

St. Nikolai Orthodox Mission of Alliance, Divine Liturgy, 9:00 am.
TODAY ONLY: Liturgy and Parish Picnic at Krupko Home
Very Reverend Father Joseph Cervo, Archpriest (AOCANA-retired)
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June 15, 2014/ Sunday of All Saints
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Icon of the Sunday of All Saints

The icon of the Sunday of All Saints depicts our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ seated above the throne of heaven surrounded by the Saints. The rows of Saints included the Archangel Michael and other Angels, the Theotokos and John the Baptist, the Apostles, Bishops, Great Martyrs, Ascetics and Monastics. To the side of the throne are Adam and Eve, bowing in reverence to Christ. They are joined by the Saints, who are lifting their hands in worship to the King of Glory. At the lower left of the icon is the Patriarch Abraham who has a righteous soul in his bosom, as told in the story of Lazarus and the rich man in the Gospel. At the lower center is the Good Thief who was crucified with Christ. On the lower right is the Patriarch Jacob.

Tone 8 Troparion (Resurrection)

You descended from on high, O Merciful One!
You accepted the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!//
O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to You!

Tone 4 Troparion (from the Pentecostarion)

As with fine porphyry and royal purple,
Your Church has been adorned with Your martyr's blood shed throughout all the world.
She cries to You, O Christ God:
"Send down Your bounties on Your people,//
grant peace to Your habitation and great mercy to our souls!"

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 8 Kontakion (from the Pentecostarion)

The universe offers You the God-bearing Martyrs as the first fruits of creation, O Lord and Creator. By their prayers keep Your Church, Your habitation, in abiding peace// through the Theotokos, O most Merciful One!

Epistle: Hebrews 11:33-12:2

Tone 8 Prokeimenon (Resurrection)

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God!
v: In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.

Tone 4 Prokeimenon (Saints)

God is wonderful in His saints, the God of Israel.

Tone 4 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

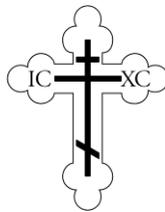
v. The righteous cried and the Lord heard them and delivered them out of all their troubles

v. Many are the afflictions of the righteous; the Lord will deliver them out of them all.

Gospel: Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30

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!



Meditation: Sunday of All The Saints

The first Sunday after the Feast of Holy Pentecost is observed by the Orthodox Church as the Sunday of All Saints. This day has been designated as a commemoration of all of the Saints, all the Righteous, the Prophets, Apostles, Martyrs, Confessors, Shepherds, Teachers, and Holy Monastics, and especially our most holy Lady, the Ever-virgin Theotokos Mary; both men and women alike, known and unknown, who have been added to the heavenly choirs of the Saints and shall be added, from the time of Adam until the end of the world, who have been perfected in piety and have glorified God by their holy lives.

Honoring the friends of God with much reverence, the Prophet-King David says, "But to me, exceedingly honorable are Thy friends, O Lord" (Ps. 138:16). And the Apostle Paul, recounting the achievements of the Saints, and setting forth their memorial as an example that we might turn away from earthly things and from sin, and emulate their patience and courage in the struggles for virtue,

says, "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every burden, and the sin which does so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us" (Heb. 12:1).

This commemoration began as the Sunday of All Martyrs; to them were added all the ranks of Saints who bore witness (the meaning of "Martyr" in Greek) to Christ in various ways.

Therefore, guided by the teaching of the Divine Scriptures and Apostolic Tradition, we honor all the Saints, the friends of God, for they are keepers of God's commandments, shining examples of virtue, and helpers of mankind. Of course, we honor the known Saints especially on their own day of the year. But since many Saints are unknown, and their number increases with time, and will continue to increase until the end of time, the Church has appointed that once a year a common commemoration be made of all the Saints. This is the feast that we celebrate today. It is the harvest of the coming of the Holy Spirit into the world; it is the "much fruit" brought forth by that "Grain of wheat that fell into the earth and died" (John 12:24); it is the glorification of the Saints as "the foundation of the Church, they who fulfilled the Gospel in deed the sayings of the Savior."

In this celebration today, we reverently honor and call blessed all the Righteous, setting their life before us as an example of virtue, and entreating them to intercede on our behalf with God, Whose grace and boundless mercy we knowingly or unknowingly depend on every day of our life.

PRAYERS are requested for:

Candi (friend of John and Lynette Baier)

Wendy (friend of Lana Baier)

Nell Janik and her husband, George.

Jim, Cousin of Fr. David

COFFEE HOUR:

Coffee Hour next Sunday, June 22 will be provided by Father Joe and Linda Cervo.

Thank you to Tom and Lana Baier for hosting coffee hour June 8.

We need coffee hour hosts. Coffee Hour for the summer needs to be very simple (i.e. coffee, donuts, juice) due to facility constrictions. Any leftovers will need to go home with the host. Our next available date to host coffee hour is the first Sunday in July. Please see Cathy or Tom Baier if you would like to help.

CHURCH PICNIC:

We are unable to use the facilities at the University of Mount Union on June 15. Therefore this Sunday June 15, we will be celebrating the Divine Liturgy, followed by a picnic at the home of the Krupkos. Divine Liturgy will begin at 9:00 am. Please contact Tom Baier 330-784-1117 or Cathy Krupko 330-257-0984 for directions. Everyone is welcome!

CHURCH MEETING:

Following Liturgy and before the picnic, we will have a brief meeting to review and approve the building plans for our Mission. Again, this will be Sunday, June 15.

DIOCESAN MEETING:

The weekend of June 28 and 29, the Diocese will hold its annual meeting at St. Elia in Akron, Ohio. All clergy are to celebrate the Liturgy on Sunday in Akron. Therefore, we will not conduct Liturgy at our Mission location that date but will join the Liturgy at St. Elia in

Akron. If transportation is an issue, please see Father Joe. Below is information regarding the meal being served at St. Elia following the Liturgy:

51st ANNUAL DIOCESAN CONFERENCE AT ST. ELIA

The Annual Diocesan Conference will be hosted at our Parish this year, June 27-29. Following the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy on Sunday, June 29, there will be an

‘Old Fashion Cook-Out’

The cost of pre-paid tickets:

\$12.00 for adults (13 and up)

7-12 is \$6.00

6 yrs. and under are **free**.

*Your tickets can be purchased by mailing in the below reservation or see Popadia Donna.

*Please make your checks payable to St. Elia Orthodox Church.

***No tickets will be sold at the door.**

* Deadline is Monday, June 23rd

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Pre-Paid Reservations Sunday, June 29th Cook-Out

Name: _____

Adults (13 and up)_____

Students (7-12 yrs.)_____

Free Children (6yr. under)_____

Total Amount_____

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