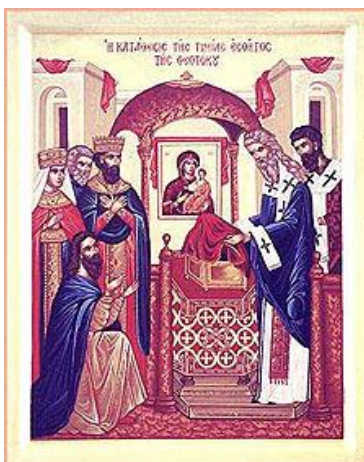


**St. Nikolai Orthodox Mission of Alliance**  
**University of Mt. Union Library Building - Room KHIC 003** *(final Sunday at this location)*  
**Divine Liturgy: 9:00 am.**

**Very Reverend Father Joseph Cervo, Archpriest (AOCANA-retired)**  
**Rev. Protodeacon James Gresh, Mission Administrator (Bulgarian Diocese OCA)**  
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**August 31, 2014: 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 14/ The Belt of the Theotokos**



**Tone 3            Troparion            (Resurrection)**  
Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad!  
For the Lord has shown strength with His arm.  
He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead.  
He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world//great mercy.

**Tone 8            Troparion            (for the Theotokos)**  
Ever Virgin Theotokos, protectress of mankind,  
you have given your people a powerful legacy:  
the robe and sash of your most honored body which remained  
incorrupt throughout your seedless childbearing;  
for through you time and nature are renewed.  
Therefore we implore you: "Grant peace to your people and to our souls great mercy!"

**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 3            Kontakion            (Resurrection)**  
On this day You rose from the tomb, O Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death.  
On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; with the Prophets and Patriarchs//  
they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Your power.

**Tone 4            Kontakion            (Theotokos)**  
Today your flock celebrates the enshrinement of your precious sash,  
and it earnestly cries out to you: "Rejoice, O Virgin, boast of all Christians!"

**Tone 3            Prokeimenon        (Resurrection)**  
Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!  
v: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Tone 3 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: In You, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame!

v: Be a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me!

Gospel: Matthew 19:16-26

### Communion Hymn

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



**The Placing of the Venerable Belt of the Most Holy Theotokos** in a church of Constantinople's Chalcoprateia district took place during the reign of the emperor Theodosius the Younger. Before this the holy relic, entrusted to the Apostle Thomas by the Mother of God Herself, was kept by pious Christians at Jerusalem after Her Dormition. During the reign of Emperor Leo the Wise (886-911), his wife Zoe was afflicted with an unclean spirit, and he prayed that God would heal her.

The empress had a vision that she would be healed of her infirmity if the Belt of the Mother of God were placed upon her. The emperor then asked the Patriarch to open the coffer. The Patriarch removed the seal and opened the coffer in which the relic was kept, and the Belt of the Mother of God appeared completely whole and undamaged by time. The Patriarch placed the Belt on the sick empress, and immediately she was freed from her infirmity. They sang hymns of thanksgiving to the Most Holy Theotokos, then they placed the venerable Belt back into the coffer and resealed it.

In commemoration of the miraculous occurrence and the twofold Placing of the venerable Belt, the Feast of the Placing of the Venerable Belt of the Most Holy Theotokos was established. Parts of the holy Belt are in the Vatopedi monastery on Mt. Athos, in Trier monastery, and in Georgia.

**September 1, The first day of the Church New Year** is also called the beginning of the Indiction. The term Indiction comes from a Latin word meaning, "to impose." It was originally applied to the imposition of taxes in Egypt. The first worldwide Indiction was in 312 when the Emperor Constantine (May 21) saw a miraculous vision of the Cross in the sky. Before the introduction of the Julian calendar, Rome began the New Year on September 1.

According to Holy Tradition, Christ entered the synagogue on September 1 to announce His mission to mankind (Luke 4:16-22). Quoting Isaiah 61:1-2), the Savior proclaimed, "The spirit of the Lord is upon me; because He has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent me to proclaim release to captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord..." This scene is depicted in a Vatican manuscript (Vatican, Biblioteca. Cod. Gr. 1613, p.1).

Tradition says that the Hebrews entered the Promised Land in September.

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**Reminder: Divine Liturgy, Friday, August 29, 2014 at St. George Romanian Church on 30<sup>th</sup> Street in Canton at 9:00 am for Beheading of St. John the Baptist (Strict Fast Day).**

**WE ARE RETURNING TO THE DEWALD CHAPEL ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2014!**

**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 Nanci Stradley (Pancreatic Cancer)  
Dawn Shaheen  
Sharon Budd (Teacher from Perry, injured when rock thrown from overpass)  
Patricia Kosivich, friend of and helper to Mother Ana  
Father Joe Cervo (Father Joe will have a heart catheterization on Friday, September 5)  
George Ralich, (Dan's father who is in Cleveland Clinic following emergency surgery)  
+Emily Waseman (with Parents and family)  
+Zora Penovich (with Bob and family)  
+Bertha (Friend of Jaga Radosevic)  
+Proto Milan Zubenitsa (newly departed Kum of Father Dragan)  
+Helen Mieloff (Friend of Jaga Radosevic)

**CONGRATULATIONS!:**

To Allison Krupko on receiving her Masters Degree from Kent State University on Saturday, August 16.

**COFFEE HOUR:**

Coffee Hour Sunday, August 24 was provided by the The Krupko Family and The Ralich Family. Thank you!!  
Coffee Hour on Sunday, August 31 will be provided by Tom and Lana Baier.  
Coffee Hour on Sunday, September 7 will be provided by Dan Ralich.  
Please see Cathy or Tom Baier if you would like to help.

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:**

1 – Susan Varga  
19 – Heidi Gresh  
30 – Josh Gresh

**SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:**

29 – Deacon James and Heidi Gresh

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