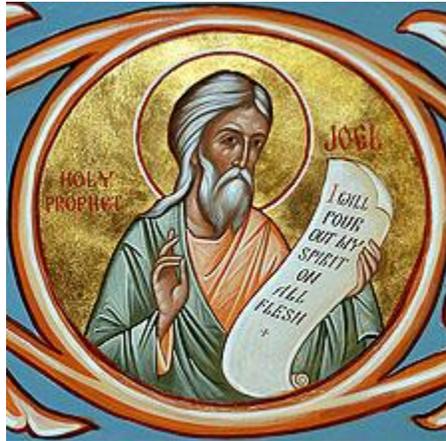


**St. Nikolai Orthodox Mission of Alliance**  
**(Today only) Divine Liturgy: 9:00 am. at the guest house of Tom & Lana Baier**  
**2495 Belfort Ave. Louisville, OH.**

**Very Reverend Father Joseph Cervo, Archpriest (AOCANA-retired)**  
**Rev. Protodeacon James Gresh, Mission Administrator (Bulgarian Diocese OCA)**  
**Mission Phone # 330 768-7633**

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**October 19, 2014; 19th Sunday after Pentecost/Prophet Joel/Martyr Varus**



*Prophet Joel*

**Tone 2 Troparion (Resurrection)**

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal,  
You destroyed hell with the splendor of Your Godhead.  
And when from the depths You raised the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out://  
"O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!"

**Tone 2 Troparion (Prophet Joel)**

We celebrate the memory of Your Prophet Joel, O Lord through him we beseech You://  
"Save our souls!"

**Tone 4 Troparion (Martyr Varus)**

Your holy martyr Varus, O Lord,  
through his suffering has received an incorruptible crown from You, our God.  
For having Your strength, he laid low his adversaries and shattered the powerless boldness of demons.//  
Through his intercessions, 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 2 Kontakion (Resurrection)**

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior,  
seeing the miracle of Your Resurrection from the tomb!  
The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with You,//  
and the world, my Savior, praises You forever.

**Tone 4 Kontakion (Martyr Varus)**

Following Christ, O Martyr Varus, you drank of His chalice;  
you received the crown of martyrdom and now rejoice with the Angels.//  
Pray for our souls unceasingly!

**Tone 2 Prokeimenon**

The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation.

v: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.

**Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9

**Tone 2** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you!

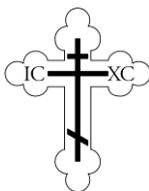
v: Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call!

**Gospel:** Luke 8:5-15

**Communion Hymns**

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



**The Prophet Joel** (800 B.C.) predicted the desolation of Jerusalem. He also prophesied that the Holy Spirit would be poured out upon all people, through the Savior of the world (Joel 2:28-32). The hymnographer Anatolius links Joel's prophecy to the Nativity of the Lord. In the Praises at Matins on the Sunday following the Nativity, he refers to Joel 2:30, saying that the blood refers to the Incarnation, the fire to the Divinity, and the pillars of smoke to the Holy Spirit.

**Martyr Varus** lived in Egypt during the period of several persecutions against Christians (late third to early fourth century). Varus (Ouaros) was a military commander and secretly a Christian. He gave assistance to many of the persecuted and imprisoned Christians, and he visited the prisoners at night. He also brought food to the prisoners, dressed their wounds, and gave them encouragement. Once Varus spent a whole night talking with seven imprisoned monks. These men were Christian teachers who had been beaten and starved. Varus marched with the teachers when they were led to their execution. The judge, seeing Varus' strong faith, had him fiercely beaten. Varus died during the beating. After his death, the monks were beheaded.

**NEW YORK – A Ground Blessing ceremony for the St. Nicholas National Shrine at the World Trade Center is set for Saturday October 18, 2014 at 12:00 p.m.** The ceremony will include a combined prayer service of blessing of the site, a doxology (a service of thanksgiving) and a memorial service for the victims of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

The small Greek Orthodox Church of Saint Nicholas, which was established in 1916, was completely obliterated on Sept. 11, 2001 when the South Tower fell. The new Saint Nicholas National Shrine will be rebuilt only a short distance away at 130 Liberty Street, overlooking the 9/11 Memorial.

His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America will preside at the historic event with the participation of the hierarchs of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. It will be attended by dignitaries and officials of the City of New York, officials of the States of New York and New Jersey, chaplains and interfaith

representatives, family members of victims of 9/11, representatives of Archdiocese institutions and organizations and many faithful Orthodox Christians.

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Archbishop Demetrios will preside at the historic event with the participation of the hierarchs of the Holy Eparchial Synod of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. Expected to attend are officials from the City of New York, officials of the States of New York and New Jersey, chaplains and interfaith representatives, family members of victims of 9/11, representatives of Archdiocesan institutions and organizations, and many faithful Orthodox Christians. The OCA will be represented by His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon and Archpriest John Jillions, OCA Chancellor.

The new church, designed by world renowned architect Santiago Calatrava, will be a modern evolution of the Byzantine style church with a dome and will fit in with the steel and glass structures of the surrounding area. The upper level of the church will include a non-denominational bereavement space, also open to all.

While the Ground Blessing event is open to all faithful, there is limited seating. Entrance will be at the corner of Greenwich and Liberty Streets. Attendees are advised not to bring backpacks or bags. For those unable to attend, the service will be available via satellite and also will be live streamed at [www.stnicholasgroundzero.org](http://www.stnicholasgroundzero.org) and [www.goarch.org](http://www.goarch.org).

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## 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)

Ava Cooper (infant who is undergoing surgery for heart defects)

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 who is in Cleveland Clinic following emergency surgery)

Katie (Granddaughter of Father Stevo Rocknage, St. Sava Church in McKeesport, who is battling a rare genetic disease)

**For The Repose of the Souls of:**

+Emily Waseman (with Parents and family)

+Zora Penovich (with Bob and family)

+Bertha (Friend of Jaga Radosevic)

+Helen Mieloff (Friend of Jaga Radosevic)

+D-Na Cracium (Friend of Corbin and Georgie Washington)

+Mark Bolan

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19:**

Due to Homecoming events at the University of Mount Union on October 19, we are unable to hold Divine Liturgy in the Dewald Chapel on that date. Divine Liturgy will be at the Baier Lake house (2495 Belfort Avenue, Louisville, Ohio 44641) on October 19. We will have a pot luck picnic following Divine Liturgy. We plan to roast a lamb that day! Please join us for Divine Liturgy and fellowship!

**COFFEE HOUR:**

Coffee Hour on Sunday, October 12 was provided by Jaga Radosevic. Thank you!!!

Coffee Hour on Sunday, October 26 will be provided by the Gresh Family.

Please see Cathy or Tom Baier if you would like to sign up for 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.

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:**

Debby Borojevich – 14th

Deacon James Gresh – 16th

Raymond Krajci – 18th

Tom Krupko - 27th

Amy Catania – 30th

**OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES:**

David & Kim Krajci – 22nd

Tom & Cathy Krupko – 23<sup>rd</sup>

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