

**St. Nikolai Orthodox Mission of Alliance**  
**820 South Linden Avenue, Alliance, Ohio**  
**(at St. Theodore Romanian Byzantine Catholic Church)**  
**Divine Liturgy, 9:30**

**Right Rev. Bishop Alexander, Bulgarian Diocese, Orthodox Church in America**  
**Very Reverend Father Joseph Cervo, Archpriest (AOCANA-retired)**

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

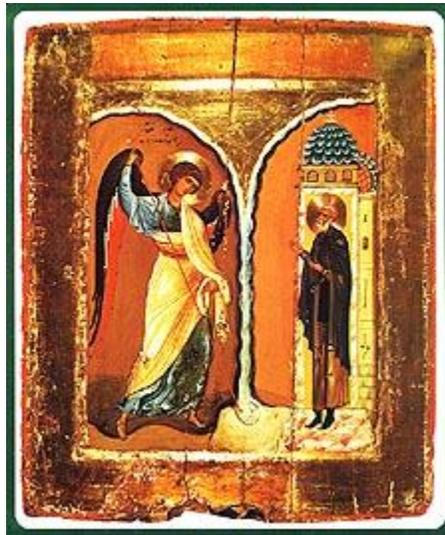
**September 6, 2015: 14th Sunday after Pentecost/ Commemoration of the Miracle of the Archangel Michael at Colossae**

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*Welcome to Visitors. Thank you for coming and praying with us today. In the Orthodox Church, Holy Communion is reserved only for Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and confession during the Church fasting seasons. We invite you to introduce yourself to Father Joe and Deacon James at the end of the Liturgy and receive a piece of the blessed bread and join us for fellowship and Christian education at the Jonathan Casteel hall, directly through the alley way behind the church. We look forward to seeing you again and encourage you to learn more about the Orthodox Faith.*



**Tone 5      Troparion      (Resurrection)**

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 up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead // by His glorious Resurrection.

**Tone 4      Troparion      (Archangel Michael)**

Michael, commander of the heavenly hosts, we who are unworthy beseech you: by your prayers encompass us beneath the wings of your immaterial glory, and faithfully preserve us who fall down and out to you: //  
“Deliver us from all harm, for you are the commanders of the Powers on high!”

**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 5            Kontakion            (Resurrection)**

You descended into hell, O my Savior, shattering its gates as Almighty, resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death. You have delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Man, // and we cry to You: “O Lord, save us!”

**Tone 2            Kontakion            (Archangel Michael)**

Michael, commander of God’s armies and minister of the divine glory, prince of the bodiless Angels and guide of mankind; ask for what is good for us, and for great mercy, // as supreme commander of the Bodiless Hosts.

**Tone 5            Prokeimenon**

You, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.  
v: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly!

**Epistle:**            2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4

**Tone 5            Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

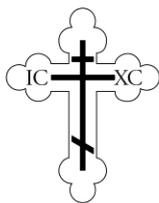
v: I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your truth from generation to generation.

v: For You have said: “Mercy will be established forever; My truth will be prepared in the heavens.”

**Gospel:**            Matthew 22:1-14

**Communion Hymn**

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



The Miracle of the Holy Chief Commander Archangel Michael at Colossae. In Phrygia (Western Turkey, today), not far from the city of Hieropolis, in a place called Cheretopos, there was a church named for the Archangel Michael, built over a miraculous spring. This church was built by a certain inhabitant of the city of Laodicia in gratitude to God for healing his mute daughter. The holy Chief Commander Michael appeared to this man in a dream and revealed to him that his daughter would receive the gift of speech after drinking from the water of the spring. The girl actually did receive healing and began to speak. After this miracle, the father and his daughter and all their family were baptized. In fervent gratitude, the father built the church in honor of the holy Chief Commander Michael. Not only did Christians begin to come to the spring for healing, but also pagans. In so doing, many of the pagans turned from their idols and were converted to the faith in Christ. At this church of the holy Chief Commander Michael, a certain pious man by the name of Archippus served for sixty years as church custodian. By his preaching and by the example of his saintly life he brought many pagans to faith in Christ. With the general malice of that time towards Christians, and especially against Archippus, the pagans thought to destroy

the church in order to prevent people from coming to that holy place of healing, and at the same time kill Archippus.

Toward this end they made a confluence of the Lykokaperos and Kufos Rivers and directed its combined flow against the church. St Archippus prayed fervently to the Chief Commander Michael to ward off the danger. Through his prayer the Archangel Michael appeared at the temple, and with a blow of his staff, opened a wide fissure in a rock and commanded the rushing torrents of water to flow into it. The temple remained unharmed. Seeing such an awesome miracle, the pagans fled in terror. Archippus and the Christians gathered in church glorified God and gave thanks to the holy Archangel Michael for the help. The place where the rivers plunged into the fissure received the name "Chonae", which means "plunging."

**Save the Date: The blessing of our chapel is scheduled for the weekend of October 17 & 18, details will be forthcoming very soon.**

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### **PRAYERS requested**

#### **For The Health and Salvation of:**

Mother Ana  
Doreen Wishnok (friend of the Krupko's who is battling breast cancer)  
Stefanie Waseman  
The Knoll Family  
Archpriest Rastko Trbuhovich (Fr. Dragan's Kum)  
Ann Cervo (Fr. Joe's sister-in-law, diagnosed with optical melanoma)  
Roland Augspurger  
Leslie and Tim Kocevar  
Joan Downey  
Beth Plocher  
Susan, Heidi' Gresh's sister

#### **For The Repose of the Souls of:**

Donald Barnhart (Grandfather of Laura Cotterman)  
Father +Louis Mahshie, of St. George Antiochian Church, Akron

### **ADULT EDUCATION:**

Our weekly study group at the Gresh house is beginning again. The meetings will be at 6:00 pm on Saturdays, beginning this Saturday.

### **COFFEE HOUR:**

Sept 6	Deb and Wally Borojevich
Sept 13	Krupkos and Catanias
Sept 20	Washingtons
Sept 27	Cervos

Please see Deanna and Larry Dordea if you are interested in hosting a Coffee Hour. There are plenty of dates available. Thank you to Deanna, Larry and Georgie for chairing our Coffee Hours.

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE HOSTED COFFEE HOUR!!!!**

### **BUILDING PROJECT:**

September 3, UPDATE! By the grace of God construction of our chapel continues to advance rapidly. The concrete sidewalk has been poured and the septic system installed. The wood framing around the windows has been installed. The chapel painting is underway and is expected to be completed by the middle of next week. Finishing of the floor will take place after the completion of the chapel painting. The cupola restoration is complete and is

expected to be delivered after Labor Day, for installation on the roof next week (there will be a blessing of the cupola before being set in place; an email will be sent to everyone advising the day and time of this event).

We are collecting appropriate items, memorabilia and a list of parishioners for the "time capsule" that will be implanted under the altar at the same time the cupola is blessed. Work on the Icons is progressing and we are receiving donations with specific Icon subject requests on a first come basis. For those wishing to donate an Icon, please see Fr. Joe for further information.

For updated construction pictures please visit our parish website or Facebook page. We are also still in need of additional funding for the general building fund. If you are able to make an initial or additional contribution, please see Father Joe or Deacon James. Please note, any special donations will be added directly to our building fund unless otherwise specified by the donor. God bless all who have generously donated to and support our mission.

**May the Lord bless all our endeavors to glorify His Holy Name and bring others to the fullness of the truth.**

**Heightened prayers are requested for Mother Anna**, abbess of Monastery Marcha, Richfield Ohio. She has been diagnosed with inoperable bladder cancer. May God comfort and strengthen her in the days and months ahead.

**CHOIR PRACTICES:**

We will be taking a break for the Summer. Practices will resume in the Fall.

**MEMORIAL FUND FOR GEORGE RALICH:**

Several people have inquired about donations to the Mission in memory of Dan's father, +George Ralich. We will set aside any donations in +George's memory to purchase an item for the church. Thank you!

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:**

Susan Varga – 1st  
Deanna Dordea – 3rd  
Heidi Gresh – 19th  
Josh Gresh – 30th

**SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:**

Matt and Amy Catania – 5th  
Deacon James and Heidi Gresh -29th

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