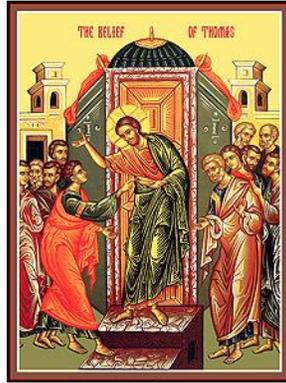


St. Nikolai Orthodox Mission of Alliance, as part of Orthodox Campus Fellowship at
University of Mount Union, Dewald Chapel. Divine Liturgy, 9:00 am.
Very Reverend Father Joseph Cervo, Archpriest (AOCANA-retired)
Rev. Protodeacon James Gresh, Mission Administrator (Bulgarian Diocese OCA)
May 12, 2013: 2nd Sunday of Pascha/St Thomas Sunday

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED, HE IS RISEN!



Priest: "Blessed is the Kingdom ... "

Choir: "Amen."

Priest: "Christ is risen from the dead ... " (1 time)

Choir: Christ is risen from the dead ... " (2 times)

(The Divine Liturgy is begun in this manner until the Leavetaking of Pascha.)

Tone 7 Troparion *(from the Pentecostarion)*

From the sealed tomb, You shone forth, O Life!

Through closed doors You came to Your Disciples, O Christ God.

Renew in us, through them, an upright spirit, / /

by the greatness of Your mercy, O Resurrection of 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 8 Kontakion *(from the Pentecostarion)*

Thomas touched Your life-giving side with an eager hand, O Christ God,

when You came to Your Apostles through closed doors.

He cried out with all: "You are my Lord and my God!"

(The Trisagion is sung)

Epistle: Acts 5:12-20

Tone 3 Prokeimenon

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power! His understanding is beyond measure!

v: Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God!

Tone 8 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

v: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King over all the earth.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

(Instead of "It is truly meet ...," we sing:)

The Angel cried to the Lady, full of grace:

"Rejoice, O pure Virgin! Again, I say: 'Rejoice,
your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb!

With Himself He has raised all the dead.'"

Rejoice, O ye people!

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem!

The glory of the Lord has shone on you!

Exult now, and be glad, O Zion!

Be radiant, O pure Theotokos,

in the Resurrection of your Son!

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Priest: "In the fear of God ..."

Choir: "Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord ..."

Priest: "O Lord, save Your people ..."

Choir: "Christ is risen from the dead ... " (instead of "We have seen the True Light ...)

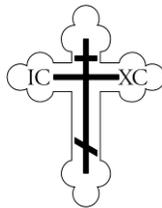
Priest: "Always, now and ever ..."

Choir: "Let our mouths be filled ..."

(At the Dismissal, the Priest says: "Glory to You, O Christ....," and the choir sings "Christ is risen from the dead...." (thrice).

And unto us He has given eternal life.

Let us worship His Resurrection on the third day!



Relocation of our Mission, beginning next Sunday, May 19, 2013: While Mt. Union was able to extend use of their chapel to us for this Sunday only, we cannot remain here due to construction and numerous summer activities at the University. Through the kindness and generosity of the Janice Raber Family we have been given a location just west of Alliance on State Street at Rainbow's End Nursery. The address of our new worship home is: 10079 State Street, Louisville, Ohio 44641

Donation Requests:

Icon of St. Nikolai of Zica: Our mission is commissioning a handwritten icon of St. Nikolai. It will depict our mission patron saint with prominent scenes from his life and it will also house his holy "relics." We are humbly accepting donations towards the icon which will cost \$1200 - \$1500. 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.

Plashchanitsa-Epitaphios-Winding Clothe, depicting Christ in the Tomb, that was used in the Tomb on Holy Friday and sets on the Altar for all services until Ascension. A new one was made for our mission. Because of donations of some material and labor, the cost of this sacred item is only \$150. This would normally cost \$500 to \$3000. Again, donations for this sacred item are most welcome.

Thank You: To Father Deacon James and Diaconisa Heidi Gresh, for hosting a wonderful Pascha celebration at their home last Sunday. Special thanks also to our "lamb men" and to all who prepared a myriad of outstanding culinary dishes. But even more enjoyable was the loving atmosphere that permeated the fellowship throughout the day. *"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another"* (John 13:34-35).

Thank You: To all of our donors. Our Pascha Week collection (including flowers, candles and meals) totaled \$2563.00. We have also received a donation for \$144.00 for Sacramental wine, \$85.00 for flowers, and \$200 towards the Icon of St. Nikolai. May God bless our Mission and all of the donors.

Thought for the Day: Some icons depicting this event are inscribed "The Doubting Thomas." This is incorrect. In Greek, the inscription reads, "The Touching of Thomas." The Slavonic inscription is, "The Belief of Thomas." When St Thomas touched the Life-giving side of the Lord, he no longer had any doubts. This day is also known as "Antipascha." This does not mean "opposed to Pascha," but "in place of Pascha." Beginning with this first Sunday after Pascha, the Church dedicates every Sunday of the year to the Lord's Resurrection. Sunday is called "Resurrection-Voskreseniye" in Church Slavonic.

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