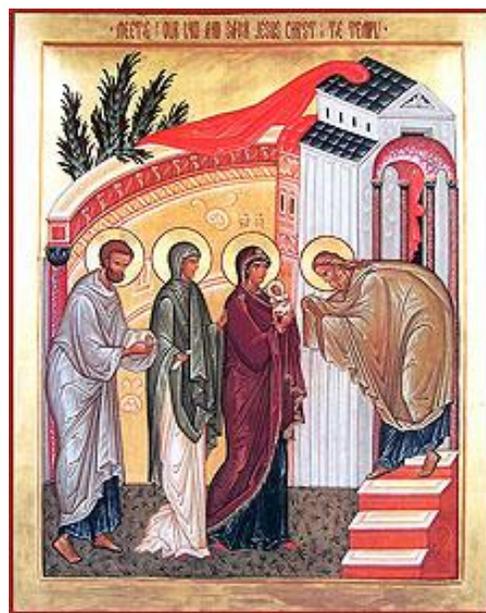


St. Nikolai Orthodox Mission of Alliance  
820 South Linden Avenue, Alliance, Ohio  
(at St. Theodore Romanian Byzantine Catholic Church)  
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 am

Very Reverend Father Joseph Cervo, Archpriest (AOCANA-retired)  
Rev. Protodeacon James Gresh, Mission Administrator (Bulgarian Diocese OCA)  
February 1, 2015: Publican & Pharisee/  
Transfer of Feast of Meeting (Presentation) of our Lord, Jesus Christ, to the Temple



### **THE FIRST ANTIPHON**

My heart has poured forth a good word; I speak of my works to the king. My tongue is the pen of a swiftly writing scribe.

**Refrain:** Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Grace is poured into your lips: therefore God has blessed you forever. (**Refrain**)

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; Both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen... (**Refrain**)

### **THE SECOND ANTIPHON**

Gird Your sword upon Your thigh, O mighty One, in Your comeliness and Your beauty. Bend Your bow, and proceed prosperously, and be king.

**Refrain:** Save us, O Son of God, Who was borne in the arms of righteous Simeon; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

Your arrows are sharp, O mighty One, in the heart of the king's enemies; whereby the peoples fall under You. (**Refrain**)

A scepter of uprightness is the scepter of Your kingdom. (**Refrain**)

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; Both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen ... O, only begotten Son and Word of God...

### **THE THIRD ANTIPHON**

Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline your ear; forget also your own people, and your father's house. Even the rich among the people shall entreat your countenance. I shall commemorate your name in every generation.

(Now sing the Troparion of the Presentation.)

**Tone 1 Troparion (Presentation)**

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace!  
From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, ^Christ our God,  
enlightening those who sat in darkness.  
Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder,  
you accepted in your arms the ^Redeemer of our souls,  
Who grants us the Resurrection!

**THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN)**

The Lord has made known His salvation; He has revealed His justice in the sight of the Gentiles. Save us, O Son of God,  
Who is risen from the dead; who sing to You. Alleluia.

**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 1 Troparion (Presentation)**

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace!  
From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, ^Christ our God,  
enlightening those who sat in darkness.  
Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder,  
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**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 1 Kontakion (Presentation)**

By Your Nativity You sanctified the Virgin's womb  
and blessed Simeon's hands, ^O Christ God.  
Now You have come and saved us through love.  
Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians,  
O only Lover of Man!

**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 3 Prokeimenon (Song of the Theotokos)**

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.  
v: For He has regarded the low estate of His handmaiden, for behold, all generations will call me blessed.

**Epistles:** 2 Timothy 3:10-15(Sunday); Hebrews 7:7-17 (Presentation)

**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.

v: Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word, for my eyes have seen Your salvation! A Light to enlighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel.

**Gospels:** Luke 18:10-14 (*Sunday*); Luke 2:22-40(*Presentation*)

### **Communion Hymn**

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest!  
I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**(Instead of "It is truly meet ...," we sing in Tone 3)**

O Virgin Theotokos, hope of all Christians,  
protect, preserve, and save those who hope in you!  
In the shadow and letter of the Law,  
let us, the faithful, discern a figure:  
every male [child] that opens the womb is holy to God.  
Therefore we magnify the firstborn Word of a Father Who  
has no beginning, // the Son firstborn of a Mother who had not known man.



## **February 2, 2011 + St. Simeon of the Prayer**

### **A Story from Holy Orthodox Tradition: by Father +Michael J. Buben**

According to the witness of Holy Scripture, the old Simeon was a man "just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Ghost was upon him." (Luke 2, 25). From God, Simeon had been foretold about the coming of the True Messiah. Ancient historians teach us the following about Saint Simeon.

The great and divinely inspired work of translating the Old Testament Books from the Hebrew to the Greek language was begun by Ptolemy Philadelphus, King of Egypt (Seventy-two (sometimes referred to as 70) Hebrew elders from the twelve tribes of Israel were selected for the work of translation. Each Hebrew elder was a teacher of Mosaic Law, a Scriptural Scholar, and proficient in both the Greek and Hebrew languages. These divinely inspired men brought forth the Septuagint version of the Old Testament. Among these scholars who translated the Books of the Old Testament into Greek on the island of Pharos, near the city of Alexandria was the elder Simeon.

While translating the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, Simeon came to the words; "Behold a Virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son" (Isaiah 7, 14). Reading them, he became confused, thinking that it was impossible for a Virgin without husband to give birth. Simeon took a knife and was ready to erase the word — *Virgin* — and substitute the word — *wife*. At this time an angel of God appeared, held Simeon's hand and said:

"Have faith in the written word, and you yourself will see its fulfillment. You will not die until you yourself see the one who is to be born of a pure Virgin — the Lord Christ."

With a strong belief in the prophetic words of the angel, Simeon impatiently waited the coming to earth of the Anointed One. For many, many years he led a righteous and immaculate life, avoiding all temptation and evil. Daily he prayed at the Temple that God would grant peace and mercy on His earth and save mankind from the all-vain Devil. His eyes gazed upon many infants who were brought to the Temple Forty Days after birth according to the Law of Moses (Exodus 13, 2). With all the infirmities of old age, and perhaps even a wish for release, Simeon continued to believe, and hope, and pray. Forty Days after Christmas, Saints Mary and Joseph carried the Infant Jesus from Bethlehem to Jerusalem to present Him in thanksgiving at the Temple. When Simeon saw the Eternal Infant, he immediately recognized the predicted Messiah; and here at last stood she through whom the prophecy of Isaiah was accomplished. Seeing the Holy Family surrounded by a heavenly glow and crowned by a Godly light, Simeon with fear and joy came forth, received the God-Infant, and while carrying Him exclaimed: "Lord now lettest thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word; for mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people: a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel." (Luke 2, 29-32).

After this Simeon foretold the Passion of Christ, the Crucifixion, and the sorrow of the Theotokos seeing her Son on the Cross. (Luke 2, 34-35). He soon fell asleep in the Lord at an age likened to the patriarchs of the first biblical era. God had willed that he should live to the moment awaited for many ages — the birth of the Ageless Son from a Virgin to Whom be glory forever. Amen.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **PRAYERS requested**

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

Mother Ana

Family of Nanci Stradley

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)

Joe Novak

Kerri Baugher (friend of the Krupko's who has cancer)

Despina Poulos (mother of Steve Poulos)

The Knoll Family

Margaret (Deacon James' Mother)

Eddie, Nancy, John and Alisha (Friends of Father David)

Protopresbyter Thomas Hopko

Protopresbyter George Livanos

Jennifer Codrea

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

Deacon +Basil Frenchek (a deacon from within our diocese) – 01/15

+Violet (Father Joe's Godmother who passed away this week)

Matushka +Mildred Klutchko (friend of Frs. Joe & Dragan)

(Please update prayer requests at the beginning of each month. We will remove names if the request is not renewed.)

### **COFFEE HOUR:**

February 1 - Larry and Deanna Dordea

February 8 - Novak Family

February 15 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of Mission - Dinner

February 22 - Corbin and Georgie Washington

We have received several suggestions that we go to a simpler coffee hour. Please try to keep it to bagels, donuts, coffee cake, etc.

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE HOSTED COFFEE HOUR!!!!**

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.

### **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.

### **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 on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm at the Gresh Home. Please see Heidi for details

**FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES:**

George and Helen Blebea – 18th

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:**

John Baier – 10<sup>th</sup>

Cecelia Krajci – 14<sup>th</sup>

Linda Cervo – 15<sup>th</sup>

Jake Krupko – 24th

**2<sup>nd</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ST. NIKOLAI OF ZICA, ORTHODOX MISSION OF ALLIANCE**

Dear Friends,

First, let me thank everyone for all your advice and suggestions for our anniversary dinner. Heidi, especially you and Deacon James for opening your home. I appreciate the information regarding what is available for us to use at your house, directions and parking advice.

We will however, go ahead with the original plan. Deanna Dordea has a sign up list for what you all plan to bring and donate. Please call her at 330-206-6281 or see her Sunday. I am also available if you have questions. Please feel free to call 330-635-1715, Cathy Krupko also has offered to help.

We will also gladly accept any monetary donations to alleviate the cost of providing miscellaneous items for the dinner.

After we hopefully have the list complete on Sunday, we will determine what else is needed to make this a memorable meal and especially a memorable day.

So please sign up

Thank you so much

In Christ

Georgie

**NEWSPAPER ARTICLE REGARDING THE 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ST. NIKOLAI OF ZICA, ORTHODOX MISSION OF ALLIANCE:**

We are working on an article/press release regarding our mission. Everyone is asked to submit a few sentences about what the Mission has meant to you. We do not plan to use names in the article, but would like concrete statements to give to the newspaper. Please include information about your ethnicity/background. We want to show how open we are to all. If you have children, please help them write something too! Thank you to everyone for your help in making this a memorable event.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT WE ARE PLANNING TO TAKE A PARISH GROUP PHOTO, NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8 TO INCLUDE WITH THE ARTICLE!**

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