

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)  
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May 5, 2013: PASCHA - The Resurrection of our Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ

*(at the Divine Liturgy)*

*(After "Blessed is the Kingdom..." and "Amen." :)*

Priest:

Christ is risen from the dead,  
trampling down death by death,  
and upon those in the tombs bestowing life! *(once)*

Choir:

Christ is risen from the dead,  
trampling down death by death,  
and upon those in the tombs bestowing life! *(twice)*

*(The clergy then chant the Paschal verses with the choir singing the Troparion "Christ is risen..." after each verse.)*

***v: Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; let those who hate Him flee from before His face!***

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and  
upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

***v: As smoke vanishes so let them vanish; as wax melts before the fire!***

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and  
upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

***v: So the sinners will perish before the face of God. But let the righteous be glad!***

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and  
upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

***v: This is the day which the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!***

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and  
upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;***

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and  
upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

***now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.***

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and  
upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

***Clergy: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death,***

Choir: and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

***(The Great Litany)***

**The First Antiphon**

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing of His name, give glory to His praise! *(Ps 65/66:1-2)*

**Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

Say to God: "How awesome are Your deeds! So great is Your power that Your enemies cringe before You!" (Ps 65/66:3) (Refrain)

Let all the earth worship You and praise You! Let it praise Your name, O most High! (Ps 65/66:4) (Refrain)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. (Refrain)

### **The Second Antiphon**

God be bountiful and bless us! Show the light of Your countenance upon us and have mercy on us! (Ps 65/66:1)

**Refrain: O Son of God Who arose from the dead, save us who sing to You: "Alleluia!"**

That we may know Your way upon the earth, and Your salvation among all nations. (Ps 65/66:2) (Refrain)

Let the people give thanks to You, O God! Let all the people give thanks to You! (Ps 65/66:5) (Refrain)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

*("Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God ...")*

### **The Third Antiphon**

**v: Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; let those who hate Him flee from before His face!**

**Christ is risen from the dead,  
trampling down death by death,  
and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!**

**v: As smoke vanishes so let them vanish; as wax melts before the fire!**

*Troparion: "Christ is risen from the dead ..."*

**v: So the sinners will perish before the face of God. But let the righteous be glad!**

*Troparion: "Christ is risen from the dead ..."*

**v: This is the day which the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

*Troparion: "Christ is risen from the dead ..."*

**Deacon:** Wisdom. Let us Attend!

In the gathering places bless ye God the Lord from the springs of Israel.  
O Son of God, who didst rise from the dead, save us, who sing unto Thee. Alleluia.

*(After the Entrance)*

**Troparion** (Pascha)

Christ is risen from the dead,  
trampling down death by death,  
and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

**Tone 8 Hypakoe** (Pascha)

Before the dawn Mary and the women  
came and found the stone rolled away from the tomb.  
They heard the angelic voice: "Why do you seek among the dead as a Man  
the One Who is everlasting Light?  
Behold the clothes in the grave; go and proclaim to the world:  
"The Lord is risen; He has slain death,  
as He is the Son of God, saving the race of man."

**Tone 8 Kontakion** (Pascha)

You descended into the tomb, O Immortal,  
You destroyed the power of death.  
In victory You arose, O Christ God,  
proclaiming: "Rejoice!" to the Myrrhbearing Women,//  
granting peace to Your Apostles, and bestowing Resurrection on the fallen.

*(Instead of the Trisagion, we sing:)*

As many as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. Alleluia.

**Epistle:** Acts: 1:1-8

*Prokeimenon in the 8<sup>th</sup> Tone*

This is the day which the Lord has made! \* Let us rejoice and be glad in it!  
vs. O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever!

Alleluia Tone 4

vs. Thou didst arise and have mercy on Zion.  
vs. The Lord looked down from heaven and saw all the sons of men.

**Gospel:** John 1:1-17 (Pascha)

*(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**

Receive the Body of Christ; taste the fountain of immortality!  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Variations in the Paschal Liturgy: Instead of "Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord," we sing the troparion "Christ is risen ..." (once). Instead of "We have seen the True Light" and "Let our mouths be filled ...," we sing "Christ is risen ..." (once each). Instead of "Blessed be the Name of the Lord," we sing "Christ is risen ..." (thrice). Instead of "Glory to You, O Christ our God...", " the priest sings: "Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death," and the choir concludes: "and upon those in the tombs bestowing life." The priest gives the Dismissal, and after the singing of "Christ is risen" (thrice), we finish with: "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 12, 2013:** Due to construction and numerous activities at the University, we cannot remain in our current location. 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 home is: 10079 State Street, Louisville, Ohio 44641 (There is a map available on line)

**Baskets:** Following the Pascha Liturgy, we will be breaking the 7 week fast by sharing with each other the delectable edibles of our Pascha Baskets.

**Donation Requests:**

**Icon of St. Nikolai of Zica:** Our mission is commissioning a handwritten icon of St. Nikolai. This will contain a compartment to hold the relics that we are to receive. We are humbly accepting donations towards the icon which will cost over \$1200.00. 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 of Zica.

**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.

**Pascha Invitation:** The Gresh family is inviting family members and friends of our mission to a Pascha celebration at their home. (9135 Gans Avenue, Canton, Ohio 44721) beginning at noon, May 5. Everyone is invited to join in the celebration of Lord's Glorious Resurrection! Please bring a covered dish and if you have a favorite drink, bring that too!

**THE PASCHAL HOMILY** of our father among the saints John Chrysostom Archbishop of Constantinople.

If anyone is devout and a lover of God, let him enjoy this beautiful and radiant festival.

If anyone is a wise servant, let him, rejoicing, enter into the joy of his Lord.

If anyone has wearied himself in fasting, let him now receive his recompense.

If anyone has labored from the first hour, let him today receive his just reward. If anyone has come at the third hour, with thanksgiving let him keep the feast. If anyone has arrived at the sixth hour, let him have no misgivings; for he shall suffer no loss. If anyone has delayed until the ninth hour, let him draw near without hesitation. If anyone has arrived even at the eleventh hour, let him not fear on account of his delay. For the Master is gracious and receives the last, even as the first; he gives rest to him that comes at the eleventh hour, just as to him who has labored from the first. He has mercy upon the last and cares for the first; to the one he gives, and to the other he is gracious. He both honors the work and: praises the intention.

Enter all of you, therefore, into the joy of our Lord, and, whether first or last, receive your reward. O rich and poor, one with another, dance for joy! O you ascetics and you negligent, celebrate the day! You that have fasted and you that have disregarded the fast, rejoice today! The table is rich-laden; feast royally, all of you!

Let all partake of the feast of faith. Let all receive the riches of goodness.

Let no one lament his poverty, for the universal kingdom has been revealed.

Let no one mourn his transgressions, for pardon has dawned from the grave.

Let no one fear death, for the Savior's death has set us free.

He that was taken by death has annihilated it! He descended into Hades and took Hades captive! He embittered it when it tasted his flesh! And anticipating this Isaiah exclaimed, "Hades was embittered when it encountered thee in the lower regions." It was embittered, for it was abolished! It was embittered, for it was mocked! It was embittered, for it was purged! It was embittered, for it was despoiled! It was embittered, for it was bound in chains!

It took a body and, face to face, met God! It took earth and encountered heaven! It took what it saw but crumbled before what it had not seen!

"O death, where is thy sting? O Hades, where is thy victory?"

Christ is risen, and you are overthrown!

Christ is risen, and the demons are fallen!

Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice!

Christ is risen, and life reigns!

Christ is risen, and not one dead remains in a tomb!

For Christ, being raised from the dead, has become the First-fruits of them that slept.

To him be glory and might unto ages of ages. Amen.

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