

# Saint Nikolai Orthodox Church

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

*Sunday November 5<sup>th</sup>*  
*22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Holy Pentecost (Tone 5)*

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

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**Upcoming Services:**

Sat. Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> - Hill's - Vespers, 4pm  
Sun. Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> - St. Mary's - Liturgy, 11am  
Wed., Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> - Krupko's - Bible Study, 6pm  
Wed., Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> - Krupko's - Council, 7pm

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**Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 5**

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,/ co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,/ born for our salvation from the Virgin,/ for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,/ to endure death,/ and to raise the dead// by His glorious Resurrection.

**Troparion for the Holy Martyrs Galacteon and Epistemis - Tone 1**

Let us the faithful honor these two betrothed athletes,/ Galacteon and modest Epistemis,/ Their ascetic labors blossomed into martyrdom,/ Therefore we cry to them:/ "Glory to Him Who has strengthened you!/ Glory to Him Who has ^crowned you!// Glory to Him Who through you grants healing to all!"

**Kontakion of the Resurrection - Tone 5**

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior,/ shattering its gates as Almighty,/ resurrecting the dead as Creator,/ and destroying the sting of death,/ Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man,// and we cry to Thee: O Lord, save us!

## 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.

Glory . . .

**Kontakion for the Holy Martyrs Galacteon and Epistemis - Tone 2**

Ye are numbered among the hosts of martyrs/ for ye were illustrious in mighty contests./ Galacteon, together with Epistemis, thy faithful wife and companion in struggle,// unceasingly intercede to the one God for us all!

Now . . . *Steadfast Protectress*

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**Reader: The Prokeimenon in the Fifth Tone**

Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.

*Vs. Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly!*

*People:* Thou, O Lord, shall protect us / and preserve us from this generation forever.

*Reader:* Thou, O Lord, shall protect us

*People:* and preserve us from this generation forever.

**The Reading is from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Galatians (6:11-18)**

See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

**Reader: The Alleluia in the Fifth Tone**

*People:* Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Reader:* I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation.

*People:* Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Reader:* For Thou hast said: "Mercy will be established forever; My truth will be prepared in the heavens."

*People:* Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (8:41-56)**

And behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying. But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him. Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped. And Jesus said, "Who touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, "Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'" But Jesus said, "Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me." Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately. And He said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace." While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher." But when Jesus heard it, He answered him, saying, "Do not be afraid; only believe, and she

will be made well.” When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go in except Peter, James, and John, and the father and mother of the girl. Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, “Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping.” And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead. But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, “Little girl, arise.” Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given something to eat. And her parents were astonished, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

### **The Sunday Communion Hymn**

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest. (*Ps 148:1*)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.



### **Our Holy Father Galaction and our Mother Episteme, Martyrs.**

They were born in the city of Edessa in Phoenicia, both of pagan parents. Galaction's mother was barren until she was baptised. After her baptism, she brought her husband also to the true Faith and baptised her son Galaction, bringing him up a Christian. When the time came for Galaction to marry, his devout mother Leucippe died, and his father betrothed him to a maiden called Episteme. Galaction did not wish to enter into marriage at all, and he quickly urged Episteme to be baptised and then to become a nun at the same time as he became a monk. Both went away to the mountain of Publion, Galaction to a men's monastery and Episteme to a women's, and each of them became a true light in the monastery. They were first in labours, in prayer, in humility and obedience, and first in love. They did not leave their monasteries, and neither saw the other until the time of their death. A fierce persecution arose, and they were both brought to trial. While they were mercilessly whipping Galaction, Episteme was weeping, and they then whipped her also. They cut off their hands and feet, and finally their heads. One Eutolius, a man who had been a servant of Episteme's parents and then a monk together with Galaction, took their bodies and buried them. He also wrote the Lives of these two wonderful martyrs for Christ, who suffered and received their heavenly crowns in 253.

*From the Prologue, compiled by St. Nikolai of Zicha and South Canaan*

### **A Reflection for Today by St. Nikolai**

Physical love, in comparison to spiritual love, is less than a shadow is to a solid substance. Brotherhood and sisterhood of the blood and body is nothing compared to the brotherhood and sisterhood of the spirit. Galaction's father betrothed him to the maiden Episteme. Galaction baptized Episteme and, after that, both received monastic tonsure. Their physical love was replaced by spiritual love, a love as strong as death. So great was Galaction's spiritual love for Episteme that he never desired to see her with physical eyes. Neither physical contact nor closeness are necessary for spiritual love. So great was Episteme's spiritual love for Galaction that when she heard that he had been taken for torture she ran after him, begging him not to reject her, but to receive her as a fellow sufferer, as he was her spiritual father and brother. When the merciless torturers flogged holy Galaction's naked body, holy Episteme wept. However, when the torturers cut off their hands and feet for Christ, both rejoiced and glorified God. So great was the power of their love for our Lord Jesus Christ, and so great was their spiritual love with which they loved each other. Truly, physical love is like a colorful butterfly that quickly passes, but spiritual love is enduring.

### **Special Announcements:**

On November 4<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm Fr. Mikel will be performing with the Canton Symphony Chorus with selections from Tchaikovsky's *Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom* at Umstadd Performing Arts Hall in Canton. **We will not hold Vespers on the 4<sup>th</sup>.**

Our Council will meet this coming Wednesday (11/8) immediately after Bible Study. If there is anything that you would lack added to their agenda, let Fr. Mikel know.

DKI continues to make progress on the restoration of our temple. Demolition is almost complete and they have begun reinstalling the rough mechanical (electrical, HVAC, etc.). The expected completion date continues to be early February. There are several items related to the rebuilding that will require our input (choice of paint colors, flooring, iconostasis, etc.). Our council will be putting together a number of recommendations in the near future and will seek feedback on these from the larger community, most likely at our annual meeting.

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

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

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

+June

### **Upcoming Events**

Fr. Mikel will be joining the Mount Union Alliance Chorale in their holiday concert on November 19<sup>th</sup> at 3pm at Alliance Friends Church on State St. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

St. Elias in Akron will hold a Thanksgiving Service on November 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Our parish has been invited to join the Summit County Orthodox churches for this event.

We will be holding a "Stewardship Sunday" celebration on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Make sure to fill our 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.

### **Birthdays**

**Nov. 3 - Liz Goodrich**

**Nov. 4-Wally Borojevich**

**Nov. 4-Matt Catania**

**Nov. 4-Cathy Krupko**

**Nov. 6-Dan Ralich**

**Nov. 7 Anna Hill**

**Nov. 10- Helen Blebea**

*Wow, that's a lot!!*