

**St. Nikolai Orthodox Church, Divine Liturgy, 9:30 / Saturday Vespers, 5 pm.**

**Book study/Christian Education following Vespers**

**Parish Council meetings 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7pm (open to parishioners)**

**9837 State Street, Louisville , Ohio 44641**

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

**Very Reverend Father Joseph Cervo, Archpriest (AOCANA-retired)**

**Rev. Protodeacon James Gresh, Mission Administrator (OCA)**

**May 29, 2016: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pascha/ Sunday of the Samaritan Woman**

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

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*Welcome to Visitors. Thank you for coming and praying with us today. In the Orthodox Church, Holy Communion is reserved only for Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and confession during Great Lent. We invite you to introduce yourself to Father Joe and Deacon James at the end of the Liturgy and receive a piece of the blessed bread and join us for fellowship and Christian education. We look forward to seeing you again and encourage you to learn more about the Orthodox Faith.*

***CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!***

***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!"

***Tone 8                      Kontakion      (Pascha)***

You descended into the tomb, O Immortal, You destroyed the power of death.

In victory You arose, O Christ God, proclaiming: "Rejoice!" to the Myrrhbearing Women, granting peace to Your Apostles, and bestowing Resurrection on the fallen.

**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!

### **Sunday of the Samaritan Woman: by St. Nikolai (Velimirovich)**

"The holy martyr Photina (Svetlana) ... was that Samaritan woman who had the rare fortune to speak with the Lord Christ Himself at Jacob's Well in Sychar (John. 4). Coming to faith in the Lord, she then came to belief in His Gospel, together with her two sons, Victor and Josiah, and five sisters who were called Anatolia, Phota, Photida, Paraskeva and Kyriake. They went to Carthage in Africa. But they were arrested and taken to Rome in the time of the Emperor Nero, and thrown into prison. By the providence of God, Domnina, Nero's daughter, came into contact with St. Photina and was brought by her to the Christian faith. After imprisonment, they all suffered for Christ. Photina, who first encountered the light of truth by a well, was thrown into a well, where she died and entered into the immortal Kingdom of Christ."

### **CONTEMPLATION by St. Nikolai (Velimirovich)**

#### **Contemplate the resurrected Lord Jesus:**

1. How by His Resurrection, He justified the faith and hope of mankind in immortality;
2. How by His Resurrection, He destroyed the fear of death in the faithful.

3. How His Resurrection is the beginning of a new and bright day in the history of mankind;
4. How His Resurrection is my peace and my strength, and the resurrection of my soul while I am still in the body.

*If you wish to list someone on the parish prayer list, you must advise Father monthly.*

**PRAYERS requested:**

***For The Health and Salvation of:***

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 family

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

+Carol Ritchey (Fr. Joe's cousin-in-law)

***Many Years:***

Tom & Lana Baier, June 1

Tom Baier, June 3