

**St. Nikolai Orthodox Mission of Alliance in conjunction with Orthodox Campus Fellowship,
University of Mt. Union Dewald Chapel**

Divine Liturgy: 9:00 am.

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November 2, 2014: 21st Sunday after Pentecost/

Martyrs Acindynus, Pegasus,

Elpidephorus, Aphthonius and Anempodistus (ca. 341-345)



Tone 4 Troparion (Resurrection)

When the women Disciples of the Lord learned from the Angel the joyous message of the Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the Apostles:

“Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, //granting the world great mercy!”

Tone 2 Troparion (Martyrs)

Blessed is the earth that received your blood, Passion-bearers of the Lord,
and holy is the dwelling place which received your spirits.

You triumphed over the enemy in the stadium and you preached Christ with boldness.//

Since He is good, we pray that you beseech Him to save 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 4 Kontakion (Resurrection)

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains.
He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master, //He has risen on the third day!

Tone 4 Prokeimenon

O Lord, how manifold are Your works; in wisdom have You made them all.

v: Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, You are very great!

Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20

Tone 4 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v. Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth!

v. For You love righteousness, and hate iniquity.

Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

Communion Hymn

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



Saint Acindynus suffered martyrdom in Persia along with Sts Pegasias, Aphthonius, Elpidophorus, Anempodistus, and 7,000 and 7,000 other Christians at the time of King Sapor II (310-381). These saints were Sapor's courtiers, and were secret Christians. When the king began his persecution against Christians, envious pagans denounced them to him. Summoned to Sapor's presence for trial, the holy martyrs fearlessly confessed their faith in the Holy Trinity. The king ordered them to be beaten with whips.

Sapor told the people that Sts Acindynus, Pegasias, Anempodistus and Elpidophorus would have their heads cut off, and that he would not permit the Christians to bury their bodies.

A tremendous crowd accompanied these saints as they were led outside the city walls for execution, glorifying Christ. On Sapor's orders, soldiers massacred all the Christians in the procession (about 7,000), including St Elpidophorus.

Acindynus, Pegasias, and Anempodistus were burned on the following day with the mother of the emperor. Christians, came secretly by night to the place of execution, found the bodies of the holy martyrs unharmed by the fire, and they buried them with reverence.

Praying spiritually for people according to the example of St Paul. The greatest problems most prevalent in life are not circumstantial, but moral. Praying for people connects us to them. How should we pray for people? The Apostle Paul writes: "For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that you might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; That you might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; Strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; Giving thanks unto the Father, who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins " Colossians (1:9-14). By progressing from discerning God's will to doing God's will, through manifesting divine energies (prayer) and virtues we join in the blessed life of the saints.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS requested

For The Health and Salvation of:

Candi (friend of John and Lynette Baier)

Wendy (friend of Lana Baier)

Jim (Cousin of Fr. David)

George Borojevich (brother of Wally and Debby)

Mother Ana
Nanci Stradley (Pancreatic Cancer)
Dawn Shaheen
Sharon Budd (Teacher from Perry, injured when rock thrown from overpass)
Patricia Kosivich, friend of and helper to Mother Ana
Father Joe Cervo
Doreen Wishnok (friend of the Krupko's who is battling breast cancer)
George Ralich, (Dan's father)
Katie (Granddaughter of Father Stevo Rocknage, St. Sava Church in McKeesport, who is battling a rare genetic disease)
Stefanie Waseman

For The Repose of the Souls of:

+Mark Bolan
+ Sara (cousin of Father Joe, who just died from cancer)
+Sylvia (Kumovi of Father Joe)
+Stancy Bakich Popichak (Mother of Father Robert Popichak of Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Carnegie, PA)

COFFEE HOUR:

November 2 - The Krupko and Catania Families
November 9 - Dan Ralich
November 16 -
November 23 - Wally and Debby Borojevich
November 30 - The Gresh Family

Please see Cathy or Tom Baier if you would like to sign up for Coffee Hour. November 16 and December 28 are the only dates to fill for 2014! THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE HOSTED COFFEE HOUR!!!!

DONATIONS:

Please note, any special donations will be added directly to our building fund unless otherwise specified by the donor. God bless all who have generously donated to and support our mission.

BUILDING PROJECT:

We are finalizing plans to begin phase one construction of our mission building project. If you have not made a commitment and would like to, please discuss this with either Father Joe or Deacon James by email or phone and/or by making your check payable to St. Nikolai Orthodox Mission of Alliance. May God Bless all donors for their support of our Mission and purpose in celebrating Orthodoxy.

CHOIR PRACTICES:

Choir Practice will be held at the Gresh Home on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. Please join us.

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

Josh and Kate White – 18th

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Wally Borojevich – 4th
Matt Catania – 4th
Cathy Krupko – 4th
Father Joe – 5th
Dan Ralich – 6th
Tom Krupko – 21st

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