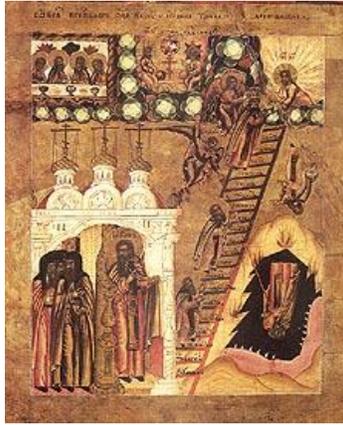


**St. Nikolai Orthodox Mission of Alliance, as part of Orthodox Campus Fellowship
At the University of Mount Union, Dewald Chapel. Divine Liturgy, 9:00 am
Very Reverend Father Joseph Cervo, Archpriest (AOCANA-retired)
Rev. Protodeacon James Gresh, Mission Administrator (Bulgarian Diocese OCA)**

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March 30, 2014: Fourth Sunday of Lent: St John of the Ladder (*Climacus*) / St. Basil's Liturgy



Tone 7 Troparion (*Resurrection*)

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.

Tone 1 Troparion (*for St John Climacus*)

O dweller of the wilderness and angel in the body, you were a wonderworker, O our God-bearing Father John. You received heavenly gifts through fasting, vigil and prayer, healing the sick and the souls of those drawn to you by faith.
Glory to Him Who gave you strength! Glory to Him Who granted you a ^crown!// Glory to Him Who grants healing to all!

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 7 Kontakion (*Resurrection*)

The dominion of death can no longer hold mankind captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers.
Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: "The Savior has come to those in faith;// enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!"

Tone 4 Kontakion (*for St John Climacus*)

The Lord truly set you on the heights of abstinence, to be a guiding star, showing the way to the universe,// O our father and teacher John.

Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20

Tone 7 Prokeimenon

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!

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: Mark 9:17-31

(Instead of "It is truly meet ...," we sing the following Hymn to the Theotokos)

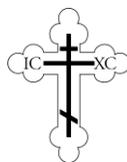
All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace: the assembly of Angels and the race of men. O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, the glory of virgins, from whom God was incarnate and became a Child – our God before the ages. He made your body into a throne, and your womb He made more spacious than the heavens. All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace. Glory to you!

Communion Hymns

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

The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



Liturgical Schedule:

Presanctified Liturgy on April 2 will be at 6:30 PM. at St. George Antiochian.

Presanctified Liturgy Wednesday, April 9, 7 pm. at Mt. Union Chapel

Thoughts on the passing from this life of Metropolitan +Philip

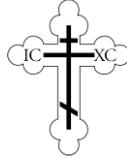
On Wednesday evening March 19, His Eminence, Metropolitan +Philip, head of the Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese (Fr. Joe's bishop), passed from this life. As in the life of every person, Metropolitan Philip had strengths and weaknesses, success and failures, good works and sins. What he unquestionably possessed was a strong vision and a dynamic personality to motivate people to do what otherwise they would likely not take on. This aspect of his life is what distinguishes him among Orthodox hierarchs in North American history (he served as Metropolitan for 48 years). He had a keen sense of how the Orthodox Church should be presented in North America, which resulted in the expansion of the Antiochian Archdiocese from 65 parishes in 1966 to 265 today. With so many missions reaching full parish status it seems appropriate to share a few profound words of his that are relevant to our St. Nikolai mission:

"We often remain in the eyes of our fellow Americans some kind of oriental (eastern) cult or museum for ancient relics. We have a tremendous opportunity to preach Orthodoxy in this land. America is thirsty for our spirituality and theological stability, but how can America understand us if we continue talking to her in languages which she does not understand? I am not against ethnic cultures; I simply believe that we can achieve Orthodox unity despite our cultural diversity ... we have always championed Orthodox unity in this land, and we shall in no way abandon this struggle" - Metropolitan +Philip of Blessed Repose. May his Memory be Eternal!

Also, one of Fr. Joe's personal and most trusted friends, **Father +Alexander Atty**, passed from this life at the age of 62, March 23, after a courageous 4 year battle with cancer. Father +Alexander was unsurpassed as a dedicated principled priest among Fr. Joe's contemporaries. He did not waver in the face of those who attempted to persuade him to compromise that which in doctrine, ethics or his convictions could not be compromised.

Our patron, St. Nikolai tells us there is a difference between doing something good and doing it in Jesus' Name. Fr. +Alexander labored faithfully and sacrificially for Christ. The litany of his remarkable priestly accomplishments are testament to his love for Christ, His Holy Church and the people of God. The fruits of his

labors are evident in the Louisville, Ky. parish that he served over 30 years and saw blossom four fold because of the Pan-Orthodox ideals that he advocated. Additionally, his high standards will be evident in the ministry of those he helped prepare for ordained service as Dean of St. Tikhon Seminary for the last 3 years of his active ministry. It is unfortunate that you all did not have the opportunity to know him. For good reason he was the closest confidant of Bishop Mark. As one who led the magnificent beautification of St. Michael's Church in Louisville and organized the building of a gorgeous chapel that accommodates 100 people, he used to say that when you build a church, put the best that your means allow, even more so than you put in your house, for the church is God's house. He was an inspiration to all who knew him, but like the Apostle Paul, he fought the good fight and we ask you to pray for his soul that he receives his crown. May his memory be eternal in God's heavenly kingdom!



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

LENTEN FISH DINNERS:

We are on for Fish Dinners! Dinners are served from 5 to 7 PM at the Marlinton Middle School. Please check the website for our flyer. We need volunteers to help cook, serve and clean up! If you can help in any way please contact Tom Baier in person or via the Mission email (stnikolaimission@gmail.com) Flyers will be available to hand out, pass the word and encourage friends and co-workers to come and try the best fish dinner in the area!

COFFEE HOUR:

Thank you to T.J. Cotterman for serving as Coffee Hour Host last week.

This Sunday, March 30 our host is Amy Catania.

Dan Ralich will host coffee hour on April 6. Heidi Gresh and family will host coffee hour on April 13.

PRAYERS:

Candi (friend of John and Lynette Baier)

Wendy (friend of Lana Baier)

Jacquelyn, friend of Dan and Jake Krupko who has been ill.

Jean Minnick Co-worker of Katie White's, whose father, Edgar Pryor passed away on March 4. Please pray for the repose of his soul.

Prayers for the repose of Metropolitan Philip of the Antiochian Archdiocese who passed away Wednesday March 19 from a heart attack.

Prayers for the repose of the soul of Father Joe's and Bishop Mark's dear friend, +Father Alexander Atty, who passed away March 23.

Josephine Rose White was born on March 17, 2014 to Josh and Katie White and sister, Evelyn White. God grant you many years!!!!

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