

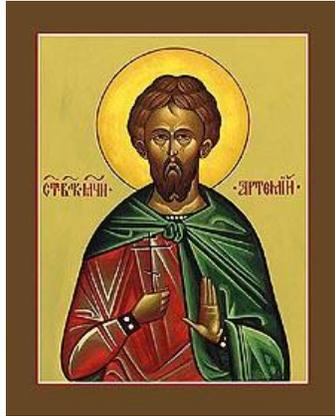
**St. Nikolai Orthodox Mission of Alliance, as part of Orthodox Campus Fellowship
at the University of Mount Union, Dewald Chapel.**

Divine Liturgy, 9:00 AM.

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

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

October 20, 2013: 17th Sunday after Pentecost/Greatmartyr Artemius of Antioch



VISIT OF HIS GRACE, BISHOP ALEXANDER, this Saturday, October 19 & Sunday, October 20. On **Saturday afternoon at 3:30 pm**, 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. Joining us will be our diocesan chancellor, Fr. Don Freude, Fr. Dragan Filipovic and numerous area Orthodox priests and deacons. Great Vespers will then be celebrated at **4 pm** at Mt. Union Chapel. After Vespers, His Grace will speak in the chapel to the Orthodox college students from Mt. Union and Malone Universities, 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 at the home of Dr. Tom & Cathy Krupko and Sunday, after Liturgy, at the lake-side house of Tom & Lana Baier. Cathy Krupko and Jaga Radosevic are coordinating the meals, should you wish to contribute a dish or make a monetary donation.

Tone 8 Troparion (Resurrection)

You descended from on high, O Merciful One!

You accepted the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!//

O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to You!

Tone 4 Troparion (Great Martyr Artemius)

Your holy martyr Artemius, O Lord,

through his sufferings has received incorruptible crowns 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 8 Kontakion (Resurrection)

By rising from the tomb, You raised the dead and resurrected Adam.
Eve exults in Your Resurrection,
and the world celebrates Your rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

Tone 2 Kontakion (Great Martyr Artemius)

Let us gather to sing worthy hymns in honor of Artemius,
the pious and victorious martyr who defeated his enemies.
He is great among martyrs and generous in performing miracles,
and he intercedes with the Lord on behalf of us all.

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1

Tone 8 Prokeimenon (Resurrection)

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God!
v: In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.

Tone 8

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

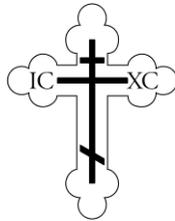
v :Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

v :Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Communion Hymn

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



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).

What makes an Orthodox Bishop so important?

A Bishop has the highest level of responsibility and authority in the church. Bishops have the authority to ordain Deacons, and Priests and when elected by the Holy Synod of Bishops, other Bishops. A Bishop's main duties are to “rightly define” and teach the word of the Lord Jesus Christ. The title Bishop comes directly from the New Testament. An Orthodox Bishop is accorded respect because he has been called by those entrusted with the responsibility to lead the church (other bishops) who have elected and consecrated him to lead a particular diocese.

How To Greet an Orthodox Bishop

When we greet an Orthodox Bishop, there is a customary procedure, so to speak. A Bishop also follows a customary response when we greet him. When we address a Priest or Deacon, we use the word, "Father." When we extend greetings to an Orthodox Bishop, he is addressed, "Your Grace," or in Slavonic, “Vladika” (which means Master). When we greet a Bishop, we should hold our hands like we do on those occasions when the Priest places the blessed bread in our hands at the conclusion of Liturgy – open right hand over the left hand.

When we ask the Bishop's blessing, we use the words, "Bless Master." When the Bishop responds with his blessing we kiss his hand out of reverence that it is through the hand of the Bishop that the grace of the Holy Spirit is imparted (which is also the same reason that we kiss the hand of a Priest).

Holy Great Martyr Artemius of Antioch was a prominent military leader during the reigns of the emperor Constantine the Great (May 21), and his son and successor Constantius (337-361). Artemius received many awards for distinguished service and courage. He was appointed viceroy of Egypt. In this official position he did much for the spreading and strengthening Christianity in Egypt.

St Artemius was sent by the emperor Constantius to bring the relics of the holy Apostle Andrew from Patras, and the relics of the holy Apostle Luke from Thebes of Boeotia, to Constantinople. The holy relics were placed in the Church of the Holy Apostles beneath the table of oblation. The emperor rewarded him by making him ruler of Egypt.

The emperor Constantius was succeeded on the throne by Julian the Apostate (361-363). Julian in his desire to restore paganism was extremely antagonistic towards Christians, sending hundreds to their death. At Antioch he ordered the torture of two bishops unwilling to forsake the Christian Faith.

During this time, St Artemius arrived in Antioch and publicly denounced Julian for his impiety. The enraged Julian subjected the saint to terrible tortures and threw the Great Martyr Artemius into prison. While Artemius was praying, Christ, surrounded by angels, appeared to him and said, "Take courage, Artemius! I am with you and will preserve you from every hurt which is inflicted upon you, and I already have prepared your crown of glory. Since you have confessed Me before the people on earth, so shall I confess you before My Heavenly Father. Therefore, take courage and rejoice, you shall be with Me in My Kingdom." Hearing this, Artemius rejoiced and offered up glory and thanksgiving to Him.

On the following day, Julian demanded that St Artemius honor the pagan gods. Meeting with steadfast refusal, the emperor resorted to further tortures. The saint endured all without a single moan. The saint told Julian that he would be justly recompensed for his persecution of Christians. Julian became furious and resorted to even more savage tortures, but they did not break the will of the saint. Finally the Great Martyr Artemius was beheaded.

His relics were buried by Christians. After the death of St Artemius, his prophecy about Julian the Apostate's impending death came true.

Julian left Antioch for a war with the Persians. Near the Persian city of Ctesiphon, Julian came upon an elderly Persian, who agreed to betray his countrymen and guide Julian's army. The old man deceived Julian and led his army into the Karmanite wilderness, where there was neither food nor water. Tired from hunger and thirst, Julian's army battled against fresh Persian forces.

Divine retribution caught up with Julian the Apostate. During the battle he was mortally wounded by an unseen hand and an unseen weapon. Julian groaned deeply said, "You have conquered, Galilean!" After the death of the apostate emperor, the relics of the Great Martyr Artemius were transferred with honor from Antioch to Constantinople.

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