

St. Nikolai Orthodox Church

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Right Rev. Bishop Alexander, Bishop of Toledo, Orthodox Church in America

Rev. Protodeacon James Gresh, Mission Administrator (OCA)

Today-We celebrate the Liturgy with Fr. Basil Stoyka

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Saturday Vespers - 5:00 PM

Sunday Divine Liturgy - 9:30 AM

Book study/Christian Education following Vespers

Parish Council meetings 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7 PM (open to parishioners)

Sunday October 23

The 18th Sunday after Pentecost/ tone 1 (5th of Luke)

The Holy Apostle James, Brother of the Lord

The entire Parish Family of St. Nikolai welcomes you today! Please take a moment to introduce yourself to our clergy and the people of our parish. We hope that you will stay for Coffee Hour and a short Adult Christian Education after the service. Feel free to ask any questions about our worship or the chapel or anything the Lord puts in your heart to ask. If we don't know the answer to your questions, we'll find someone who does and get back to you. Again, welcome!

We invite all Baptized and Chrismated members of the Orthodox Church to receive Holy Communion. This assumes that all taking Holy Communion have prepared with prayer, confession, and fasting according to the discipline of your home parish. If you are not taking Holy Communion today please accept a piece of blessed bread. Although it is not Holy Communion it is a token of our welcome and love. We long for the day when we can all take Holy Communion together!

Resurrectional Troparion-Tone 1

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure body, You rose on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to You, O Giver of Life: “Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your Kingdom!!! Glory to Your dispensation, O Lover of mankind!”

Troparion of Apostle James-Tone 4

As the Lord's disciple you received the Gospel, O righteous James; as a martyr you have unfailing courage; as God's brother, you have boldness; as a hierarch, you have the power to intercede.// Pray to Christ God that our souls may be saved.

Troparion of St. Nikolai -Tone 4

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. O Hierarch Father Nikolai, entreat Christ our God that our souls may be saved.

Kontakion of the Theotokos-Tone 6

Steadfast Protectress of Christians, Constant Advocate before the Creator; despise not the entreating cries of us sinners, but in your goodness come speedily to help us who call on you in faith. Hasten to intercede for us, O Theotokos, for you always protect those who honor you!

Prokeimenon Tone 1

*Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on You!
v: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just!
Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth,
and their words to the ends of the universe!*

Epistle Reading - 2 Corinthians (9:6-11)

But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written: "He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever." Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.

Tone 1

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

V: God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me.

V: He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever.

V: The heavens will praise Your wonders, O Lord; and Your truth in the congregation of the saints.

Gospel Reading-Luke 16:19-31

There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. 'And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.' Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, 'for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'

Communion Hymn

*Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest.
Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth,
and their words to the ends of the universe!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

("It is truly meet ...," Resurrectional Theotokion:)

Tone 8

It is truly meet to bless you, O Theotokos, ever blessed and most pure, and the Mother of our God. More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim, without defilement you gave birth to God, the Word: true Theotokos we magnify you.



The Holy Apostle James-Brother of the Lord

October 23

He is called 'the Lord's brother' because he was the son of righteous Joseph, the betrothed of the most holy Mother of God. When Joseph was dying, he shared out his goods among his sons and wanted to leave a share to the Lord Jesus, the Son of the most holy Virgin Mary, but his sons opposed this, not reckoning Jesus to be a brother of theirs. James, though, loved Jesus greatly and announced that he would include Him in his share, counting himself to be indeed brother to the Lord. James was, from the first, devoted to the Lord Jesus. According to tradition, he went to Egypt with the most holy Virgin and Joseph when Herod tried to kill the new-born King. As soon as he heard Christ's teaching, he began to live by it. It is said that, during the whole of his life, he ate neither fat nor oil, but lived only on bread and water, and he was chaste to the end of his days. He often kept a vigil of prayer at night. The Lord included him among his Seventy apostles, appearing to him after His glorious Resurrection, as the Apostle Paul testifies (I Cor. 15:7). He was bishop in Jerusalem for thirty years, and governed the Church of God with zeal. On the Lord's instructions, he composed the first Liturgy, which was far too long for later Christians and was shortened by St Basil and St John Chrysostom. He brought many Jews and Greeks to the Christian faith, and even unbelieving Jews marveled at his justice, nicknaming him James the Just. When Ananias became High Priest, he decided, along with other of the Jewish elders, to kill James as a preacher of Christ. One day, at Easter, when many people were gathered in Jerusalem, the elders told him to climb up onto a roof and speak against Christ. St James climbed up there, and began to speak to the people about Christ as the Son of God and the true Messiah, and of His Resurrection and eternal glory in heaven. The infuriated priests and elders cast him down from the roof, and he was badly injured though still alive. A man then ran up and gave him such a vicious blow on the head that his brains spilled out. Thus this glorious apostle of Christ died a martyr's death and entered into the Kingdom of his Lord. James was sixty-three years old when he suffered for Christ.

PRAYERS requested:

For The Health and Salvation of:

Gloria
Andrea Bartol
Olympia, the Tillman Family
Helen, Carl, Lisa, Kitty
Cervo Family, Gregory, & Ann
Harper
Arika, Renee, Ashley, and Chloe.
Emil DeSantis
Valentina
Josh
Minnick Family
Kathy Jo, Michael, and Family.
Pres. Zoe, Maria, Angelique
Kelli
Walentic Family, Emil
Liz, Carla Michalik
Max and the Turcola family
Corbin and Georgie
Dan K.
Kim, Dale, Helen, Larissa, and Niki

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

+ Todd David Maragas
+ Nicholas Tomich
+ Subdeacon Alexander McNeer
+ Grisha
+ Robert Penovich
+Maude
+Jenny
+Beth
+Daisy V.
+Paul
+Richard
+David
+Mark
+Wallace
+Berta



Clergy Schedule

Oct 1&2 – at St. Elia the Prophet
Oct 9 –Fr. Dcn James Gresh
Oct 16 –Fr. Silviu Bunta
Oct 23 –Fr. Basil Stoyka
Oct 30 –Dcn. James Gresh--Annual
Parish Meeting and Elections

Nov 6- Bishop Alexander
November 13 – Fr. Silviu Bunta
November 20 – Fr. Esteban
November 27 – Fr. Basil Stoyka

December 4 – Fr. Basil Stoyka
December 11 –TBD
December 18 –TBD
December 25 – Fr. Basil (possibility)

Coffee Hour

Oct. 9 – Gresh's
Oct. 16 – Blebea's
Oct. 23 – Krupko's
Oct. 30—Covered Dish (ALL) Annual
Parish Meeting-Elections

October Birthdays

Oct. 12 – Monica Novak
Oct. 14– Debby Borojevich
Oct. 16 – Dcn. James Gresh
Oct. 27 – Dr. Tom Krupko
Oct. 30 – Amy Catania

October Anniversaries

Oct. 2 – John and Lynette Baier
Oct. 23 – Dr. Tom and Cathy Krupko
Oct. 30—Larry and Deanna Dordea