

**St. Nikolai Orthodox Mission of Alliance, as part of Orthodox Campus Fellowship at  
The University of Mount Union, Dewald Chapel. Divine Liturgy, 9:00 am  
Very Reverend Father Joseph Cervo, Archpriest (AOCANA-retired)  
Rev. Protodeacon James Gresh, Mission Administrator (Bulgarian Diocese OCA)  
December 1, 2013; 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/ Prophet Nahum**



*Prophet Nahum*

**Tone 6      Troparion      (*Resurrection*)**

The angelic powers were at Your tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Your grave, seeking Your most pure body.  
You took captive hell, // not being tempted by it. You came to the Virgin, granting life. // O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You.

**Tone 2      Troparion      (*Prophet Nahum*)**

The memory of thy Prophet Nahum we celebrate today, O Lord. by his prayers, we beseech thee, O Christ God, save 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 6      Kontakion      (*Resurrection*)**

When Christ God the Giver of Life, raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand, He bestowed resurrection on the human race. // He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

**Epistle:** Ephesians (2:4-10)

**Prokeimenon**    in the 6<sup>th</sup> Tone

O L    O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance!  
v:      *To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!*

**Tone 6** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*He    He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God.*

*He    I will say to the Lord: "My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust."*

**Gospel:** Luke 18:35-43

**Communion Hymn:** Praise ye the Lord from the Heavens; praise ye Him in the highest. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia



**The Holy Prophet Nahum**, whose name means “God consoles,” was from the village of Elkosh (Galilee). He lived during the seventh century B.C. The Prophet Nahum prophesies the ruin of the Assyrian city of Nineveh because of its iniquity, the destruction of the Israelite kingdom, and the blasphemy of King Sennacherib against God. The Assyrian king Ashurbanipal died in 632 B.C., and over the next two decades, his empire began to crumble. Nineveh fell in 612 B.C.

Nahum differs from most of the prophets in as much as he does not issue any call to repentance, nor does he denounce Israel for infidelity to God.

Details of the prophet’s life are unknown. He died at the age of forty-five, and was buried in his native region. He is the seventh of the Twelve Minor Prophets

The Prophet Nahum and St Nahum of Ochrid (December 23) are invoked for people with mental disorders.

### **Important Announcements:**

**Meeting of our Membership:** On December 15, 2013 we will hold a meeting to ratify the mission model By-Laws and to vote on the final details for purchasing the property which Bishop Alexander blessed.

Communicants who have pledged are eligible to vote.

**Icon of St. Nikolai:** Our Mission is very thankful for the generosity of all of the donors who gave for the Icon of St. Nikolai of Zica. Our blessed Icon is paid in full. Father Joe has made arrangements to transfer the relics to the Iconographer, Father Paul and we hope to receive it during the month of December. My God grant the donors and all members of the mission many, many years.

**Coffee Hour:** Thank you to everyone who has supplied delicious snacks and food for our Coffee Hour. They are an added treat to our lessons on the Divine Liturgy. We do need people to volunteer for the month of December and upcoming months. Please see Jaga Radosevic or Linda Cervo if you would like to provide snacks.

**Mission Projects:** Please read the attached sheet for information on a couple of projects we are working on to provide joy to two families in the community during the Nativity. We hope you will be willing and able to share and take part in these projects.

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