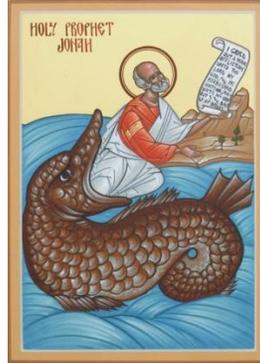


**St. Nikolai Orthodox Mission of Alliance,
as part of
Orthodox Campus Fellowship at the University of Mount Union, Dewald Chapel.
Divine Liturgy, 9:00 am.
Very Reverend Father Joseph Cervo, Archpriest (AOCANA-retired)
Rev. Protodeacon James Gresh, Mission Administrator (Bulgarian Diocese OCA)
September 22, 2013: 13th Sunday after Pentecost/ Prophet Jonah/Martyr St. Phocas,**



Tone 4 Troparion (Resurrection)

When the women Disciples of the Lord
learned from the Angel the joyous message of the Resurrection,
they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the Apostles:
“Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen,// granting the world great mercy!”

Tone 3 Troparion (Holy Apostle Quadratus)

Holy Apostle Quadratus, entreat the merciful God,//
to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions!

Tone 4 Troparion (Hieromartyr Phocas)

By sharing in the ways of the Apostles, you became a successor to their throne.
Through the practice of virtue, you found the way to divine contemplation, O inspired one of God;
By teaching the word of truth without error, you defended the Faith, even to the shedding of your blood.//
Hieromartyr Phocas, entreat Christ God to 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 4 Kontakion (Resurrection)

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!

Tone 8 Kontakion (Holy Apostle Quadratus)

The universe offers You, O Lord, the Apostle Quadratus
as a most honored hierarch and athlete of great strength;
with hymns it honors his all-venerable memory,
And asks that through him You grant forgiveness of transgressions to
those who sing his praise.

Tone 2 Kontakion (Hieromartyr Phocas)

The Master established you as a brilliant sun shining on all the faithful, glorious hieromartyr Phocas.
He has accepted your life, faith and contest as myrrh, for He is rich in mercy.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 16:13-24

Tone 4 Prokeimenon

O Lord, how manifold are Your works; in wisdom have You made them all.

v: Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, You are very great!

Tone 4 : Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v. Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth!

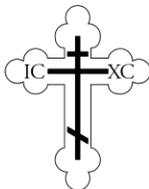
v. For You love righteousness, and hate iniquity.

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Communion Hymn

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



The Holy Prophet Jonah lived in the eighth century before the birth of Christ and was a successor of the Prophet Elisha. The Book of the Prophet Jonah contains prophecies about the judgments on the Israelite nation, the sufferings of the Savior, the downfall of Jerusalem, and the end of the world. Besides the prophecies, the Book of Jonah relates how he was sent to the Ninevites to preach repentance (Jon. 3: 3-10).

Our Lord Jesus Christ, addressing the Scribes and the Pharisees who demanded a sign from Him, said that no sign would be given except for the sign of the Prophet Jonah, “As Jonah was in the belly of the whale three days and three nights, so also shall the Son of Man be in the heart of the earth three days and three nights (Mt. 12: 40). From these words the Lord shows clearly the symbolic meaning of the Book of the Prophet Jonah in relation to Christ’s death on the Cross, descent into Hell, and the Resurrection.

Reproaching the lack of penitence and recalcitrance of the Jews, the Lord said, “The Ninevites shall rise in the judgment with this generation and will condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and one greater than Jonah is here” (Mt. 12: 41).

Hieromartyr Phocas was born in the city of Sinope. From youth he led a virtuous Christian life, and in his adult years he became Bishop of Sinope. St Phocas converted many pagans to faith in Christ. At the time of a persecution against Christians under the emperor Trajan (98-117), the governor demanded that the saint renounce Christ. After fierce torture they enclosed St Phocas in a hot bath, where he died a martyr’s death in the year 117.

In the year 404, the relics of the saint were transferred to Constantinople (July 22).

The Hieromartyr Phocas is especially venerated as a defender against fires, and also as a helper of the drowning.

SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendar now for the first arch-pastoral visit of His Grace, Bishop Alexander, Saturday, October 19 & Sunday, October 20. On Saturday afternoon at 4 pm., before Great Vespers (5pm) 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.

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.

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