

St. Nikolai Orthodox Church, Divine Liturgy, 9:30 / Saturday Vespers, 4 pm.

Book study/Christian Education following Vespers

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Welcome to Visitors. Thank you for coming and praying with us today. In the Orthodox Church, Holy Communion is reserved only for Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and confession during the Church fasting seasons. We invite you to introduce yourself to Father Joe and Deacon James at the end of the Liturgy and receive a piece of the blessed bread and join us for fellowship and Christian education. We look forward to seeing you again and encourage you to learn more about the Orthodox Faith.



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 3 *Troparion (for Venerable Xenia of Rome)

Living the life of a stranger in the world, you estranged yourself from every sin;
you abandoned comforts and fleeting honors
and betrothed yourself to your Immortal Bridegroom.//
Glorious Xenia, entreat Christ our God to grant us His great mercy!

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 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!

Epistle: 1 Colossians 3:4-11

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.

Gospel: Luke 18:35-43

Communion Hymn

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

Saint Xenia of Rome, in the world Eusebia, was the only daughter of an eminent Roman senator. From her youth she loved God, and wished to avoid the marriage arranged for her. She secretly left her parental home with two servants devoted to her, and set sail upon a ship. Through the Providence of God she met the head of the monastery of the holy Apostle Andrew in Milassa, a town of Caria (Asia Minor). She besought him to take her and her companions to Milassa. She also changed her name, calling herself Xenia [which means “stranger” or foreigner” in Greek].

At Milassa she bought land, built a church dedicated to St Stephen, and founded a woman’s monastery. Soon after this, Bishop Paul of Milassa made Xenia a deaconess, because of her virtuous life. The saint helped everyone: for the destitute, she was a benefactress; for the grief-stricken, a comforter; for sinners, a guide to repentance. She possessed a deep humility, accounting herself the worst and most sinful of all. In her ascetic deeds she was guided by the counsels of the Palestinian ascetic, St Euthymius. The sublime life of St Xenia drew many souls to Christ. The holy virgin died in 450 while she was praying. During her funeral, a luminous wreath of stars surrounding a radiant cross appeared over the monastery in the heavens. This sign accompanied the body of the saint when it was carried into the city, and remained until the saint’s burial. Many of the sick received healing after touching the relics of the saint.

“If you become rich, consider whether or not you could worthily bear poverty. If you are happy, imagine how you could worthily meet unhappiness. When people praise you, think how you might worthily bear insult. And, all your life, think how you might worthily meet death.”— St. Nikolai Velimirovich,

Stewardship: Please pray, contemplate and complete the parish pledge form and return to the Priest or Deacon, as soon as possible. May the Lord direct you and bless you for returning some of your possessions to further the work of His holy Church.

The prayer list will be cleared next week. If you wish to have someone remain on the list, or added, please advise Father.

PRAYERS requested:

For The Health and Salvation of;

Doreen Wishnok

Stefanie Waseman

The Knoll Family
Ann Cervo
Roland Augspurger
Leslie and Tim Kocevar
Joan Downey
Beth Plocher
Brenda Grey
Jennifer White
Gregory Cervo
Renee Young
Julian Farian
Larry Gainer
Olympia Tillman (Father David's mother)
Carl, friend of Father David
Lisa, friend of Father David
Father David and Family
James Rickard and Family

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

+Michael Horney (Ann Cervo's brother)

Memory Eternal!

Father John Zdinak, Chancellor of the OCA Midwest Diocese, who assisted us in the beginning of forming our mission, sadly had his son +Joshua, suddenly pass from this life this week. The funeral is Monday, 10 am. at St. Theodosius Cathedral, Cleveland. May his memory be eternal and may the Lord give peace and comfort to his family.

Birthdays:

Georgie Washington – 20th.

COFFEE HOUR AND CHURCH CLEANING:

There is a sign-up sheet posted in the fellowship room for coffee hour and church cleaning. If you have any questions please see Father Joe or Deacon James. We are asking for individuals, families or groups to sign up on a monthly basis to clean the church. If we do not have anyone signed up for coffee hour on any week, we will simply have coffee during fellowship.

Save Your Stuff. Once again our parish is going to have a rummage sale at the Hartville Flea Market, this spring. Please contact Georgie Washington for details.

Blessing of Homes

The Blessing of homes is a long honored Tradition of Orthodoxy. The Holy Water which is blessed in the Church for the Feast of Theophany is taken by the priest to bless and sanctify the homes of the faithful. By this we are reminded that our homes are to be an extension of the Church; a place where we pray and celebrate the many blessings of life. Through this special blessing we reinforce our connection to God and His Church and we ask for the Lord's protection and guidance in our daily activities. We should be mindful that even if we have had this blessing in past years, we should nevertheless, want to repeat our prayer that the Lord will "keep safe from harm those who dwell here; grant to them Your Blessing, purification and health of body..."

To schedule a day and time for your home to be blessed, please see or contact Father (330) 284-8353 or email: frjcervo@sbcglobal.net