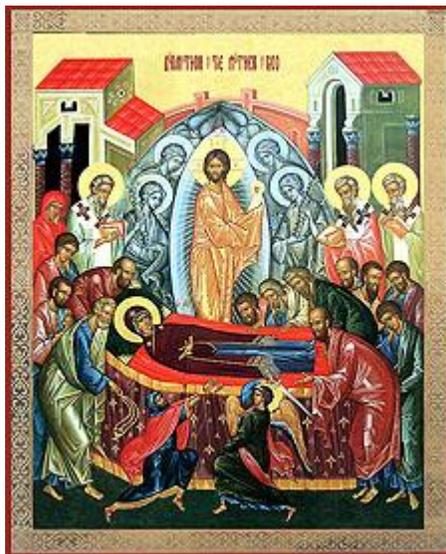


**St. Nikolai Orthodox Mission of Alliance**  
**University of Mt. Union Library Building - Room KHIC 003**  
**Divine Liturgy: 9:00 am.**  
**Very Reverend Father Joseph Cervo, Archpriest (AOCANA-retired)**  
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**August 10, 2014: 9th Sunday after Pentecost/Afterfeast of the Transfiguration**  
**Holy Martyr and Archdeacon Lawrence of Rome**



Tone 8            Troparion            (Resurrection)  
 You descended from on high, O Merciful One!  
 You accepted the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!//  
 O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to You!

Tone 7            Troparion            (Holy Transfiguration)  
 You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God,  
 revealing Your glory to Your Disciples as far as they could bear it.  
 Let Your everlasting Light also shine upon us sinners,  
 through the prayers of the Theotokos!//  
 O Giver of Light, glory to You!

Tone 4            Troparion            (Martyr and Archdeacon Lawrence)  
 Victorious martyr of Christ our God, by the sign of the Cross you gave sight to the blind;  
 you distributed the riches of the Church to the poor;  
 you were tried by fire, and no evil was found in you. As you endured burning,  
 may your prayers extinguish the flames of our many sins, //  
 blessed Archdeacon Lawrence!

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 8            Kontakion            (Resurrection)  
 By rising from the tomb, You raised the dead and resurrected Adam.  
 Eve exults in Your Resurrection, and the world celebrates Your rising from the dead,            O greatly Merciful  
 One!

Tone 2           Kontakion   (Martyr and Archdeacon Lawrence)  
Your heart burned with divine fire, as the flames of the passions died within you.  
God-bearing martyr Lawrence, the pillar of those who struggle,  
you cried out in the midst of your contest://  
"Nothing can separate me from the love of Christ!"

Tone 7           Kontakion   (Holy Transfiguration)  
On the mountain You were transfigured, O Christ God,  
and Your Disciples beheld Your glory as far as they could see it;  
so that when they would behold You crucified,  
they would understand that Your suffering was voluntary,  
and would proclaim to the world// that You are truly the Radiance of the Father.

Tone 8           Prokeimenon (Resurrection)  
Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God!  
v: In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.

Tone 4 Prokeimenon  
O Lord, how manifold are Your works; in wisdom have You made them all!

Epistle:1 Corinthians 3:9-17

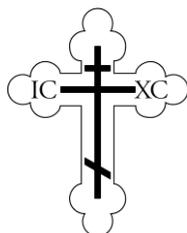
Tone 8  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
v: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

v: Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!  
Tone 8  
v: The heavens are Yours; the earth also is Yours.

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-34

*(Instead of "It is truly meet ...," we sing:)*  
Magnify, O my soul, the Lord Who was transfigured on Mount Tabor!  
Your childbearing was without corruption;  
God came forth from your body clothed in flesh,  
and appeared on earth and dwelt among men.  
Therefore we all magnify you, O Theotokos.

Communion Hymns  
Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest!  
O Lord, we will walk in the light of Your countenance, and will exult in  
Your name forever.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



The **Dormition** (Falling Asleep) of the Theotokos is one of the Great Feasts of the Orthodox Church, celebrated on August 15. This feast, which is also sometimes called the Assumption, commemorates the death, resurrection and glorification of Christ's mother. It proclaims that Mary has been "assumed" by God into the heavenly kingdom of Christ in the fullness of her spiritual and bodily existence. According to Orthodox Tradition, Mary died like all humanity, "falling asleep," so to speak, as the name of the feast indicates. She died as all people die, not "voluntarily" as her Son, but by the necessity of her mortal human nature which is indivisibly bound up with the corruption of this world. The feast was added to the Roman calendar in the seventh century as the *Dormitio*. In the eighth century, the title was changed to the *Assumptio* (Assumption).

The Apostles were miraculously summoned to this event, and all were present except Thomas when Mary passed from this life. She was then buried.

Thomas arrived a few days later, and desiring to see her one more time, convinced the others to open her tomb. Upon doing so, the Apostles discovered that her body was no longer present. This event is seen as a first fruit of the resurrection of the faithful that will occur at the Second Coming of Christ. The event is normally called the *Dormition*, though there are many Orthodox parishes in English-speaking countries with the name *Assumption*. In Greek, *Dormition* is *Koimisis*—falling asleep in death—from which the word *cemetery* derives.

As with the nativity of the Virgin and the feast of her entrance to the temple, there are no biblical or historical sources for this feast. The Orthodox Church teaches that Mary truly needed to be saved by Christ as all human persons are saved from the trials, sufferings and death of this world. She truly died and was raised up by her Son as the Mother of Life and participates already in the eternal life of paradise. This life of paradise is prepared and promised to all who "hear the word of God and keep it" (Luke 11:27-28).

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### **PRAYERS are requested for:**

Candi (friend of John and Lynette Baier)

Wendy (friend of Lana Baier)

Jim (Cousin of Fr. David)

George Borojevich (brother of Wally and Debby)

Ava Cooper (infant who is undergoing surgery for heart defects)

Mother Ana

+Archimadrite Theodor (Micka)

+Nell Janik (with George and family)

+Zora Penovich (with Bob and family)

+Bertha (Friend of Jaga Radosevic)

+ Proto Milan Zubenitsa (newly departed Kum of Father Dragan)

Nanci Stradley (Pancreatic Cancer)

Emily Waseman (Brain Tumor)

Dawn Shaheen

Sharon Budd (Teacher from Perry, injured when rock thrown from overpass)

Father Joe Cervo

### **COFFEE HOUR:**

Coffee Hour Sunday, August 3 was provided by the Krupko/Catania Families. Thank you!!

Coffee Hour on Sunday, August 10 will be provided by Dan Ralich.

Coffee Hour Hosts on Sunday, August 17 will be Father Joe and Linda Cervo.

We need hosts to finish the month of August. Please see Cathy or Tom Baier if you would like to help.

Coffee Hour for the summer needs to be very simple (i.e. coffee, donuts, juice) due to facility constrictions.

Any leftovers will need to go home with the host.

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:**

Jacob Baier 8/22

Greg Cervo 8/23

**AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES:**

None

**GOLF OUTING:**

**Our Inaugural Golf Outing was a success! A huge thank you to Pleasantview Golf Course for an outstanding event and all of their help!**

**Thank you to the following businesses who sponsored and donated to this event:**

Sarchionne Ford

Thomas A. Krupko, MD/Alliance Orthopaedics

Gallery Studio

Manhattan Cleaners

Four Guys and Their Stuff

CLK Ventures (Melaleuca and My Pure Alternatives)

Kirtland Country Club

**Winners for the event:**

Overall Winners: Team Benedict (Steve Benedict, Brian Norcca, Mike Kolich, Sonny Mayle)

Closest to the Pin: Steve Benedict

Longest Drive: Terri Rail

Shortest Drive: Anthony Sabatino

Thank you to everyone who helped with pictures, food, prizes, etc. which basically includes our entire Mission. Thank you to all the participants. We hope you had a great time in spite of the rain earlier in the day! The Overall Winners generously donated their prize money back to the Mission as did the winner of the 50/50. A silent auction was held for two tickets to the Ohio State/Kent State football game and we made \$150.00 on that!

**Most especially, thank you to our Chairman, Tom Krupko!**

**We have already reserved July 11, 2015 for the Second Golf Outing!!!!**

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