

St. Nikolai Orthodox Church

9837 State Street, Louisville, Ohio 44641

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

Rev. Protodeacon James Gresh, Mission Administrator (OCA)

Today-Please welcome Fr. Silviu Bunta

Feel free to check out our website and Facebook page!

Website: <http://www.stnikolaiorthodoxmission.com>

Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/SaintNikolaiOrthodoxMissionofAlliance>

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 September 25

The 14th Sunday after Pentecost/ tone 5

The Venerable Euphrosyne of Alexandria

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 5

Let us, the faithful praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted upon the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection!

Troparion of St. Ephrosyne-Tone 8

Through thee, the divine likeness was securely preserved, O mother Euphrosyne; for thou didst carry the cross and follow Christ. By example and precept thou didst teach us to ignore the body, because it is perishable, and to attend to the concerns of the undying soul. Therefore, doth thy soul rejoice with the angels.

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 5

*Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.
v: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly! (Ps 11/12:1)*

Epistle Reading - Corinthians. (1:21-2:4)

Brethren, it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has commissioned us; He has put his seal upon us and given us His Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. But I call God to witness against me—it was to spare you that I refrained from coming to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith; we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith. For I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit. For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? And I wrote as I did, so that when I came I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice, for I felt sure of all of you, that my joy would be the joy of you all. For I wrote you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

Tone 5

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

V: I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation.

V: For Thou hast said: "Mercy will be established forever; My truth will be prepared in the heavens."

Gospel Reading-Luke 5:1-11

At that time, Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. And He saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, Jesus asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when Jesus had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at Thy word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the catch of fish, which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed Him.

Communion Hymn

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

The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.

He shall not fear evil tidings.

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.



St. Ephrosyne of Alexandria

September 25

The daughter of a rich and eminent man, Paphnutius, from Alexandria, she was besought of God by her childless parents, who brought their daughter up in the Christian faith. Not wishing to marry, the young Euphrosyne, in order to hide from her father, dressed herself in men's clothing and presented herself to the abbot of a monastery as a eunuch of the Emperor Theodosius with the name of Smaragdus. The abbot received her and placed her under the guidance of the monk Agapetus as spiritual father. By her fasting and prayers, Smaragdus quickly outstripped the other monks in the monastery. When she had spent thirty-eight years in strict asceticism, Paphnutius visited the monastery and the abbot placed him in Smaragdus's care for prayer and counsel. Smaragdus recognized Paphnutius, but Paphnutius did not recognize her. When her father confessed his grief for his lost daughter, Smaragdus told him not to lose hope, for he would see his daughter again once more in this life, and asked him to come again in three days' time. When Paphnutius returned, Smaragdus was on her deathbed. Then the dying monk said to Paphnutius: 'I am Euphrosyne your daughter; you are my father.' Her father could not for a long time collect himself, for sheer astonishment. Then Euphrosyne breathed her last and her father wept over her. After burying his daughter, Paphnutius remained in the monastery and settled in the cell of his departed, holy daughter. After ten years of asceticism, holy Paphnutius entered into rest in the Lord.

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
Walentik Family, Emil
Liz, Carla Michalik
Max and the Turcola family
Corbin and Georgie
Dan K.

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.



Clergy Schedule

Oct 1&2 – Vespers/Liturgy at
St. Elia the Prophet
64 W. Wilbeth Rd, Akron, OH 44301

Oct 9 –TBD
Oct 16 –Fr. Basil Soroka
Oct 23 –Fr. Basil Soroka
Oct 30 –TBD

Nov 6- Bishop Alexander

Coffee Hour

Sept. 11 – Dan R.
Sept. 18 – Bozeka's
Sept. 25 – Gresh's

September Birthdays

Sept.1 – Susan Varga
Sept. 6 – Steve Bozeka
Sept. 19 – Heidi Gresh
Sept. 30 – Josh Gresh

September Anniversaries

Sept. 30 – Dcn. James and Heidi Gresh