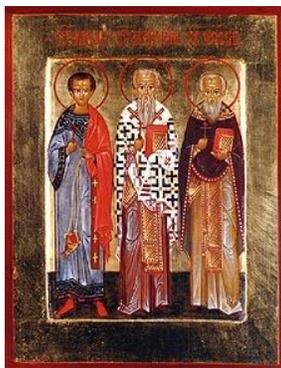


**St. Nikolai Orthodox Mission of Alliance, as part of Orthodox Campus Fellowship
at the University of Mount Union, Dewald Chapel. Divine Liturgy, 9:00 am**
Very Reverend Father Joseph Cervo, Archpriest (AOCANA-retired)
Rev. Protodeacon James Gresh, Mission Administrator (Bulgarian Diocese OCA)
**November 3, 2013: 19th Sunday after Pentecost/Martyrs Akepsimas the Bishop, Joseph the
Presbyter, and Aethalas the Deacon/Dedication of the Church of the Greatmartyr George**



Tone 2 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal,
You destroyed hell with the splendor of Your Godhead.
And when from the depths You raised the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out://
“O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!”

Tone 3 Troparion *(Martyrs)*

You were pillars of the Church, O servants of godliness,
and you humbled the proud worshippers of fire.
Much afflicted hierarch Aképsimas, Joseph the presbyter and Áethalas the deacon,
pray to ↑Christ our God to grant us His great mercy!

Tone 4 Troparion *(St George)*

O liberator of captives, defender of the poor, physician of the sick, and champion of kings
trophy-bearer, great martyr George, intercede with Christ God
that our souls may be saved!

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 2 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior,
seeing the miracle of Your Resurrection from the tomb!
The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with You, //
and the world, my Savior, praises You forever.

Tone 2 Kontakion *(Martyrs)*

You celebrated the mysteries blamelessly, O wise one,
and became yourself an acceptable sacrifice, O divinely blessed one.
You gloriously drank of the cup of Christ, Holy Akepsimas.
Together with your fellow sufferers you are praying unceasingly to Christ God for us all.

Tone 8 Kontakion *(St George)*

As we the faithful flee to you for refuge and seek your protection and speedy help,

We entreat you, O Champion of Christ, that we who sing your praises may be delivered from the snares of the enemy and from every peril and adversary, that we may cry: “Rejoice, O martyr George!”

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 11:31—12:9

Tone 2 Prokeimenon

The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation.
v: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.

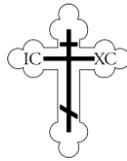
Tone 2 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you!
v: Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call!

Gospel: Luke 8:41-5

Communion Hymn

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



SAINTS OF THE DAY: Martyrs Akepsimas the Bishop, Joseph the Presbyter and Aethalas the Deacon of Persia were leaders of the Christian Church in the Persian city of Naesson. His flock devotedly loved their hierarch for his ascetic life and tireless pastoral work.

The emperor Sapor ordered his men to seek out and kill Christian clergy. St Akepsimas also was arrested, even though he was already an eighty-year-old man. They took him to the city of Arbela, where he came before the judge Ardarkh, a pagan priest of the sun god. The holy Elder refused to offer sacrifice to the Persian gods. For this he was fiercely beaten and thrown into prison, where on the following day the seventy-year-old priest Joseph and the deacon Aethalas were severely beaten and thrown into jail with him. For three years the saints were held in confinement, and suffered from hunger and thirst.

Emperor Sapor came to the temple of the god of fire, located not far from Arbela, and wanted to take a look at the three holy martyrs. Exhausted and covered with festering wounds, the saints were brought before the emperor. When he asked them to worship the pagan gods they firmly refused, confessing their faith in Christ instead.

The holy bishop was beheaded, but the presbyter and deacon were taken into the city to be stoned.

The execution of the presbyter Joseph was prolonged for several hours. A guard was placed near the place of execution, so that Christians would not take the body of the holy martyr. On the fourth night a strong windstorm raged near the city, lightning killed the guard, the wind tossed stones about, and the body of St Joseph disappeared. Deacon Aethalas was taken to the village of Patrias, where he was stoned. Christians secretly buried his body. A tree grew on the saint's grave, and its fruit brought healings.

Icon of St. Nikolai of Zica & South Canaan: The work on the handwritten icon of our mission patron, St. Nikolai, is progressing well. Fr. Paul Albert, the iconographer, is hopeful to have this completed by the end of the year. The Icon will depict prominent scenes of St. Nikolai's life; it will also house his holy "relics." No Icon of St. Nikolai exists that will encompass the important points of remembrance of his holy ministry. To date we have received donations totaling \$1200, the final cost is \$1800. Therefore, we humbly ask for those willing and able to donate towards this most important sacred item in honor of our patron saint. 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.

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