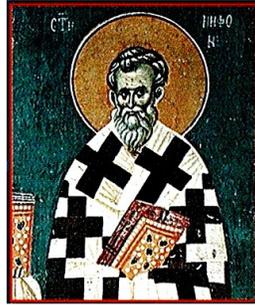


**St. Nikolai Orthodox Mission of Alliance, Divine Liturgy, 9:00 am.**  
**Worship site: Rainbow's End Nursery. 10079 State Street, Louisville, Ohio 44641**  
**Very Reverend Father Joseph Cervo, Archpriest (AOCANA-retired)**  
**Rev. Protodeacon James Gresh, Mission Administrator (Bulgarian Diocese OCA)**  
**August 11, 2013; 7<sup>TH</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/Afterfeast of the Transfiguration**  
**Holy Martyr and Archdeacon Euplus**



**Tone 6 Troparion (Resurrection)**

The angelic powers were at Your tomb; the guards became as dead men.  
Mary stood by Your grave, seeking Your most pure body.  
You took captive hell, // not being tempted by it.  
You came to the Virgin, granting life. //  
O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You.

**Tone 7 Troparion (Transfiguration of Christ)**

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 Euplus)**

Your holy martyr, Euplus O Lord,  
through his sufferings has received an incorruptible from You, our God.  
For having Your strength, he laid low his adversaries,  
and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. //  
Through his intercessions, 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 6 Kontakion (Resurrection)**

When Christ God the Giver of Life,  
raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand,  
He bestowed resurrection on the human race. //  
He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

**Tone 1 Kontakion (Martyr Euplus)**

With the love of Christ as your only defense,  
you stood in the midst ↑ of your fight and said:  
“I endure this struggle willingly and with confidence.”  
You rejoiced, O Eúplus, to offer your head to the sword  
and so you completed your course.

**Tone 7 Kontakion (Feast of 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.

**Epistle:** Romans 15:1-7

**Tone 6 Prokeimenon**

O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance!  
*v: To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!*

**Tone 4 Prokeimenon**

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

**Tone 6 :** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*v: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God.*

*v: He will say to the Lord: "My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust."*

**Tone 8**

*v: The heavens are Yours; the earth also is Yours.*

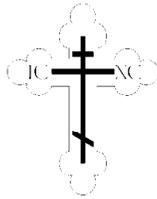
**Gospel:** Matthew 9:27-35

*(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 Martyr Archdeacon Euplus** suffered in the year 304 under the emperors Diocletian (284-305) and Maximian (305-311). He served in the Sicilian city of Catania. Always carrying the Gospel with him, St Euplus preached constantly to the pagans about Christ.

Once, while he read and explained the Gospel to the gathered crowd, they arrested him and took him to the governor of the city, Calvisianus. St Euplus confessed himself a Christian and denounced the impiety of idol-worship. For this they sentenced him to torture.

They threw the injured saint into prison, where he remained in prayer for seven days. The Lord made a spring of water flow into the prison for the martyr to quench his thirst. Brought to trial a second time, strengthened and rejoicing, he again confessed his faith in Christ and denounced the torturer for spilling the blood of innocent Christians.

The judge commanded that the saint's ears be torn off, and that he be beheaded. When they led the saint to execution, they hung the Gospel around his neck. Having asked time for prayer, the archdeacon began to read and explain the Gospel to the people, and many of the pagans believed in Christ. The soldiers beheaded the saint with a sword.

His holy relics are in the village of Vico della Batonia, near Naples.

*Taken From the:"The Prologue of Ohrid" by St. Nikolai of Zica, Serbia(Velimirovic)*

**Words of appreciation of the Orthodox Liturgy from Pope Francis** when meeting with Orthodox hierarchs.

“In the Orthodox Churches they have kept that pristine liturgy, so beautiful.

We (*the Roman Church*) have lost a bit of the sense of adoration. They (*the Orthodox*) have kept it, they praise God, they

adore God, they sing, time doesn't count. God is at the center, and this is a richness that I would like to say on this occasion in which you ask me this question. Once, speaking of the Western Church, of Western Europe, especially the Church that has grown most, they said this phrase to me: "Lux ex oriente, ex occidente luxus." Consumerism, wellbeing, have done us so much harm. Instead you (*the Orthodox*) keep this beauty of God at the center, as the ultimate reference. When one reads (*the Russian writer/philosopher*) Fyodor Dostoyevsky – I believe that for us all he must be an author to read and reread, because he has wisdom – one perceives what the Russian spirit is, the Eastern (*Orthodox*) spirit. It's something that will do us so much good. We are in need of this renewal, of this fresh air of the East (*Orthodoxy*), of this light of the East (*Orthodoxy*). John Paul II wrote it in his Letter. But so many times the luxus of the West makes us lose sight of the horizon."

**Thought to ponder:** Sometimes, we don't realize that we have something so great in our lives, and we take it lightly. But if someone were to ever take it away, we would realize how important it is to us and how much we need it to be fulfilled in life.

### **Wednesday, August 14, 7 pm. Evening Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Dormition (Blessed Repose) of the Theotokos (Birth-giver of God).**

#### **The History of the Evening Divine Liturgy for Great Feasts**

Since 1975 the Antiochian Archdiocese has permitted parishes in its jurisdiction to commemorate certain important feasts that fall on days other than Sunday and Monday at an Evening Divine Liturgy served on the eve of (i.e., the night before) the feast. The Evening Divine Liturgy combines Great Vespers and the festal Divine Liturgy in a slightly different way than the traditional Vespers Divine Liturgy. The form of the service was developed by the Archdiocese's Department of Liturgics and Translations. Some dioceses of the OCA also permit the celebration of Evening Divine Liturgies.

The introduction of Evening Divine Liturgies has been viewed as a reasonable pastoral accommodation to the reality of American life—due to work and school commitments most families cannot order their schedules in such a way that readily permits attendance at weekday morning services.

Those preparing to receive Holy Communion are expected to observe a total fast, after eating lunch, until the evening liturgy.

#### **Donation Requests:**

##### **Land & Building Project.**

We are still asking for everyone's consideration to make a special pledge toward the land purchase and building fund. The timing to pay your pledges can be according to your cash availability as well as being connected to our plan approval and construction schedule. As previously indicated, please convey your pledge decision confidentially to Father Joe or Protodeacon James as soon as possible.

##### **Icon of St. Nikolai of Zica.**

The work on our mission patron saint handwritten icon, St. Nikolai, has begun. The Icon size has increased in conjunction with the scope of its depiction of prominent scenes of St. Nikolai's life; it will also house his holy "relics." No Icon of St. Nikolai exists that will encompass the important points of remembrance of his holy ministry. We are humbly accepting donations towards the icon which has now been finalized to cost \$1800. If you would like to make a contribution, please make your check payable to "St. Nikolai Orthodox Mission of Alliance;" make a notation that it is for the Icon of St. Nikolai.

#### **Directory**

We are working on a Directory for our Mission. Over the next few Sundays, we will be taking photographs of families and individuals to include in the Directory. We will also be collecting birthdates and anniversaries as well as asking you to confirm the information we currently have! Thank you for your cooperation!

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