

# St. Nikolai Orthodox Church

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

Rev. Protodeacon James Gresh, Mission Administrator (OCA)

Today-We celebrate the Liturgy with Fr. Silviu Bunta

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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, 7 PM (open to parishioners)

*Sunday October 16*

*The 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/ tone 8 (4<sup>th</sup> of Luke)*

*The Commemoration of the Holy Fathers 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council*

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 8*

You descended from on high, O Merciful One! You accepted the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!// O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to You!

*Troparion of The Holy Fathers-Tone 8*

You are most glorious, O Christ our God! You have established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth. Through them You have guided us to the true Faith.// O greatly compassionate One, glory to You!

*Troparion of St. Nikolai -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 Hierarchy Father Nikolai, entreat Christ our God that our souls may be saved.

*Kontakion of the Theotokos-Tone 6*

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 intercede for us, O Theotokos, for you always protect those who honor you!



### **Prokeimenon Tone 8**

*Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!  
v: In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel.  
Blessed art Thou O Lord God of our Fathers  
and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever!*

### **Epistle Reading - 2 Corinthians (6:16-7:1)**

Brethren, And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people." Therefore Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you." I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the LORD Almighty." Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

### **Tone 8**

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

*V: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!*

*V: Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!*

*V: The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.*

### **Gospel Reading-Luke 8:5-15**

At that time, A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold. When He had said these things He cried, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" Then His disciples asked Him, saying, "What does this parable mean?" And He said, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that 'Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.' Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.

### *Communion Hymn*

*Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest.  
Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just!  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*("It is truly meet ...," Resurrectional Theotokion:)*

#### *Tone 8*

*It is truly meet to bless you, O Theotokos, ever blessed and most pure, and the Mother of our God. More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim, without defilement you gave birth to God, the Word: true Theotokos we magnify you.*



### *Martyr Longinus-The Centurion*

October 16

The divine Matthew the Evangelist, describing the Passion of the Lord Jesus Christ, says: 'Now when the centurion and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that were done, they feared greatly, saying: "Truly this was the Son of God" ' (Matt. 27:54). That centurion was this blessed Longinus, who, with two other of his soldiers, came to believe in Jesus as the Son of God. He was the officer in command both at the Lord's crucifixion on Golgotha and in the watch that guarded the tomb. When the Jewish elders learned of Christ's Resurrection, they bribed the soldiers to spread the falsehood that Christ had not risen, but that His disciples had stolen His body. The Jews tried to bribe Longinus also, but without success. Then the Jews resorted to their usual practice: they conspired to kill Longinus. Discovering this, Longinus took off his army belt, received baptism from the apostles together with his two friends, and with them secretly left Jerusalem and went to Cappadocia. There he gave himself to fasting and prayer and, as a living witness of the Resurrection of Christ, turned many pagans to the true Faith by his testimony. He then went off to a village where his father had property, but the wicked Jews would not even there leave him in peace. In response to slander on their part, Pilate sent soldiers to behead Longinus. Holy Longinus foresaw in his spirit the approach of his executioners and, going out to meet them, took them to his home without telling them who he was. The soldiers lay down to sleep, and St Longinus spent the whole night preparing for death. In the morning, he went and brought his two friends, dressed himself in white grave-clothes, told the others in the house what was happening and showed them a place on a hillock to bury him. He then revealed himself to the soldiers as the Longinus whom they were seeking. The soldiers were embarrassed and ashamed, and would not think of beheading Longinus, but he laid it on them to carry out their superior's command, and he and his two friends were beheaded. Longinus's head was taken by the soldiers to Pilate; Pilate gave it to the Jews and they flung it onto a dung-heap outside the city.

**PRAYERS** requested:

**For The Health and Salvation of:**

Gloria  
Andrea Bartol  
Olympia, the Tillman Family  
Helen, Carl, Lisa, Kitty  
Cervo Family, Gregory, & Ann  
Harper  
Arika, Renee, Ashley, and Chloe.  
Emil DeSantis  
Valentina  
Josh  
Minnick Family  
Kathy Jo, Michael, and Family.  
Pres. Zoe, Maria, Angelique  
Kelli  
Walentik Family, Emil  
Liz, Carla Michalik  
Max and the Turcola family  
Corbin and Georgie  
Dan K.  
Kim, Dale, Helen, Larissa, and Niki

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

+ Todd David Maragas  
+ Nicholas Tomich  
+ Subdeacon Alexander McNeer  
+ Grisha  
+ Robert Penovich  
+Maude  
+Jenny  
+Beth  
+Daisy V.  
+Paul  
+Richard  
+David  
+Mark  
+Wallace  
+Berta



**Clergy Schedule**

Oct 1&2 – at St. Elia the Prophet  
Oct 9 –Fr.Dcn James Gresh  
Oct 16 –Fr. Silviu Bunta  
Oct 23 –Fr. Basil Stoyka  
Oct 30 –Dcn. James Gresh--Annual  
Parish Meeting and Elections

Nov 6- Bishop Alexander  
November 13 – Fr. Silviu Bunta  
November 20 – Fr. Esteban  
November 27 – Fr.Basil Stoyka

December 4 – Fr.Basil Stoyka  
December 11 –TBD  
December 18 –TBD  
December 25 – Fr. Basil (possibility)

**Coffee Hour**

Oct. 9 – Gresh's  
Oct. 16 – Blebea's  
Oct. 23 – Krupko's  
Oct. 30—Covered Dish (ALL) Annual  
Parish Meeting-Elections

**October Birthdays**

Oct.12 – Monica Novak  
Oct. 14– Debby Borojevich  
Oct. 16 – Dcn. James Gresh  
Oct. 27 – Dr. Tom Krupko  
Oct. 30 – Amy Catania

**October Anniversaries**

Oct. 2 – John and Lynette Baier  
Oct. 23 – Dr. Tom and Cathy Krupko  
Oct. 30—Larry and Deanna Dordea