

# Saint Nikolai Orthodox Church

9837 State Street, Louisville, Ohio 44641

*Sunday December 4, 2016*  
*The 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*  
*Tone 7 (11<sup>th</sup> of Luke)*  
*Great Martyr Barbara*  
*Venerable John of Damascus*

**Right Reverend Bishop Alexander (Golitzin)**  
Bishop of Dallas, the South,  
and the Bulgarian Diocese  
**Reverend Protodeacon James Gresh,**  
Mission Administrator

**Saturday Vespers – 5:00 PM**  
**Sunday Divine Liturgy - 9:30 AM**

**Book study/Christian Education following**  
**Vespers on Saturday – All are welcome!**

**Parish Council Meetings:**  
**2nd Wednesday of every month, 7 PM**  
**Parishioners are welcome!**

## Welcome!

The entire parish family of St. Nikolai Orthodox Church welcomes you today! Please take a moment to introduce yourself to the clergy and the people of our parish. We hope that you will stay for coffee hour and a brief adult Christian education discussion after the service. Feel free to ask any questions about our worship, the chapel, or anything the Lord puts in your heart to ask. Again, welcome! We invite all Baptized and Chrismated members of the Orthodox Church to receive Holy Communion. This assumes that all taking Holy Communion have prepared with prayer, confession, and fasting according to the discipline of your home parish. If you are not taking Holy Communion today please accept a piece of blessed bread. Although it is not Holy Communion it is a token of our welcome and love! We long for the day when we can all take Holy Communion together!



### *Resurrectional Troparion - Tone 7*

By Your Cross You destroyed death. To the thief You opened Paradise. For the Myrrhbearers You changed weeping into joy. And You commanded Your disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that You are risen, // granting the world great mercy.

### *Troparion of Great Martyr Barbara - Tone 8*

Let us honor the holy Martyr Barbara, for, as a bird, she escaped the snares of the Enemy, // and destroyed them through the help and defense of the Cross!

### *Troparion of St. Nikolai - Tone 4*

### *Troparion of Venerable John of Damascus - Tone 8*

Champion of Orthodoxy, teacher of purity and of true worship, the enlightener of the universe and the adornment of hierarchs; all wise Father John, your teachings have gleamed with light upon all things. // Intercede before Christ God to save our souls!

### *Kontakion of the Pre-feast of Nativity - Tone 3*

Today the Virgin comes to the cave to give birth to the Eternal Word. Hear the glad tidings and rejoice, O universe! Glorify with the angels and shepherds the Eternal God, who is willing to appear as a little child!

We encourage you to check out our website and to like us on Facebook for updates and information!

Website: [www.stnikolaiorthodoxmission.com](http://www.stnikolaiorthodoxmission.com) Facebook: [www.facebook.com/SaintNikolaiOrthodoxMissionOfAlliance/](https://www.facebook.com/SaintNikolaiOrthodoxMissionOfAlliance/)



### *Prokeimenon Tone 7*

*The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace.*

*v: Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!*

### *Epistle Reading - Ephesians (2:14-22)*

For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

### *Tone 7*

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

*v: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your Name, O Most High.*

*v: To declare Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth by night.*

### *Gospel Reading-Luke 17:12-19*

Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner? And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

### *Communion Hymn*

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

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

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*("It is truly meet..." Resurrectional Theotokion)*

### *Tone 8*

*It is truly meet to bless you, O Theotokos, ever blessed and most pure,  
and the Mother of our God. More honorable than the Cherubim,  
and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim,  
without defilement you gave birth to God, the Word: true Theotokos we magnify you.*





## *Great Martyr Barbara*

December 4

This glorious follower of Christ was betrothed to Christ from early childhood. Her father Dioscorus was a pagan and was renowned for his position and wealth in the city of Heliopolis in Egypt. Dioscorus locked up his only daughter Barbara, brilliant in mind and of beautiful countenance, in a high tower. He surrounded her with every comfort, gave her female servants, erected idols for worship, and built her a bathing room with two windows. Looking through the window at the earth below and the starry heavens above, Barbara's mind was opened by the grace of God. She recognized the One True God, the Creator, despite the fact that she did not have a human teacher to bring her to this knowledge. Once, while her father was away from the city, she came down from the tower and, according to God's providence, met some Christian women who revealed the true Faith of Christ to her. Barbara's heart became inflamed with love for Christ the Lord. She ordered that a third window be cut open in the bath so that the three windows would represent the Holy Trinity. On one wall she traced a Cross with her finger, and the Cross etched itself deep in the stone as if cut by a chisel. A pool of water sprang forth from her footprints on the floor of the bath, which later gave healing of diseases to many. Learning of his daughter's faith, Dioscorus beat her severely and drove her from the tower. He pursued her in order to kill her, but a cliff opened up and hid Barbara from her brutal father. When she appeared again, her father brought her to Martianus, the magistrate, who handed her over for torture. They stripped the innocent Barbara and flogged her until her entire body was covered with blood and wounds, but the Lord Himself appeared to her in prison with His angels and healed her. A certain woman, Juliana, upon seeing this, desired martyrdom for herself. Both women were severely tortured and with mockery were led through the city. Their breasts were cut off and much blood flowed from them. They were finally led to the place of execution, where Dioscorus himself slaughtered his daughter, and Juliana was slain by the soldiers. That same day, lightning struck the house of Dioscorus, killing him and Martianus. St. Barbara suffered in the year 306. Her miracle-working relics rest in Kiev. Glorified in the Kingdom of Christ, she has appeared many times even in our own day, sometimes alone and sometimes in the company of the Most-holy Theotokos.

### Announcements:

Tree decorating: December 11 after Liturgy coffee hour. Please stay and help.

Christmas Caroling: December 18 after Liturgy coffee hour. All are welcome! Let Georgie know if you want carolers to come to your house so we can coordinate the order of visits.

T-Shirt Sale: See Lana for shirts that are a great stocking stuffer!



**PRAYERS** requested:  
*For The Health and Salvation of:*

Gloria  
Anthony B.  
Olympia, the Tillman Family  
Helen, Carl, Lisa, Kitty  
Cervo Family, Gregory, & Ann  
Harper  
Arika, Renee, Ashley, and Chloe.  
Valentina  
Josh  
Minnick Family  
Kathy Jo, Michael, and Family.  
Pres. Zoe, Maria, Angelique  
Kelli  
Walentik Family, Emil  
Liz, Carla Michalik  
Max and the Turcola family  
Corbin and Georgie  
Dan K.  
Kim, Dale, Helen, Larissa, and Niki  
Larissa  
Sandy B.  
George (Bobo)

*For The Repose of the Souls of the newly departed Servants:*

+Daisy V.  
+Paul  
+Richard  
+David  
+Mark  
+Wallace  
+Berta  
+Mildred



**Clergy Schedule:**

**November 27** – Fr. Matthew Joyner  
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**December 4** – Fr. Basil Stoyka  
**December 10/11** – Fr. Steven Frase  
**December 10** – Baptism postponed to a later date.  
**December 18** – Fr. Stoyka / Dn. Mikel Hill  
**December 24/25** – Fr. Matthew Joyner  
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**January 28** – Ordination to the Priesthood for Dn. Mikel Hill  
**January 29** – First Liturgy served by Father Mikel Hill

**Coffee Hour:**

**November 27 (fast)** – Borojevich  
**December 4 (fast)** – Ralich  
**December 11 (fast)** – Monica B.  
**December 18 (fast)** – Ralich  
**December 24** – All - evening meal TBA  
**December 25** – All – bring cookies!  
**January 1** – TBA

**Birthdays**

**December 11** – Tam Rininger, TJ Cotterman  
**December 20** – Camryn Catania  
**December 25** – Jaga Radosevic  
**December 28** – Kate White  
**December 30** – Helen Baier

**Anniversaries**

**December 29** – Matt and Amy Catania