

# Saint Nikolai Orthodox Church

9837 State Street, Louisville, Ohio 44641

*Sunday January 29<sup>nd</sup>, 2017*  
*The 32<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*  
*(Tone 7)*

*Sunday of Zacchaeus*  
*New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia*

**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 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 New Martyrs - Tone 4*

Today the Church of Russia joyfully forms a chorus, praising her new martyrs and confessors; hierarchs and priests, royal passion-bearers, right-believing princes and princesses, venerable men and women, and all Orthodox Christians. Having laid down their life for faith in Christ during the days of godless persecution, they preserved the truth by the shedding of blood.// By their protection, O long-suffering Lord, preserve our land in Orthodoxy till the end of the age.

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

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. O Hierarch Father Nikolai, entreat Christ our God that our souls may be saved.

### *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](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 - 1 Tim. 4:9-15*

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance. For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. These things command and teach. Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership. Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all.

### *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 19:1-10*

Then Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner." Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.

### *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!*

### **St. Ignatius-by St. Nikolai of Zica**

*The principal feast of St. Ignatius is celebrated in winter on December 20. On this date is commemorated the translation of his relics from Rome, where he suffered martyrdom, to Antioch where earlier he was a bishop. When St. Ignatius was summoned to Rome before Emperor Trajan to account for his faith, he was accompanied on this long journey by several citizens from Antioch who were motivated in this by a great love toward their wonderful Arch-shepherd. Since he would never deny his faith in Christ, this saint of God who abhorred all adulation and promises of Emperor Trajan, was condemned to death and was thrown into the Circus Maximus before wild beasts. The wild beasts tore him apart, and he gave up his soul to God. His companions then gathered his exposed bones and took them to Antioch and honorably buried them. But when the Persians captured Antioch in the sixth century, the relics of St. Ignatius were again translated from Antioch to Rome.*

### **The Meeting of the Lord in the Temple-by St. Nikolai of Zica**

*In the beginning this day was discussed among Christians but the solemn celebration began from the period of the great Emperor Justinian. During the reign of this emperor, a great pestilence afflicted the people in Constantinople and vicinity so that about five-thousand or more people died daily. At the same time a terrible earthquake occurred in Antioch. Seeing the weakness of man's ability to prevent these misfortunes the emperor, in consultation with the patriarch, ordered a period of fast and prayer throughout the entire empire. And, on the day of the Meeting [The Presentation] itself, arranged great processions throughout the towns and villages that the Lord might show compassion on His people. And truly, the Lord did show compassion; for the epidemic and earthquake ceased at once. This occurred in the year 544 A.D. Following this and from that time on, the Feast of the Presentation [Meeting] began to be celebrated as a major feast of the Lord. The tree, in time, grew and began to bring forth-abundant fruit.*

### **Announcements:**

**The Ordination of Fr. Mikel Hill** - On January 28<sup>th</sup>, our parish hosted the ordination of our assigned future parish priest: Father Mikel Hill. May God Grant Him Many Years! May God continue to bless his family, Mat. Rachel, Anna, Sophy, Katya, and Cosette. Welcome to our family here at St. Nikolai!

**Congratulations and Many Thanks** - Many have been working hard with planning for this joyous weekend celebration of Fr. Mikel's ordination. A special thank you to Cathy and Georgie for all the coordinating for the luncheon as well as other details. Special thanks to the cleaners, seamstress, bakers, shoppers, sign crew, as well as those who contributed in all things to make this weekend special!!

**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.

**Choir Practice** – Thank you to all who helped sing for the ordination. Lenten music must be practiced next as we are headed to an early Lent with Pascha on April 16 this year. Please come on Tuesday evenings ready to sing promptly at 7 pm.

**PRAYERS** requested -

**For The Health and Salvation of:**

Gloria  
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  
Kim, Dale, Helen, Larissa, and Niki  
Larissa  
Sandy B.  
Tish Bella  
Donna Jovich  
Donald Rininger  
Tuck

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

+Emil W.

**Clergy Schedule:**

**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

**February 5** – Pdn. James Gresh

**February 11-12** – Fr. Mikel Hill (*house blessings*)

**February 19** – Fr. Basil Stoyka

**February 26** – Fr. Mikel Hill (*Forgiveness Sunday*)

**Tentative Dates for Visits by Fr. Mikel:**

**March 4-5** – Sunday of Orthodoxy

**March 17-18** – Feast of St. Nikolai (*Fri-Sat*)

**April 8-9** – Palm Sunday

**April 10-13** – Holy Monday-Thursday

**April 22-23** – Antipascha

**April 29-30** – Holy Myrrbearers' Slava

**May 6-7** – St. Nikolai Slava

**May 13-14**

**Coffee Hour:**

**January 28** – All – *reception by RSVP only*

**January 29** – Holy Myrrbearers Ladies Group

**February 5** – TBD

**February 12** – TBD

**February 19** – TBD

**February 26** – TBD

**Birthdays:**

**February 10** – John Baier

**February 20** – Laura Cotterman

**February 24** – Jake Krupko

**Anniversary:**

**February 18** – George and Helen Blebea

