the First  
Ecumenical Synod at Nicea (325). Upon his death, St Metrophanes left instructions in his  
will to elect his vicar to the throne of Constantinople. During these times His Holiness  
Patriarch Alexander had to contend with the Arians and with pagans. Once, in a dispute  
with a pagan philosopher the saint said to him, "In the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ I  
command you to be quiet!" and the pagan suddenly became mute. When he gestured with  
signs to acknowledge his errors and affirm the correctness of the Christian teaching, then

his speech returned to him and he believed in Christ together with many other pagan philosophers. The faithful rejoiced at this, glorifying God Who had given such power to His saint.

The heretic Arius was punished through the prayer of St Alexander. Arius had apparently agreed to enter into communion with the Orthodox. When the Emperor asked him if he believed as the Fathers of Nicea taught, he placed his hand upon his breast (where he had cunningly concealed beneath his clothes a document with his own false creed written upon it) and said, "This is what I believe!" St Constantine (May 21), unaware of the deceitful wickedness of Arius, set a day for receiving him into the Church. All night long St Alexander prayed, imploring the Lord not to permit this heretic to be received into communion with the Church.

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

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**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)  
Father +Louis Mahshie, of St. George Antiochian Church, Akron

**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 28, UPDATE! By the grace of God construction of our chapel continues to advance rapidly. The exterior was repainted as specified by the material manufacturer. The painting of the fellowship area, hallway

and rest rooms was completed this past week by parish members and the wood framing that was beautifully finished by Greg Rajsich was installed around the windows; blessings to all for freely offering their time and talents. The chapel will be painted this coming week by a professional painting company who has kindly offered to do this very difficult job at a very generous reduced price. The cupola restoration is continuing with hopes that it will be delivered for installation on the roof by the end of next week (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 event). We are collecting appropriate items, memorabilia and a list of parishioners for the "time capsule" that will be implanted under the altar at the same time that we bless the cupola. 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!

#### **SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:**

Susan Varga – 1st  
Deanna Dordea – 3rd  
Heidi Gresh – 19th  
Josh Gresh – 30th

#### **SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:**

Matt and Amy Catania – 5th  
Deacon James and Heidi Gresh -29th

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