

**St. Nikolai Orthodox Mission of Alliance in conjunction with Orthodox  
Campus Fellowship,  
University of Mt. Union Dewald Chapel  
Divine Liturgy: 9:00 am.**

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**December 14, 2014: 27th Sunday after Pentecost/Sunday of the Holy  
Forefathers/**

**Martyrs Thurus, Leucis, and Callinicus**



***Tone 2            Troparion            (Resurrection)***

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal,  
You destroyed hell with the splendor of Your Godhead.  
And when from the depths You raised the dead, all the powers of heaven cried  
out://

“O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!”

***Tone 2            Troparion            (Forefathers)***

Through faith You justified the Forefathers,  
betrothing through them the Church of the gentiles.  
These saints exult in glory, for from their seed came forth a glorious fruit:  
she who bore You without seed.// So by their prayers, O Christ God, have mercy  
on us!

**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 6            Kontakion        (Forefathers)**

You did not worship the graven image, O thrice-blessed ones, but armed with the immaterial Essence of God, you were glorified in a trial by fire. From the midst of unbearable flames you called on God, crying:

“Hasten, O compassionate One!

Speedily come to our aid, // for You are merciful and able to do as You will!”

**Tone 4            Prokeimenon (Song of the Fathers)**

Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name forever!

v: For You are just in all that You have done for us!

**Epistle:**            Colossians 3:4-11 (Forefathers)

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

v: Moses and Aaron were among His priests; Samuel also was among those who called on His Name.

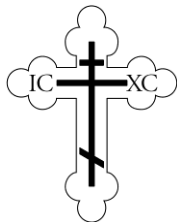
v: They called to the Lord and He answered them.

**Gospel:**            Luke 14:16-24 (Forefathers)

**Communion Hymns**

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

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



The **Sunday of the Holy Forefathers** is the Sunday that falls between December 11-17, the second Sunday before the Nativity. The ancestors

of Christ according to the flesh are remembered on this Sunday of the Nativity Fast.

All the great Fathers and Mothers and Prophets of the Old Testament, starting with Adam, Abraham, the Righteous Sarah, Isaac and Jacob, including Holy Prophet Elias and Daniel, and concluding with Holy Prophet Zechariah (Zachary), Joachim and Anna, Holy Prophet and Forerunner John the Baptist and The Theotokos. They lived before the Law and under the Law, especially the Patriarch Abraham, to whom God said, "In thy seed shall all of the nations of the earth be blessed" (Genesis 12:3, 22:18).

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **CHRISTMAS SERVICES:**

Wednesday, December 24, Nativity Matins - 6 pm.

Wednesday, December 24, Festal Liturgy - 7 pm.

### **PRAYERS requested**

#### **For The Health and Salvation of:**

Candi (friend of John and Lynette Baier)

Jim (Cousin of Fr. David)

George Borojevich (brother of Wally and Debby)

Mother Ana

Nanci Stradley (Pancreatic Cancer)

Dawn Shaheen

Patricia Kosivich, friend of and helper to Mother Ana

Father Joe Cervo

Doreen Wishnok (friend of the Krupko's who is battling breast cancer)

George Ralich, (Dan's father)

Katie (Granddaughter of Father Stevo Rocknage, St. Sava Church in McKeesport, who is battling a rare genetic disease)

Stefanie Waseman

Metodija Damljanovic (4 year old child who fell ill suddenly and grandson of Prota Vasko Sokolovic)

Roland Augspurger (friend of the Krupko's who is battling cancer)

Jenny Codrea (friend of the Blebea's)

Joe Novak

Jake Krupko

**For The Repose of the Souls of:**

- +Rudy Jovanov (friend of the Krupko Family)
- +Wendy (friend of Lana Baier)
- +Father Djuro Majerle
- +Max

(Please give us any updates to the prayer request list at the beginning of each month)

**COFFEE HOUR:**

- December 7 - Larry and Deanna Dordea
- December 14 - Corbin and Georgie Washington
- December 21 - The Krupko and Catania Families
- December 24 - Father Joe and Linda Cervo
- December 28 - The Novak Family

Please see Cathy or Tom Baier if you would like to sign up for Coffee Hour. We are already signing up for 2015 Coffee Hours. **THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE HOSTED COFFEE HOUR!!!!** If anyone is interested in chairing Coffee Hour sign ups, please let us know.

**DONATIONS:**

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.

**NOVEMBER DONATIONS:**

We have received the following special donations during November:

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| From: George and Helen Blebea | For: Health of Mission Members         |
| George Blebea                 | Health of Helen Blebea on her birthday |
| George and Helen Blebea       | Health of Jenny Codrea                 |

**CHRISTMAS GIVING:**

Last year, we adopted two local families and purchased food and gifts for them for Christmas. We are planning to do the same project this year. Allison Krupko has volunteered to chair this charitable offering. We will be taking collections to purchase gifts. Please make checks payable to St. Nikolai Orthodox Mission.

**BUILDING PROJECT:**

We are finalizing plans to begin phase one construction of our mission building project. If you have not made a commitment and would like to, please discuss this with either Father Joe or Deacon James by email or phone and/or by making your check

payable to St. Nikolai Orthodox Mission of Alliance. May God Bless all donors for their support of our Mission and purpose in celebrating Orthodoxy.

**CHOIR PRACTICES:**

Choir Practice will be held at the Gresh Home on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. Please join us.

**DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:**

Amy and Matthew Catania – 29th

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:**

J. P. Cervo – 17<sup>th</sup>

Camryn Cantania – 20<sup>th</sup>

Jaga Radosevic – 25<sup>th</sup>

Kate White – 28<sup>th</sup>

Father Dragan Filipovic – 30<sup>th</sup>

(We are preparing the 2015 calendar and need birthdays and anniversaries for anyone not currently on our calendar)

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