

St. Nikolai Orthodox Mission of Alliance, Divine Liturgy, 9:00 am.
Worship site: Rainbow's End Nursery. 10079 State Street, Louisville, Ohio 44641
Very Reverend Father Joseph Cervo, Archpriest (AOCANA-retired)
Rev. Protodeacon James Gresh, Mission Administrator (Bulgarian Diocese OCA)
July 14, 2013; 3rd Sunday after Pentecost /Fathers of the first 6 Ecumenical Council



Tone 2 Troparion (Resurrection)

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal,
You destroyed hell with the splendor of Your Godhead.
And when from the depths You raised the dead,
all the powers of heaven cried out:// “O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!”

Tone 8 Troparion (Holy Fathers)

You are most glorious, O Christ our God! You have established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth.
Through them You have guided us to the true Faith:// O greatly compassionate One, glory to You!

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 2 Kontakion (Resurrection)

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior, seeing the miracle of Your Resurrection from the tomb!
The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with You, // and the world, my Savior, praises You forever.

Tone 8 Kontakion (Holy Fathers)

The Apostles' preaching and the Fathers' doctrines have established one Faith for the Church.
Adorned with the robe of truth, woven from heavenly theology, // it defines and glorifies the great mystery of piety.

Epistles: Romans 5:1-10 / Titus 3:8-15 (Holy Fathers)

Tone 2 Prokeimenon

The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation.
v: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.

Tone 4 Prokeimenon (Song of the Fathers)

Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name forever!

Tone 2 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you!
v: Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call!

Tone 1

v: The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Gospels: Matthew 6:22-33 / Matthew 5:14-19 (Holy Fathers)

Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest!
Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the first 6 Ecumenical Councils

On the Sunday that falls from the 13th to the 19th of July, we honor the memory of the Holy and God-bearing Fathers who came together in the first 6 Ecumenical Councils, that is: the First Council, of the 318 Fathers who assembled in Nicaea in 325 to condemn Arius, who denied that the Son of God is consubstantial (having the same substance) with God the Father and His All-Holy Spirit; the Fathers of the First Council also ordained that the whole Church should celebrate Pascha according to the same calculation; the Second Council, of the 150 Fathers who assembled in Constantinople in 381 to condemn Macedonius, Patriarch of Constantinople, who denied the Divinity of the Holy Spirit; the Third Council, of the 200 Fathers who assembled in Ephesus in 431, to condemn Nestorius, Patriarch of Constantinople, who called Christ a mere man and not God incarnate; the Fourth Council, of the 630 who assembled in Chalcedon in 451, to condemn Eutyches, who taught that there was only one nature, the divine, in Christ after the Incarnation (thereby denying that He was also fully human), and Dioscorus, Patriarch of Alexandria, who illegally received Eutyches back into communion and deposed Saint Flavian, Patriarch of Constantinople, who had excommunicated Eutyches; the Fifth Council in 553, of the 165 who assembled in Constantinople for the second time to reaffirmed decisions and doctrines defined by previous Councils and condemned new Arian, Nestorian, and Monophysite writings; the Sixth Council in 680, of the 170 who assembled in Constantinople for the third time, repudiated Monothelitism, which taught that there is in Christ but one will, the divine (dismissing His human nature).

Donation Requests:

Land & Building Project: In our short history, our St. Nikolai Mission has been the beneficiary of many great blessings. We have already gone in four months, “where few missions have gone before!” Surely by the Hand of the Lord, we have even been recipients of significant blessings from some non-Orthodox Christians to get where we are. Yet we are now at the brink of a far greater challenge. By divine providence we have before us, the opportunity to consummate a deal on property and construct a modest but functional building to meet our needs for the immediate and near future, to worship, gather for fellowship, to assemble for Orthodox education, and to share the tenets of Orthodoxy with those looking for the “fullness of the Christian faith”. Having a stable, welcoming, and attractive home for worship and fellowship is an important step to accelerate and sustain our growth.

But to fulfill these opportunities, we need a new phase of financial support from those who have joined or want to join this “holy endeavor.” In addition to our normal monthly operating fund pledges, we have already received some significant pledges toward our new construction project. In order to get bank funding and move forward, however, we need more pledges for the construction project. We ask that you pray about and discuss with your family, how you can help this cause above and beyond what you are already giving to the general mission fund. The Lord has called us to plant seeds of faith, not only for ourselves but for generations to come.

Please convey your pledge decision confidentially to Father Joe or Protodeacon James as soon as possible. A response by July 15 would be greatly appreciated.

Icon of St. Nikolai of Zica: Our mission is commissioning a handwritten icon of St. Nikolai. The Icon size has increased in conjunction with the scope of its depiction of our mission patron saint with prominent scenes from his life; it will also house his holy “relics.” We are humbly accepting donations towards the icon which has now been finalized to cost \$1800. If you would like to make a contribution, please make your check payable to “St. Nikolai Orthodox Mission of Alliance;” make a notation that it is for the Icon of St. Nikolai.

New Mission worship site items of need: We are working diligently to make the environment conducive to “the holy work of the people of God” and to make accommodations as comfortable as possible. There are some initial added expenses and items of need to accomplish this transformation from ordinary space to “holy space.” A portable Iconostas, with large Icons, is presently in the works. Any donations specially earmarked for this very important project would be greatly appreciated.

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