

Saint Nikolai Orthodox Church

9837 State Street, Louisville, Ohio 44641

Sunday January 15th, 2017
The 30th Sunday after Pentecost
(Tone 5)
St. Paul of Thebes and
St. John the Hut Dweller

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

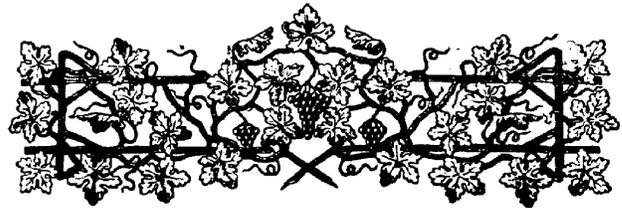
Saturday Vespers – 5:00 PM
Sunday Reading of the Hours – 9:10 AM
Sunday Divine Liturgy - 9:30 AM

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

Parish Council Meetings:
2nd Wednesday of every month at 6:30 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 5

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead// by His glorious Resurrection.

Troparion of St. Paul - Tone 8

Inspired by the Spirit, you were the first to dwell in the desert in emulation of Elijah the Zealot; as one who imitated the Angels, you were made known to the world by Saint Anthony the Great. Righteous Paul, entreat Christ God to grant us His great mercy!

Troparion of St. John - Tone 4

From your early youth, you longed with fervor for the things of the Lord. Leaving the world and its pleasures, you became an example of monastic life. Most blessed John, you built your hut at the door of your parents' house and overcame the devil's guiles. Therefore Christ Himself has worthily glorified you.

Troparion of St. Nikolai - Tone 4

Kontakion of the Presentation - Tone 1

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!

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

Website: www.stnikolaiorthodoxmission.com Facebook: www.facebook.com/SaintNikolaiOrthodoxMissionOfAlliance/



Prokeimenon Tone 5

You, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.

V: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly!

Epistle Reading - Colossians 3:12-16

Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Tone 5

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

V: I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your truth from generation to generation.

V: For You have said: "Mercy will be established forever; Your truth will be prepared in the heavens."

Gospel Reading - Luke 18:18-27

Now a certain ruler asked Him, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother.' And he said, "All these things I have kept from my youth." So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich. And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God. And those who heard it said, "Who then can be saved?" But He said, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God."

Hymn to the Theotokos

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.



Communion Hymn

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

Teaching About Prayer by St. Nikolai of Zica

Do not ever think that God does not hear you when you pray to Him. He hears our thoughts just as we hear the voices and the words of one another. And, if He does not act immediately according to your prayer, i.e., either because you are praying to Him in an unworthy manner or because you ask something of Him which would be detrimental to you, or, because He, in His wisdom and providence delays the fulfillment of your petition until the proper moment. Father John of Kronstadt writes: "As by means of the electric telegraph we speedily communicate with persons who are far away from us, so, likewise, by means of lively faith, as though through the telegraph wires, we speedily communicate with God, with the angels and saints. As we entirely trust to the speed of the electric current and to its reaching its destination, so likewise, we should completely trust to the speed of the prayer of faith and to it reaching its destination. Send your petition to God and the saints by means of the telegraph of faith and you will speedily obtain an answer." And again, in another place St. John writes: "God and the created spirits and the souls of the departed as well as those of the living are thinking beings and thought is rapid and in some sort omnipresent. Think of them with your whole heart and they will be present with you. God will always be with you and necessarily so by the gift and power of God, the others will also be with you."

Announcements:

The Ordination of Fr. Mikel Hill (RSVP for lunch reservations) - On January 28th, our parish will host the ordination of our assigned future parish priest: Father Mikel Hill. We encourage all parishioners to attend Deacon Mikel's ordination service on Saturday morning at 9:30 AM and the reception meal afterwards! Please consider attending in order to give him a warm welcome! Let Georgie or Cathy know if you plan to attend the luncheon after Fr. Mikel Hill's ordination. The lunch will be held at Courtney's Banquet Center in Alliance located at 981 East State Street. The doors open at 12:30 pm and lunch will be served around 1 pm. Please provide details about the number of adults, children aged 3-10 years, and children 0-3 years that will be attending. Reservations must be relayed to Georgie and Cathy **no later than** Sunday, January 22nd. The main course will be chicken, so please let them know if you need to have a vegetarian alternate choice ordered in stead. We do not know the vegetarian option at this time.

Blessing of Waters and Confession - We will have a blessing of the waters on January 15th with Fr. Basil Stoyka. Please bring a container of water to be blessed. Also, Fr. Basil is available to hear confession on the weekends of January 15th and January 22nd.

House Blessings — Father Mikel Hill will bless homes on Saturday, February 11 and Sunday, February 12. Please sign up to request a home blessing. We will try our best to nail down the time of the visit for scheduling purposes.

Mandatory Choir Practice — Ordination music must be practiced and polished! Please come on Tuesday, January 24th ready to sing promptly at 7 pm.

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
Liz, Carla Michalik
Max and the Turcola family
Dan K.
Kim, Dale, Helen, Larissa, and Niki
Larissa
Sandy B.
Helen and Julian
Tish Bella
Jaga R.
Donna Jovich
Donald Rininger
Jan Raber
Debby B.
Tuck
Noah

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

+Paul
+Richard
+David
+Mark
+Wallace
+Berta
+Mildred
+Emil W.

Clergy Schedule:

January 1 –Dn. James Gresh
January 8 – Dn. James Gresh
January 15 – Fr. Basil Stoyka-blessing of waters
January 22 – Fr. Basil Stoyka
January 28 – Bishop Alexander. Ordination to the Priesthood for Dn. Mikel Hill, Liturgy at 9:30 AM. Vespers at 5:00 PM.
January 29 – First Liturgy served by Fr. Mikel Hill

Coffee Hour:

January 1 – Gresh
January 8 – Jaga R.
January 15 – *Helen Blebea*
January 22 –*TBD*
January 28 – All – reception
January 29 – *TBD*

Birthdays:

January 4 – Josh White
January 6 – Dan Krupko
January 11– Katia Gresh
January 17– Noah Walentik
January 20 – Georgie Washington

