

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)  
June 2, 2013; Fifth Sunday of Pascha: The Samaritan Woman



**Tone 4 Troparion (Resurrection)**

When the women Disciples of the Lord  
learned from the Angel the joyous message of the Resurrection,  
they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the Apostles:  
“Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, // granting the world great mercy!”

**Tone 8 Troparion (Midfeast)**

In the middle of the feast, O Savior,  
fill my thirsting soul with the waters of piety as You cried to all:  
“If anyone thirst, let him come to Me and drink!” //  
O Christ God, Fountain of our life, glory to You!

**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 (Pentecostarion)**

The Samaritan Woman came to the well in faith;  
she saw You, the Water of wisdom and drank abundantly. //  
She inherited the Kingdom on high, and is ever glorified!

**Tone 4 Kontakion (Midfeast)**

Christ God, the Creator and Master of all,  
cried to all in the midst of the feast of the Law:  
“Come and draw the water of immortality!”  
We fall before You and faithfully cry: //  
“Grant us Your mercies, for You are the Fountain of our life!”

**Epistle** :Acts 11:19-26, 29-30

**Tone 3 Prokeimenon**

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!*

**Tone 4** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*v: Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth!  
v: For You love righteousness, and hate iniquity.*

**Gospel:** John 4:5-42

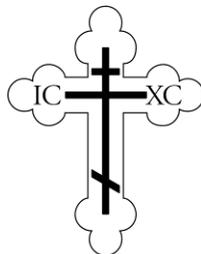
*(Instead of "It is truly meet ...," we sing:)*

The Angel cried to the Lady, full of grace:  
"Rejoice, O pure Virgin! Again, I say: 'Rejoice,  
your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb!  
With Himself He has raised all the dead.'  
Rejoice, O ye people!

Shine, shine, O New Jerusalem!  
The glory of the Lord has shone on you!  
Exult now, and be glad, O Zion!  
Be radiant, O pure Theotokos,  
in the Resurrection of your Son!

#### **Communion Hymns**

Receive the Body of Christ; taste the fountain of immortality!  
Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest!  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



#### **Donation Requests:**

**Icon of St. Nikolai of Zica:** Our mission is commissioning a handwritten icon of St. Nikolai. It will depict our mission patron saint with prominent scenes from his life and it will also house his holy "relics." We are humbly accepting donations towards the icon which will cost \$1200 - \$1500. 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.

**Plashchanitsa-Epitaphios-Winding Clothe,** depicting Christ in the Tomb, that was used in the Tomb on Holy Friday and sets on the Altar for all services until Ascension. A new one was made for our mission. Because of donations of some material and labor, the cost of this sacred item is only \$150. This would normally cost \$500 to \$3000. Again, donations for this sacred item are most welcome.

**Mission Directory:** We would like to publish a directory of stewards and friends of the mission. Hopefully this will include photos, names, addresses, phone numbers and emails of parishioners and friends who are currently on our contact list. Please let us know if you do not wish to be included in the above.

**New Mission worship site items of need:** We are working diligently to make the environment conducive to “the holy work of the people of God” and to make accommodations as comfortable as possible. There are some initial added expenses and items of need to accomplish this transformation from ordinary space to “holy space.” Folding chairs, room size remnant carpeting, folding tables, fans are needed. Also, in the works are items needed to make a portable Iconostas, which includes the purchase of the framework and large Icons. Any donations specially earmarked for this very important project would be greatly appreciated.

### **The Life of St. Photini – The Samaritan Woman**

The **Samaritan woman at the well** is an episode in the life of Jesus that appears only in the Gospel of John, In Orthodox Church tradition, she is known by her baptismal name, **Photini** (from φως, the luminous one).

According to the Gospel of St. John (4): *Now he had to go through Samaria. So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans).*

This episode takes place after the return of Jesus to Galilee. Culturally there was great enmity between the Jews and the Samaritans, who were considered a half-breed race by the Jews. She repented after the very gentle and wise conversation with Christ and went and told her townspeople that she had met the Christ. For this, she is sometimes claimed as the first to proclaim the Gospel of Christ.

She converted her five sisters (Ss. Anatole, Photo, Photis, Paraskeve, and Kyriake) and her two sons (St. Photinos, formerly known as Victor, and St. Joses). They all became tireless evangelists for Christ.

After the Apostles Paul and Peter were martyred, St. Photini and her family left their homeland of Sychar, in Samaria, to travel to Carthage to proclaim the Gospel of Christ there.

In 66 AD, because of their steadfast commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ and their refusal to offer sacrifices to the Roman pagan gods, St. Photini and her family were all martyred, along with the Duke St. Sebastianos, the close friend of St. Photini, under the persecutions of the brutal Emperor Nero.

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