

# Saint Nikolai Orthodox Church

Temporarily at 8277 N Nickel Plate St., Louisville, Ohio 44641

*Sunday October 29<sup>th</sup>*

*21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Holy Pentecost (Tone 4)*

**His Eminence, Archbishop ALEXANDER  
Archbishop of Toledo and the Bulgarian Diocese**

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**Upcoming Services:**

Sat. Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> - Union UMC - Vespers, 5pm

Sun. Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> - St. Mary's - Liturgy, 11am

Wed., Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> - Hill's - Bible Study, 6pm

Fri., Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> - John's Grille - 6pm

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## Welcome!

The entire parish family of St. Nikolai Orthodox Church welcomes you today! Please take a moment to introduce yourself to the clergy and the people of our parish. We hope that you can stay for coffee hour after the service.

Please note that we invite all Baptized members of the Orthodox Church to receive Holy Communion, provided that they have refrained from food and drink since midnight, and prepared themselves through prayer and recent confession.

If you are joining us today but have not been baptized in the Orthodox Church we welcome you but kindly ask you to refrain from approaching for Holy Communion. Please feel free to approach to kiss the cross at the end of the service and to take a piece of blessed bread as a token of our love. We pray that soon all people would find their true home in the Orthodox Church so that we might, together, share in Holy Communion of Christ's undivided Body.

### **Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 4**

When the women disciples of the Lord/ learned from the angel the joyous message of thy Resurrection,/ they cast away the ancestral curse/ and elatedly told the apostles:/ "Death is overthrown!/  
Christ God is risen,// granting the world great mercy!"

### **Troparion for the Martyr Anastasia - Tone 4**

Thy lamb Anastasia calls out to Thee, O Jesus, in a loud voice:/ "I love Thee, my Bridegroom, and in seeking Thee I endure suffering./ In baptism I was crucified so that I might reign in Thee,/ and I died so that I might live with Thee./ Accept me as a pure sacrifice, / for I have offered myself in love!"/  
Through her prayers save our souls, since Thou art merciful!

### **Troparion for Saint Abramius - Tone 8**

The image of God was truly preserved in thee, O Father,/ for thou didst take up the Cross and follow Christ./ By so doing thou didst teach us to disregard the flesh for it passes away/ but to care instead for the soul, since it is immortal.// Therefore thy spirit, venerable Abramius, rejoices with the Angels.

### **Kontakion of the Resurrection - Tone 4**

My Savior and Redeemer/ as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains./ He has shattered the gates of hell,/ and as Master,// He has risen on the third day!

### **Kontakion for the Martyr Anastasia - Tone 3**

Purified by the waters of virginity,/ righteous Anastasia, thou wast crowned by the blood of martyrdom./ Thou dost grant healing and salvation to those in need,/ and who call on thee from their hearts,// for Christ gives thee strength, pouring out on thee ever-flowing grace.

Glory . . .

### **Kontakion for Saint Abramius - Tone 3**

Thou didst live in the flesh on earth as an angel,/ and through thy ascetic life thou didst become like a tree nourished by the waters of abstinence and didst flourish./ Thou hast washed away stains with the streams of thy tears/ and so thou hast been revealed, Abramius,// to be a God-like vessel of the Spirit.

Now . . . *Steadfast Protectress*

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**Reader: The Prokeimenon in the 4<sup>th</sup> Tone: O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; in wisdom hast Thou made them all.**

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**Reader: Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, Thou art very great!**

*Congregation: O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; in wisdom hast Thou made them all.*

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*Congregation: In wisdom hast Thou made them all!*

**Reader: The Reading is from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Galatians (2:16-20)**

Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

**Reader: The Alleluia in the Fourth Tone**

*Congregation: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*

**Reader: Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth!**

*Congregation: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*

**Reader: For Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest iniquity.**

**The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke (8:26-39)**

Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!" For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the

wilderness. Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," because many demons had entered him. And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss. Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them. Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned. When those who fed them saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. They also who had seen it told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was healed. Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. And He got into the boat and returned. Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Him that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you." And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

### **The Sunday Communion Hymn**

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*)  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

### **The Holy Martyr Anastasia**

She was born in Rome of well-born parents and left an orphan at the age of three. As an orphan, she was taken into a women's monastery near Rome, where the abbess was one Sophia, a nun of a high level of perfection. After seventeen years, Anastasia was known in the whole neighbourhood, to the Christians as a great ascetic and to the pagans as a rare beauty. The pagan administrator of the city, Probus, heard of her and sent soldiers to bring her to him. The good Abbess Sophia counselled Anastasia for two hours on how to keep the Faith, how to resist flattering delusion and how to endure torture. Anastasia said to her: 'My heart is ready to suffer for Christ; my soul is ready to die for my beloved Jesus.' Brought before the governor, Anastasia openly proclaimed her faith in Christ the Lord and, when the governor tried to dissuade her from the Faith, first with promises and then with threats, the holy maiden said to him: 'I am ready to die for my Lord, not once but - oh, if it were only possible! - a thousand times.' When they stripped her naked, to humiliate her, she cried to the judge: 'Whip me and cut at me and beat me; my naked body will be hidden by wounds, and my shame will be covered by my blood!' She was whipped and beaten and cut about. She twice felt a great thirst and asked for water, and a Christian, Cyril, gave her a drink, for which he was blessed by the martyr and beheaded by the pagans. Then her breasts and tongue were cut off, and an angel of God appeared to her and upheld her. She was finally beheaded with the sword outside the city. Blessed Sophia found her body and buried it, and Anastasia was crowned with the wreath of martyrdom under the Emperor Decius (249-251).

### **Our Holy Father Abraham the Recluse and his niece Maria.**

Under pressure from his parents, Abraham married, but on the very day of his wedding, he left his bride, his parents, his home and all that he had and went off into solitude to live in strict asceticism. He lived thus for fifty years, only leaving his cell twice in the whole of that time. Once it was at the command of the local bishop, to convert a pagan village to the Christian faith, and the other was to save his dissolute niece Maria. He entered peacefully into rest in 360, at the age of seventy.



## 10 Minutes Prayer Model

“Through the prayers of our holy fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.”

“Glory to Thee, O God, Glory to Thee!”

“O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, Who are everywhere present and filling all things, treasury of blessings and giver of life, come and abide in us and cleanse us from every impurity and save our souls, O Good One.”

“Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal have mercy on us” (3x)

“Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen”

O Most Holy Trinity have mercy on us, O Lord cleanse us from our sins, O Master pardon our transgressions, O Holy One visit and heal our infirmities for your Name’s sake.”

Lord have mercy (3x)

“Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen”

Our Father, Who are in heaven, hallowed by your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our sins and we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one.

“Through the prayers of our holy fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.”

- 1) Slowly say Psalm 50 (Have mercy on me, O God . . .)
- 2) Make three prostrations
- 3) Set a timer for 5 minutes and slowly pray:  
“Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me”
- 4) Once 5 minutes have elapsed pray:  
“Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on your servants: (names)”

Repeat Daily-If you miss a day—No sweat, Try again!

## **Special Announcements:**

Our next monthly community dinner will be: November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6pm at John’s Grille  
2749 N. Cleveland Ave. Canton, OH  
Please RSVP with Steve Bozeka by Sunday  
(330) 327-2626

On November 4<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm Fr. Mikel will be performing with the Canton Symphony Chorus with selections from Tchaikovsky’s *Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom* at Umstattd Performing Arts Hall in Canton. We will not hold Vespers on the 4<sup>th</sup>.

## **Today we are especially praying for *the Health and Salvation of:***

Richard R.	Larissa
Fr. Joseph	Steve and Sandy
Arika, Renee, Ashley, and Chloe.	Anthony
Valentina	Joan
Josh W.	Slavco
The Minnick Family	Anthony
The Gresh family	Thomas
Kathy Jo, Michael	Mat. Rebecca
Kelli	Rebecca
Liz and Carla	Thomas
Kim, Dale, Helen,	Marsha
Larissa, and Niki	Jackie
	Dorothy

## ***For The Departed Soul of:***

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