

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

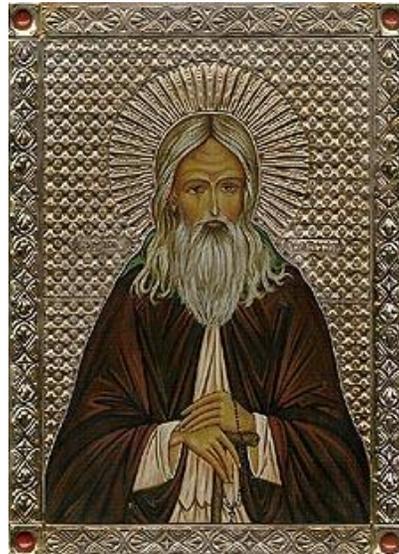
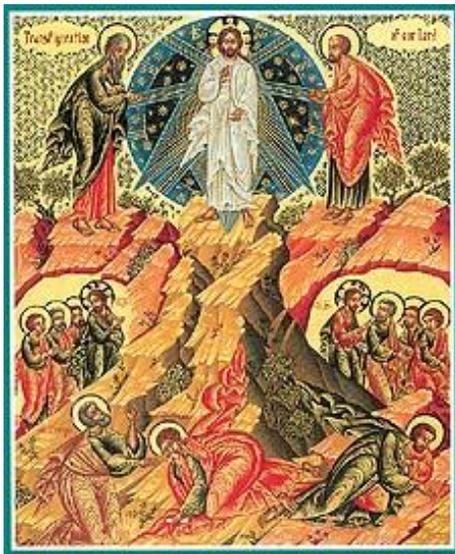
Right Rev. Bishop Alexander, Bulgarian Diocese, Orthodox Church in America
Very Reverend Father Joseph Cervo, Archpriest (AOCANA-retired)
Rev. Protodeacon James Gresh, Mission Administrator (Bulgarian Diocese OCA)

**August 9, 2015:10th Sunday after Pentecost/
Afterfeast of Transfiguration / St. Herman of Alaska**

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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 1 Troparion (Resurrection)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews,
while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure ^body,
You rose on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world.
The powers of heaven therefore cried to You, O Giver of Life:
“Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your ^Kingdom!//
Glory to Your dispensation, O Lover of mankind!”

Tone 7 Troparion (for the Feast of Transfiguration)

You were transfigured on the mount, O Christ God,
revealing Your glory to Your disciples as far as they could bear it.
Let Your everlasting Light shine upon us sinners
through the prayers of the Theotokos!//
O Giver of Light, glory to You!

Tone 7 Troparion (for St Herman)

Joyful North Star of the Church of Christ,
guiding all people to the Heavenly Kingdom;
teacher and apostle of the True Faith;
intercessor and defender of the oppressed;
adornment of the Orthodox Church in America:
blessed Father Herman of Alaska, //
pray to our Lord Jesus Christ for the salvation of our souls!

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 1 Kontakion (Resurrection)

As God, You rose from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Yourself.
Human nature praises You as God, for death has vanished.
Adam exults, O Master! Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to You: //
“You are the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

Tone 7 Kontakion (for the Feast of Transfiguration)

On the mountain You were transfigured, O Christ God,
and Your disciples beheld Your glory as far as they could see it;
so that when they would behold Your crucified,
they would understand that Your suffering was voluntary,
and would proclaim to the world //
that You are truly the Radiance of the Father.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:9-16

Tone 1 Prokeimenon

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on You!
v: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just!

Tone 1 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

v: God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me..

v: He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever.

Gospel: Matthew 17:14-23

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

Magnify, O my soul, the Lord Who was transfigured on Mount Tabor!

Your childbearing was without corruption;
God came forth from your body clothed in flesh,
and appeared on earth and dwelt among men.
Therefore we all magnify you, O Theotokos.

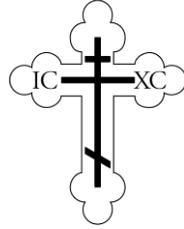
Communion Hymns

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

O Lord, we will walk in the light of Your countenance, and will exult in Your name forever.

The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



The Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos: Vesperal Liturgy, Friday, August 14, 6:30 pm, at St. Theodore Church, Alliance.

As is customary, please bring flowers to be blessed at the Liturgy in honor of our Holy Mother, The Theotokos and ever-Virgin Mary.

From today's epistle lesson: *"For though you have ten thousand instructors in Christ, you do not have many fathers."* Saint Paul reminds the Corinthians of his spiritual fatherhood to them. As in a family, so in the Church, maturing children need parental guidance, which is why from the earliest times of the Church, the ordained clergy have been addressed as "Father." In the post-reformation protestant church, this practice was rejected because of the misinterpretation of Christ's admonition in Matthew 23:8,9, in which He says: *"do not be called teacher; for One is your Teacher, the Christ....Do not call anyone on earth Father; for One is your Father, He who is in Heaven."* Jesus made these directives, because He was warning against calling hypocrites father and teacher. Far from being a prohibition against using these terms under any circumstances, it is a warning not to use them undeservedly. Both terms are applied toward men in the New Testament (I Corinthians 4:15 – as quoted above & Colossians 3:21 in reference to biological fathers) ; in the parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus, Christ, Himself, refers to the Old Testament Prophet, *"Father Abraham"* (Luke 16:24). And again there are many scriptural references to using the title, "teacher" (John 3:10; Acts 13:1; I Cor. 12:28; Eph. 4:11; 2 Tim. 1:11). Again, from the earliest Christian communities, the title "Father," was applied to bishops and priests, because they represent the Father in the Church community.

Our venerable Father Herman of Alaska (1756 - December 13, 1837) was an 18th century missionary to Alaska. He, in 1970, became the first saint to be glorified by the Orthodox Church in America, concurrent with parallel services in another location by the Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia. St. Herman is remembered by the Church on August 9 and December 13.

Herman of Alaska was a Russian Orthodox monk from Valaam Monastery in Russia who traveled with eight other monks in 1793 to bring the Gospel to the native Aleuts and Eskimos in the Aleutian Islands. As part of the Russian colonization of the Americas, Russians had been exploring and trading there since at least 1740. Thus, he marks the first arrival of Orthodox Christian missionaries in North America. He built a school for the Aleutians, and he often defended them from the injustices and exploitation of the Russian traders. He was known to them as *Apa* which means "Grandfather." He lived most of his life as the sole resident of Spruce Island, a tiny wooded island near Kodiak Island.

Parish annual Liturgy/picnic is next Sunday, August 16, 9:30 am. at George & Helen Blebea's home, 11770 State Street NE. Alliance. (No service at St. Theodore) A lamb has been donated for the main entrée. Side dishes and beverages are requested.

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

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:

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 9th	Greshs
Aug 16	Annual Parish Liturgy and Picnic hosted by George and Helen Blebea
Aug 23	Open
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 7, UPDATE! By the grace of God construction of our chapel continues to advance rapidly. The general contractor continues to work on the exterior siding of the building. Insulation has been applied and the drywall work is beginning. The electrical service has been installed. The roofing is complete. The cupola refinishing is underway, with its installation on the roof expected in the near future (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). 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.

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.

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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:

Amy and Matt Catania

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