

Saint Nikolai Orthodox Church

Temporarily at 8277 N Nickel Plate St., Louisville, Ohio 44641

Sunday November 12th
23rd Sunday after Holy Pentecost –Tone 6

His Eminence, Archbishop ALEXANDER
Archbishop of Toledo and the Bulgarian Diocese

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Upcoming Services:

Sat. Nov. 11th - Union UMC - Vespers, 5pm

Sun. Nov. 12th - St. Mary's - Liturgy, 11am

Wed., Nov. 15th - Blebea's - Bible Study, 6pm

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Welcome!

The entire parish family of St. Nikolai Orthodox Church welcomes you today! Please take a moment to introduce yourself to the clergy and the people of our parish. We hope that you can stay for coffee hour after the service.

Please note that we invite all Baptized members of the Orthodox Church to receive Holy Communion, provided that they have refrained from food and drink since midnight, and prepared themselves through prayer and recent confession.

If you are joining us today but have not been baptized in the Orthodox Church we welcome you but kindly ask you to refrain from approaching for Holy Communion. Please feel free to approach to kiss the cross at the end of the service and to take a piece of blessed bread as a token of our love. We pray that soon all people would find their true home in the Orthodox Church so that we might, together, share in Holy Communion of Christ's undivided Body.

Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 6

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb;/ the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure body. Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life.// O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee.

Troparion for St. John - Tone 8

By endurance thou didst gain thy reward, venerable Father; thou didst persevere in prayer unceasingly; thou didst love the poor and provide for them in all things. Blessed John the Merciful, intercede with Christ God that our souls may be saved!

Troparion for St. Nilus - Tone 8

By a flood of tears thou didst make the desert fertile, and thy longing for God brought forth fruits in abundance. By the radiance of miracles thou didst illumine the whole universe. Our Father Nilus, pray to Christ God to save our souls.!

Kontakion of the Resurrection - Tone 6

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.

Kontakion for St. John - Tone 2

Thou didst distribute thy wealth to the poor and in return obtained wealth from heaven, John the Merciful. Therefore, we honor thee and celebrate thy memory, O namesake of mercy.

Glory . . .

Kontakion for St Nilus - Tone 8

By thy vigilant prayer thou didst cut away the undergrowth of the body's insurgent passions. As thou hast boldness before the Lord, free me from every danger so that I may cry to thee: "Rejoice, universal father Nilus!"

Now . . . *Steadfast Protectress*

Reader: The Prokeimenon in the Sixth Tone

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance!

Congregation: O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance!

Reader: To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!

Congregation: O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance!

Reader: O Lord, save Thy people

Congregation: and bless Thine inheritance

Reader: The Reading is from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Galatians (2:16-20)

Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Reader: The Alleluia in the Sixth Tone

Congregation: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

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

Congregation: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Reader: He will say to the Lord: "My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust." (Ps 90/91:2)

Congregation: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke (8:26-39)

Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!" For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness. Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," because many demons had entered him. And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss. Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them. Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned. When those who fed them saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. They also who had seen it told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was healed. Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. And He got into the boat and returned. Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Him that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you." And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

The Sunday Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

St John the Merciful, Patriarch of Alexandria.

Born on the island of Cyprus of a princely family, his father, Epiphanius, being the governor, he was brought up from childhood as a true Christian. Under pressure from his parents, he married and had children. But, by the providence of God, both his wife and children went from this world to the next. Famed for his compassion and devotion, John was chosen as Patriarch of Alexandria in the time of the Emperor Heraclius. He governed the Church in Alexandria for ten years as a true pastor, guarding it from pagans and heretics, and was a model of meekness, compassion and love for his fellow-men. 'If you seek nobility', he said, 'seek it not in blood but in virtue, for in virtue lies true nobility.' All the saints are distinguished by compassion, but St John was utterly dedicated to this great virtue. Celebrating the Liturgy one day, the words of Christ: 'If thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there remember that thy brother hath aught against thee ...' (Matt. 5:23), came into the Patriarch's mind, and he remembered that one of the clergy in the church there had a grudge against him. He left the holy gifts, went up to the priest, fell before his feet and begged his forgiveness. As soon as he had made his peace with that man, he returned to the Table of Preparation. Another time, on the way to the Church of Ss Cyrus and John, it happened that he was met by a poor widow, who started speaking to him of her poverty. The Patriarch's companions were bored by the woman's lengthy lamenting, and urged the bishop to hurry to the church for the service, and listen to the woman when it was over. St John replied: 'And how will God obey me, if I don't obey Him?', and he would not move from the spot until he had heard the widow out. When the Persians invaded Egypt, Patriarch John took ship to flee from the assault. He fell ill on the voyage and, arriving in Cyprus, died at his birthplace in 620, entering into the immortal kingdom of his Lord.



Special Announcements

On November 26th, our council will present a few items related to our re-building about which they hope to hear from the entire community. Our council has been working closely with our contractor (DKI) to insure that our beautiful church will be as it was before the fire. There are a few items that have been suggested for change. For the suggested changes, the council will present 2-3 options that are within our budget to determine a consensus from the larger community. If you are not able to make it to the Nov. 26th meeting, we will post the information in the previous week's bulletin to give you the opportunity to express your thoughts.

Introduction to the Orthodox Faith

Our catechumens and others interested in learning more about their faith will be meeting on Sunday afternoons, at 2:30, at Panera Bread in Alliance. The discussion will revolve around weekly assignments, which are available to everyone at the link below. If you would like to join our discussion, in-person, through Google Hangout, or e-mail, let Fr. Mikel know.

<https://stnikolaiorthodoxchurch.wordpress.com/>

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Nov. 10- Helen Blebea

Nov. 18 -Josh and Kate White

Upcoming Events:

Fr. Mikel will be joining the Mount Union Alliance Chorale in their holiday concert on November 19th at 3pm at Alliance Friends Church, 1307 W. State St. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

St. Elias in Akron will hold a Thanksgiving Service on November 19th at 6pm. Our parish has been invited to join the Summit County Orthodox churches for this event.

Our community will gather at 6pm, on Friday, Dec. 1st for a fun-filled evening at the Louisville Bowling Alley (115 S. Mill St.). Cost is \$7 to bowl. There is food on-site, or you can bring your own. RSVP with Steve Bozeka by Nov. 26th.

We will be holding a "Stewardship Sunday" celebration on December 3rd. Make sure to fill out a "Giving Goal" card by this date to help our council with financial planning.

St. George Romanian Orthodox Church will be blessed to receive the visit of the Miraculous Myrrh-Streaming (Taylor) Icon of the Mother of God on Friday, December 15, services start at 6pm.

We will be holding our annual community meeting on Sunday, December 17th. Please mark your calendars for this important event.

Today we are especially praying for the Health and Salvation of:

Richard R.	Larissa
Richard + Tetiana	Steve and Sandy
Fr. Joseph	Anthony
Arika, Renee, Ashley, and Chloe.	Joan
Valentina	Slavco
Josh W.	Anthony
The Minnick Family	Thomas
The Gresh family	Mat. Rebecca
Kathy Jo, Michael	Rebecca
Kelli	Thomas
Liz and Carla	Marsha
Kim, Dale, Helen, Larissa, and Niki	Jackie
	Dorothy
	Matthew
	Paul

For The Departed Soul of:

+June
+Fred