

**St. Nikolai Orthodox Church, Divine Liturgy, 9:30 / Saturday Vespers, 4 pm.
9837 State Street, Louisville, Ohio 44641**

**Right Rev. Bishop Alexander, Bulgarian Diocese, Orthodox Church in America
Very Reverend Father Joseph Cervo, Archpriest (AOCANA-retired)**

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November 8, 2015: 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

**Synaxis of the Archangel Michael and the other Bodiless Powers: Gabriel, Raphael,
Uriel, Selathiel, Jegudiel, and Barachiel.**

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Welcome to Visitors. Thank you for coming and praying with us today. In the Orthodox Church, Holy Communion is reserved only for Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and confession during the Church fasting seasons. We invite you to introduce yourself to Father Joe and Deacon James at the end of the Liturgy and receive a piece of the blessed bread and join us for fellowship and Christian education. We look forward to seeing you again and encourage you to learn more about the Orthodox Faith.



Tone 6 Troparion (Resurrection)

The angelic powers were at Your tomb; the guards became as dead men.
Mary stood by Your grave, seeking Your most pure body.
You took captive hell, // not being tempted by it.
You came to the Virgin, granting life. //
O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You.

Tone 4 Troparion (Angels)

Commanders of the heavenly hosts, we who are unworthy beseech you:
by your prayers encompass us beneath the wings of your immaterial glory,
and faithfully preserve us who fall down and cry to you: //
“Deliver us from all harm, for you are the Commanders of the Powers on high!”

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 6 Kontakion (Resurrection)

When Christ God the Giver of Life,
raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand,
He bestowed resurrection on the human race.//
He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

Tone 2 Kontakion (Angels)

Commanders of God's armies and ministers of the divine glory, princes of the bodiless
Angels and guides of mankind; ask for what is good for us, and for great mercy,//
Supreme Commanders of the Bodiless Hosts.

Tone 6 Prokeimenon

O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance!
v: To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!

Tone 4 Prokeimenon

He makes His Angels spirits, and His ministers a flame of fire.

Epistles: Ephesians 2:4-10 ; Hebrews 2:2-10 (Angels)

Tone 6 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly
God.

v: He will say to the Lord: "My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust.

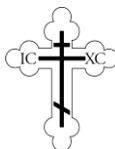
Tone 5

v: Praise Him, all His Angels, praise Him, all His hosts!

Gospels: Luke 8:41-56: Luke 10:16-21 (Angels)

Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest!
He makes His Angels spirits, and His ministers a flame of fire.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



Description of the Feast of Angelic Hosts:

All the Angels, according to the Apostle Paul, are ministering spirits, - sent forth to minister to them who shall be heirs of salvation - (Heb. 1:14). God set them as overseers of every nation and people, and guides to that which is profitable (Deut. 32:8); and while one Angel is appointed to oversee each nation as a whole, one is also appointed to protect each Christian individually. He commands them to guard them that hope on Him, that nothing should harm them, neither should any evil draw near to their dwelling (Ps. 90:10-12). In the Heavens they always behold the face of God, sending up to Him the thrice-holy hymn and interceding with Him in our behalf, seeing they rejoice over one sinner that repents (Esaias 6:2-3; Matt. 18:10; Luke 15:7). In a word, they have served God in so many ways for our benefit, that the pages of Holy Scripture are filled with the histories thereof. It is for these reasons that the Orthodox Catholic Church, wisely honoring these divine ministers, our

protectors and guardians, celebrates today the present Synaxis that is, our coming together in assembly for their common feast to chant their praises, especially for the Archangels Michael and Gabriel, who are mentioned in the Scriptures by name. The name Michael means "Who is like God?" and Gabriel means "God is mighty." The number of Angels is not defined in the divine Scriptures, where Daniel says that thousands of thousands ministered before Him, and ten thousands of ten thousands attended upon Him -(Dan. 7:10). But all of them are divided into nine orders which are called Thrones, Cherubim, Seraphim, Dominions, Powers, Authorities, Principalities, Archangels, and Angels.

Homily by St. Nikolai Velimirovich; From: The Prologue of Ohrid:

The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him and delivers them (Psalm 34:7).

The angel of the Lord will do battle for those who fear God. This has been clearly shown many times, as has been recorded; and it has occurred numberless times that have not been recorded. The Archangel Michael took up arms for Joshua, the Son of Nun. An angel did battle for the righteous King Hezekiah and, in one night, destroyed the army of the Chaldeans. How many times have angels visited the Christian apostles and martyrs of in prison, strengthened them, and caused them to rejoice? The consolation of the righteous one comes from knowing that God is All-seeing, and sees his misfortune; that God is Omnipotent, and has power to save him from misfortune; that God is All-merciful, and will save him from misfortune. God will send His radiant angel to the aid of the righteous. The righteous one will not have to struggle against his tyrant, for the angel of God will do battle in his place. When God's angel takes up arms, what army dares confront him? What empire will wage war against him? In an earlier Psalm, the Prophet David says: No king is saved by the multitude of an army; a mighty man is not delivered by great strength. A horse is a vain hope for safety (Psalm 33:16-17).

Hence, it does not help at all if the unjust, the worldly, are allies. When God's angel takes up arms- all will burst as a bubble of water. Even when he was king, David remembered how, as a mere shepherd boy, he killed Goliath, a giant who was armed to the teeth, with a slingshot. On many occasions, David sensed the assistance of God's angel. That is why he could with confidence console the oppressed but righteous ones with these words of comfort and strength: the angel of the Lord encamps around all who fear the Lord, and who serve Him, and an angel of God will deliver them. O my brethren, let us not doubt these words, but carefully consider, on a daily basis, how the angel of God leaves us in sorrow when we sin, and how he hastens to our assistance with joy and unspeakable power when we repent and implore God's mercy.

O Lord God, our Creator, the King of myriads of angels: forgive us, and save us, and protect us by Thy holy angels.

To Thee be glory and praise forever. Amen.

PRAYERS requested

For The Health and Salvation of:

Doreen Wishnok
Stefanie Waseman
The Knoll Family
Ann Cervo (Fr. Joe's sister-in-law, diagnosed with optical melanoma)
Roland Augspurger
Leslie and Tim Kocevar
Joan Downey
Beth Plocher
Susan Smith Miller (Heidi' Gresh's sister)
Brenda Grey
Barbara Eline
Janice Raber
Wally and Debby Borojevich and family
Jennifer White
J. P. Cervo

Renee Young
Mother Ana

For The Repose of the Souls of the newly departed Servants:

Archpriest +Vasilije Sokolovich
Archpriest +Rastko Trbuhovich
+ Walter Borojevich (Walley's father)
+ Robert White (Friend of Kate White)
+Bruce Abraham

ANNUAL MEETING:

As announced in Church last week, the annual meeting for our Parish will be held on Sunday, November 22, 2015 following the Divine Liturgy. Please see Father Joe or Deacon James if you have any questions or agenda items prior to the meeting.

SATURDAY VESPERS:

Vespers will be held every Saturday at 4 pm until the clocks move forward in the Spring.

ADULT EDUCATION:

Book study/Christian Education will follow the vespers service and take place in the fellowship area at the church.

CHOIR PRACTICE:

Choir practice will take place on the next two Tuesdays of November and the first 3 Tuesdays of December to prepare for our Christmas services. We will have our practices at the church at 7 pm. The choir dates are November 10, 17 and December 1, 8, 15.

COFFEE HOUR AND CHURCH CLEANING:

There will be sign-up sheets posted in the fellowship room for coffee hour and church cleaning. If you have any questions please see Father Joe or Deacon James. We are asking for individuals, families or groups to sign up on a monthly basis to maintain the church. November is covered. If we do not have anyone signed up for coffee hour on any week, we will simply have coffee during fellowship.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE HOSTED COFFEE HOURS!!!!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE DORDEAS AND WASHINGTONS FOR ORGANIZING COFFEE HOUR FOR THE PAST YEAR!!!!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS :

Father Joe – 5th
Dan Ralich – 6th
Helen (Mimi) Blebea – 10th
Dr, John Blebea –12th
Tom Krupko – 21st

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES :

Josh and Kate White -18th

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