

St. Nikolai Orthodox Church

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

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Welcome our visiting Priest Fr. Esteban Vazquez and Dn. Mikel Hill

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

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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, 7pm (open to parishioners)

Sunday, July 10th

3rd Sunday after Pentecost/45 martyrs of Nicopolis in Armenia (Tone 2)

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 2

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life Immortal, Thou didst slay Hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead! And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!

Repose of Saint Nikolai of Zhicha (1956) - Troparion 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 Nikolai entreat Christ our God that our souls may be saved.

Steadfast Protectress - Kontakion Tone 6

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. 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 hear our petition and to intercede for us, O Theotokos, for you always protect those who honor you!



Prokeimenon - Tone 2

The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation (*Ps 117/118:4*)
v: *The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death (Ps 117/118:18)*

Epistle Reading - Romans 5:1-10

1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
2 through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; 4 and perseverance, character; and character, hope.
5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. 6 For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. 10 For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

Tone 2

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: *May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you! (Ps 19/20:1)*

v: *Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call! (Ps 19/20:9)*

Gospel Reading - Matthew 6:22-33

22 The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light.
23 But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!
24 No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.
25 Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?
26 Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?
27 Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?
28 So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin;
29 and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.
30 Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?
31 Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'
32 For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.
33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (Ps 148:1)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

THE HOLY 45 MARTYRS: LEONTIUS, MAURICE, ALEXANDER, SISINIUS AND OTHERS

During the reign of the wicked Emperor Licinius, who ruled the eastern half of the Byzantine Empire, there was a great persecution of Christians. In Armenian Nicopolis, St. Leontius, with several of his friends, appeared before Lysius, the representative of Emperor Licinius and declared that they were Christians. "And where is your Christ?" Lysius asked. "Was He not crucified and did He not die?" To that St. Leontius replied: "Since you know that our Christ died, know also that He resurrected from the dead and ascended into heaven." After a lengthy discussion about the Faith, Lysius scourged them and threw them into prison and gave them neither food nor drink. Vlassina, a benevolent Christian woman brought them water and handed it to them through the window of the prison. An angel of God appeared to comfort and encourage them. When the time came for sentencing, two jailers and many others appeared before Lysius as converted Christians, totaling forty-five in number. The judge sentenced all of them to death but in this manner: first that their arms and feet be severed with an axe and then they be thrown into the fire. This horrible two-fold punishment was carried out and the souls of the holy martyrs took flight to their Lord entering into eternal life. They honorably suffered and inherited the Kingdom in the year 319 A.D.

PRAYERS requested:

For The Health and Salvation of:

Julian (Georgie & Corbin's grandson)
Gloria (Fr. Joe's nephew Dan's M-I-L)
Andrea Bartol (Steve & Sandy Bozeka's daughter)
Letitia Bella (Lynette Baier's mother)
Olympia Tillman (Father David's mother)
Helen (Father David's aunt)
Carl (friend of Father David)
Lisa "
Kitty "
Father David & Family
Father John Zdinak & Family
Gregory Cervo
Ann Cervo
Harper (13 yr. who just received heart transplant)
Arika (missing person) her mother Renee & sisters Ashley and Chloe.
Xavier Fox (abducted and abused child)

Emil DeSantis (Greg & Michelle's friend)
Jan Raber –recovering from knee surgery

For The Repose of the Souls of the newly departed Servants:

+Todd David Maragas
+ Nicholas Tomich
+Subdeacon +Alexander McNeer

Coffee Hour:

Steve & Sandy Bozeka-July 10

