

# Saint Nikolai Orthodox Church

Temporarily at 8277 N Nickel Plate St., Louisville, Ohio 44641

*Sunday November 26<sup>th</sup>*  
*25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Holy Pentecost –Tone 8*

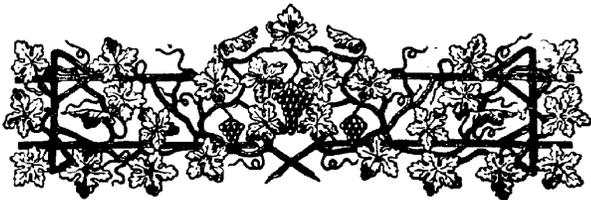
**His Eminence, Archbishop ALEXANDER**  
**Archbishop of Toledo and the Bulgarian Diocese**

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**Upcoming Services:**

Sat. Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> - Union Ave UMC-Vespers, 5pm  
Sun. Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> - St. Mary's - Liturgy, 11am  
Sun. Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> - Panera's - Ed. Group, 2:30pm  
Wed. Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> - Baier's - Bible Study, 6pm

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## Welcome!

The entire parish family of St. Nikolai Orthodox Church welcomes you today! Please take a moment to introduce yourself to the clergy and the people of our parish. We hope that you can stay for coffee hour after the service.

Please note that we invite all Baptized members of the Orthodox Church to receive Holy Communion, provided that they have refrained from food and drink since midnight, and prepared themselves through prayer and recent confession.

If you are joining us today but have not been baptized in the Orthodox Church we welcome you but kindly ask you to refrain from approaching for Holy Communion. Please feel free to approach to kiss the cross at the end of the service and to take a piece of blessed bread as a token of our love. We pray that soon all people would find their true home in the Orthodox Church so that we might, together, share in Holy Communion of Christ's undivided Body.

**Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 8**

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! / Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings! // O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

**Troparion of the Feast - Tone 4**

Today is the prelude of the good will of God, / of the preaching of the salvation of mankind. / The Virgin appears in the Temple of God, / in anticipation proclaiming Christ to all. / Let us rejoice and sing to her: / Rejoice, O Fulfillment // of the Creator's dispensation!

**Troparion for Saint Nikolai - Tone 4**

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.

### **Troparion for Saint Alypius - Tone 1**

Thou wast a pillar of patient endurance,/ having imitated the forefathers, O ^Venerable One:/ Job in suffering and Joseph in temptations./ Thou didst live like the Bodiless Ones while yet in the flesh, Alypius, our Father.// Beseech Christ God that our souls may be saved!

### **Kontakion of the Resurrection - Tone 8**

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrected Adam./ Eve exults in Thy Resurrection,// and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

**Glory . . .**

### **Kontakion for Saint Alypius - Tone 8**

The Church glorified and praises thee today, O Alypius,/ as a perfect example of virtue and the boast of ascetics.// Through thy prayers, grant remission of sins to all who venerate thy life and thy struggles!

**Now and Ever . . .**

### **Kontakion for the Feast - Tone 4**

The most pure Temple of the Savior;/ the precious Chamber and Virgin;/ the sacred Treasure of the glory of God,/ is presented today to the house of the Lord./ She brings with her the grace of the Spirit,/ therefore, the angels of God praise her:// "Truly this woman is the abode of Heaven!"

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*Priest:* Let us attend: Peace be unto all

*Reader:* And to thy spirit

*Priest:* Wisdom

*Reader:* The Prokeimnon in the Eighth Tone: Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God!

*Congregation:* Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God!

*Reader:* In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.

*Congregation:* Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God!

*Reader:* In the Third Tone, My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

*Congregation:* My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

*Priest:* Wisdom

*Reader:* **The Reading is from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Ephesians (4:1-6)**

*Priest:* Let us attend

*Reader (READ SLOWLY):* I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

*Priest:* *Peace be to thee that reads. Wisdom*

*Reader:* The Alleluia in the 8<sup>th</sup> Tone: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

*Congregation:* Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Reader:* Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

*Congregation:* Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Reader:* In the Same Tone: Hearken, O daughter, and see, and incline thine ear!

*Congregation:* Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke (13:10-17)**

Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, "There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day." The Lord then answered him and said, "Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it? So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound - think of it - for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?" And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.

### **Instead of "It is truly meet ...," we sing the 9<sup>th</sup> Irmos of the Feast in Tone 4**

(Refrain) The angels beheld the entrance of the Pure One and were amazed. //  
How has the Virgin entered into the Holy of Holies?

(Irmos) Since she is a living Ark of God let no profane hand touch the Theotokos. But let the lips of believers unceasingly sing to her, praising her in joy with the angel's song: // "Truly, thou art more exalted than all, O pure Virgin!"

### **The Sunday Communion Hymn**

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

### **Communion Hymn for the Feast**

I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

### **What is Stewardship?: Reflections from *Introducing the Orthodox Faith* by A. Conaris**

The trouble with most of Church giving is that it is out of proportion to what we have, to what we earn. The important thing in Christian giving is not "how much" we give, but "how much in comparison to our ability." A gift does not need to be large in order to be significant. It is great or small in proportion to the amount of other things we possess. One of the great examples of Christian stewardship is the poor widow who came into the temple one day and gave all that she had. It wasn't very much, just a fraction of a cent, but it caused the treasury bell to ring and Christ to give her a commendation that keeps ringing down through the centuries: "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all of those who are contributing to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living" (Mark 12:43,44).

Give proportionately as God has blessed you. And then give lovingly. True Christian giving begins with a personal commitment to Christ, and it proceeds from there. It says, "If you don't love God, don't give. God does not need the token support of those who do not really care." And conversely, Christian giving says, "If you do love God, let your giving be some indication of the measure of that love."

*More to follow . . .*



### **Special Announcements**

On November 26<sup>th</sup>, our council will present a few items related to our re-building about which they hope to hear from the entire community. Our council has been working closely with our contractor (DKI) to insure that our beautiful church will be as it was before the fire. There are a few items that have been suggested for change. For the suggested changes, the council will present 2-3 options that are within our budget to determine a consensus from the larger community. If you are not able to make it to the Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> meeting, we will post the information in the previous week's bulletin to give you the opportunity to express your thoughts.

### **Introduction to the Orthodox Faith**

Our catechumens and others interested in learning more about their faith will be meeting on Sunday afternoons, at 2:30, at Panera Bread in Alliance. The discussion will revolve around weekly assignments, which are available to everyone at the link below. If you would like to join our discussion, in-person, through Google Hangout, or e-mail, let Fr. Mikel know.

<https://stnikolaiorthodoxchurch.wordpress.com/>

### **Today we are especially praying for *the Health and Salvation of:***

Richard R.	Larissa
Richard, Tetiana, Arhem	Steve and Sandy
Fr. Joseph	Anthony
Arika, Renee,	Joan
Ashley, and Chloe.	Slavco
Valentina	Anthony
Josh W.	Thomas
The Minnick Family	Mat. Rebecca
The Gresh family	Rebecca
Kathy Jo, Michael	Thomas
Kelli	Marsha
Liz and Carla	Jackie
Kim, Dale, Helen,	Dorothy
Larissa, and Niki	Matthew
Fr. Andrew &	Paul
The Community of St. Matthews	

### ***For The Departed Soul of:***

+June  
+Fred

### **Upcoming Events:**

Our community will gather at 6pm, on Friday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> for a fun-filled evening at the Louisville Bowling Alley (115 S. Mill St.). Cost is \$7 to bowl. There is food on-site, or you can bring your own. RSVP with Steve Bozeka by Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>.

We will be holding a "Stewardship Sunday" celebration on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Make sure to fill out a "Giving Goal" card by this date to help our council with financial planning.

St. George Romanian Orthodox Church will be blessed to receive the visit of the Miraculous Myrrh-Streaming (Taylor) Icon of the Mother of God on Friday, December 15, services start at 6pm.

We will be holding our annual community meeting on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars for this important event.