

**St. Nikolai Orthodox Mission of Alliance, as part of Orthodox Campus Fellowship  
at the University of Mount Union, Dewald Chapel.**

**Divine Liturgy, 9:00 am.**

**Very Reverend Father Joseph Cervo, Archpriest (AOCANA-retired)**

**Rev. Protodeacon James Gresh, Mission Administrator (Bulgarian Diocese OCA)**

**October 13, 2013: 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council**



**Tone 7 Troparion (Resurrection)**

By Your Cross You destroyed death.  
To the thief You opened Paradise.  
For the Myrrhbearers You changed weeping into joy.  
And You commanded Your disciples, O Christ God,  
to proclaim that You are risen,//  
granting the world great mercy.

**Tone 8 Troparion (Fathers)**

You are most glorious, O Christ our God!  
You have established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth.  
Through them You have guided us to the true Faith.//  
O greatly compassionate One, glory to You!

**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 7 Kontakion (Resurrection)**

The dominion of death can no longer hold mankind captive,  
for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers.  
Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry:  
“The Savior has come to those in faith;//  
enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!”

**Tone 6 Kontakion (Fathers)**

The Son who shone forth from the Father  
was ineffably born, two-fold in nature, of a woman.  
Having beheld Him, we do not deny the image of His form,  
but depict it piously and revere it faithfully.  
Thus, keeping the True Faith,//  
the Church venerates the icon of Christ Incarnate.

### **Tone 7 Prokeimenon**

The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace.  
*v: Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!*

### **Tone 4 Prokeimenon** (*Song of the Fathers*)

Blessed are You, O Lord God of our Fathers and praised and glorified is Your Name forever!

**Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 6:1-10 / Hebrews 13:7-16 (*Fathers*)

### **Tone 7**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*v: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your Name, O Most High.*

*v: To declare Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth by night.*

### **Tone 1** (*Fathers*)

*v: The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.*

**Gospel:** Luke 8:5-15 / John 17:1-13 (*Fathers*)

### **Communion Hymns**

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

### **Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council**

Today the Church remembers the 350 holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council under the holy Patriarch Tarasius (February 25).

The Synod of 787, the second to meet at Nicea, refuted the Iconoclast heresy during the reign of Empress Irene and her son Constantine.

The Council decreed that the veneration of icons was not idolatry (Exodus 20:4-5), because the honor shown to them is not directed to the wood or paint, but passes to the prototype (the person depicted). It also upheld the possibility of depicting Christ, Who became man and took flesh at His Incarnation. The Father, on the other hand, cannot be represented in His eternal nature, because “no man has seen God at any time” (John 1:18).

### **VISIT OF HIS GRACE, BISHOP ALEXANDER**

Mark your calendar now for the first arch-pastoral visit of Bishop Alexander, Saturday, October 19 & Sunday, October 20. On **Saturday afternoon at 3:30 pm.**, before Great Vespers (**4pm**) at Mt. Union Chapel, His Grace, will bless the new church property on State St. (next to Rainbow’s End Nursery, which was our summer chapel location). We will also have the ceremonial ground breaking for our proposed phase one of construction. After Vespers, His Grace will speak in the chapel to the Orthodox college students from Mt. Union and Malone, and any interested Mt. Union students, calling upon his 23 year experience as a professor of Patristics in the theology department at Marquette University. He will talk about the writings and teachings of the early church theologians and how they still apply to life in the 21st Century.

**Sunday morning Hierarchical Divine Liturgy will begin at 8:45 am.**

Everyone is invited to join us and Bishop Alexander, for a meal and fellowship following services Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Cathy Krupko and Jaga Radosevic are coordinating the meals, should you wish to contribute a dish or make a monetary donation.

### **IMPORTANT CHANGE FOR DIVINE LITURGY, OCTOBER 27 (ONLY)**

Because it is Alumni weekend at Mt. Union, there will be a University prayer service in the chapel at 9 am. We will have Divine Liturgy at 11 am (again this time change is only for this Sunday).

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