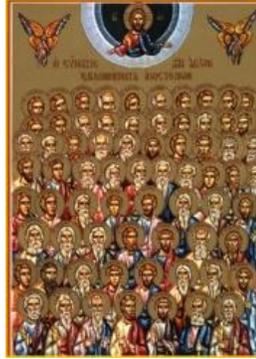


**St. Nikolai Orthodox Mission of Alliance, Divine Liturgy, 9:00 am.**  
**Worship site: Rainbow's End Nursery, 10079 State Street, Louisville, Ohio 44641**  
**Very Reverend Father Joseph Cervo, Archpriest (AOCANA-retired)**  
**Rev. Protodeacon James Gresh, Mission Administrator (Bulgarian Diocese OCA)**  
**July 28, 2013; 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/Holy Apostles of the Seventy &**  
**Deacons: Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, and Parmenas (1<sup>st</sup> c.)**



**Tone 4 Troparion (Resurrection)**

When the women Disciples of the Lord  
learned from the Angel the joyous message of the Resurrection,  
they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the Apostles:  
“Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen,//granting the world great mercy!”

**Tone 3 Troparion (Holy Apostles of the Seventy)**

Holy Apostles Próchorus, Nícanor, Tímon, and Parménas,  
entreat the merciful God,// to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions!

**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 4 Kontakion (Resurrection)**

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb  
and delivered the earth-born from their chains.  
He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master,// He has risen on the third day!

**Tone 1 Kontakion (Holy Apostles of the Seventy and Deacons)**

The glorious Nícanor, Próchorus, Parménas, and Tímon,  
the honored deacons ↓and ↑eyewitnesses of the Word,  
have been revealed as chosen vessels of the Faith.  
Therefore, we celebrate your holy memory today,// blessing you with gladness of heart.

**Epistle:** Romans 10:1-10

**Tone 4 Prokeimenon**

O Lord, how manifold are Your works; in wisdom have You made them all.  
*v. Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, You are very great!*

**Tone 4 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

*v. Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth!*  
*v. For You love righteousness, and hate iniquity.)*

**Gospel:** Matthew 8:28-9:1

## Communion Hymn

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



**The Apostles of the Seventy** are those whom the Lord chose, in addition to the original Twelve Apostles, to go before Him into the cities He would visit (Luke 10:1), and lay down the groundwork and infrastructure for the Early Church. According to the Gospel of Luke, the only gospel in which they appear (Luke 10:1–24), Jesus appointed them and sent them out in pairs to preach the gospel. The Twelve generally remained at Christ's side, serving as witnesses to His life; but the Seventy preceded Him in every place He visited.

The Synaxis of the Seventy Apostles is commemorated on January 4 and was established by the Orthodox Church to indicate the equal honor of each of the Seventy. Besides the celebration of the Synaxis of the Holy Apostles, the Church also celebrates the memory of each of them during the course of the year. The Church in particular venerates and praises the Seventy Apostles because they taught us to honor the Trinity One in Essence and Undivided. We do not know the names of all of the original Seventy, for as Saint John the Evangelist tells us, the time came when:

*"...many of His disciples went back, and walked with Him no more. Then said Jesus to the Twelve, Do you also want to go away?" (John 6:66-67)*

As the Lord's Passion approached, the number of His disciples decreased further: hardly any of the Seventy remained, and one of the Twelve betrayed Him.

After the Resurrection, Matthias was numbered with the Twelve, while the ranks of the Seventy were gradually filled with men newly converted to piety by the Twelve Apostles and by Saint Paul, who was called by heaven to preside (with Saint Peter) over the apostolic choir.

### Donation Requests:

#### Land & Building Project:

There is an old Arab proverb: "Whatever is produced in haste goes unwisely to waste."

In planning a building of any type, a great deal of detail must be pondered. In planning a multi-purpose church building, these details are multiplied. Because of the number of details involved, and the desire not to make any major errors, that could waste money or reduce facility effectiveness, it has been determined that our time frame for starting actual construction requires an adjustment. This decision, by no means, should be perceived as a setback, or a change in direction. We simply want to take as much time as needed to be deliberate and as precise as possible, plus allow plenty of opportunity for any member who wishes to have input into the plans. We will continue to push forward with our planning but expect that a more likely construction date will be in 2014.

In the interim, we still ask for everyone's consideration to make a special pledge toward the land purchase and building fund. The timing to pay your pledges can be according to your cash availability as well as being connected to our plan approval and construction schedule. As previously indicated, please convey your pledge decision confidentially to Father Joe or Protodeacon James as soon as possible.

**Icon of St. Nikolai of Zica:** The work on our mission patron saint handwritten icon, St. Nikolai, has begun. The Icon size has increased in conjunction with the scope of its depiction of prominent scenes of St. Nikolai's life; it will also house his holy "relics." No Icon of St. Nikolai exists that will encompass the important points of remembrance of his holy ministry. 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.

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