

Saint Nikolai Orthodox Church

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

Sunday October 22nd
20th Sunday after Holy Pentecost (Tone 3)

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

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Upcoming Services:

Sat. Oct. 21st - Union UMC - Vespers, 5pm

Sun. Oct. 22nd - St. Mary's - Liturgy, 11am

Wed., Oct. 25th - Baier'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 3

Let the heavens rejoice!/
Let the earth be glad!/
For the Lord has shown strength with His arm./
He has trampled down death by death./
He has become the first born of the dead./
He has delivered us from the depths of hell./
and has granted to the world// great mercy.

Troparion for Saint Abercius - Tone 5

Thou didst emulate the zeal of the Apostles/ and shone forth like a morning star./ and thy works showed thy God-given power:/ thou didst guide the erring to God,// O hierarch Abercius.

Troparion for the Seven Holy Youths - Tone 4

Thy seven holy martyrs, O Lord,/ through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from Thee,/ our God./ For having Thy strength, they laid low their adversaries,/ and shattered the powerless boldness of demons:// Through their intercessions, save our souls!

Kontakion of the Resurrection - Tone 3

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One,/ leading us from the gates of death./ On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices,/ with the Prophets and Patriarchs// they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power.

Kontakion for Saint Abericus - Tone 8

The whole Church honors thee as a great hierarchy/ and as a companion to the Apostles./ By thy prayers keep the Church unconquered and unshaken by heresy, O glorious Abercius.

Glory . . .

Kontakion for the Seven Holy Youths - Tone 4

The Seven Holy Youths renounced the perishing comforts of this world,/ preferring the eternal things of Heaven./ They were incorrupt after death and rose from the dead/ and buried the snares of the devils!/ O Faithful, let us then honor them, singing a hymn of praise to Christ!

Now . . .

Steadfast Protectress . . .

Prokeimenon of the Resurrection - Tone 3

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!

The Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Galatians (1:11-19)

But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

The Alleluia in the Third Tone

v: In Thee, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame!

v: Be a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me!

The Holy Gospel According to Saint Luke (16:19-31)

There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you

received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.' Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'"

The Sunday Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Seven Youths of Ephesus: Maximilian, Iamblicus, Martinian, John, Dionysius, Exacustodianus (Constantine) and Antoninus, lived in the third century. The youths were friends from childhood, and all were in military service together. When the emperor Decius (249-251) arrived in Ephesus, he commanded all the citizens to offer sacrifice to the pagan gods. Torture and death awaited anyone who disobeyed. The seven youths were denounced by informants, and were summoned to reply to the charges. Appearing before the emperor, the young men confessed their faith in Christ. Their military belts and insignia were quickly taken from them. Decius permitted them to go free, however, hoping that they would change their minds while he was off on a military campaign. The youths fled from the city and hid in a cave on Mount Ochlon, where they passed their time in prayer, preparing for martyrdom. Learning where the young men were hidden, the emperor ordered that the entrance of the cave be sealed with stones so that the saints would perish from hunger and thirst. Two of the dignitaries at the blocked entrance to the cave were secret Christians. Desiring to preserve the memory of the saints, they placed in the cave a sealed container containing two metal plaques. On them were inscribed the names of the seven youths and the details of their suffering and death. The Lord placed the youths into a miraculous sleep lasting almost two centuries. In the meantime, the persecutions against Christians had ceased. During the reign of the holy emperor Theodosius the Younger (408-450) there were heretics who denied that there would be a general resurrection of the dead at the Second Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Some of them said, "How can there be a resurrection of the dead when there will be neither soul nor body, since they are disintegrated?" Others affirmed, "The souls alone will have a restoration, since it would be impossible for bodies to arise and live after a thousand years, when even their dust would not remain." Therefore, the Lord revealed the mystery of the Resurrection of the Dead and of the future life through His seven saints. The owner of the land on which Mount Ochlon was situated, discovered the stone construction, and his workers opened up the entrance to the cave. The Lord had kept the youths alive, and they awoke from their sleep, unaware that almost two hundred years had passed. Their bodies and clothing were completely undecayed. Preparing to accept torture, the youths once again asked Saint Iamblicus to buy bread for them in the city. Going toward the city, the youth was astonished to see a cross on the gates. Hearing the name of Jesus Christ freely spoken, he began to doubt that he was approaching his own city. When he paid for the bread, Iamblicus gave the merchant coins with the image of the emperor Decius on it. He was detained, as someone who might be concealing a horde of old money. They took Saint Iamblicus to the city administrator, who also happened to be the Bishop of Ephesus. Hearing the bewildering answers of the young man, the bishop perceived that God was revealing some sort of mystery through him, and went with other people to the cave. Going into the cave and seeing the saints alive, everyone rejoiced and perceived that the Lord, by waking them from their long sleep, was demonstrating to the Church the mystery of the Resurrection of the Dead. Soon the emperor himself arrived in Ephesus and spoke with the young men in the cave. Then the holy youths, in sight of everyone, lay their heads upon the ground and fell asleep again, this time until the General Resurrection.

10 Minutes Prayer Model

“Through the prayers of our holy fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.”

“Glory to Thee, O God, Glory to Thee!”

“O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, Who are everywhere present and filling all things, treasury of blessings and giver of life, come and abide in us and cleanse us from every impurity and save our souls, O Good One.”

“Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal have mercy on us” (3x)

“Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen”

O Most Holy Trinity have mercy on us, O Lord cleanse us from our sins, O Master pardon our transgressions, O Holy One visit and heal our infirmities for your Name’s sake.”

Lord have mercy (3x)

“Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen”

Our Father, Who are in heaven, hallowed by your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our sins and we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one.

“Through the prayers of our holy fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.”

- 1) Slowly say Psalm 50 (Have mercy on me, O God . . .)
- 2) Make three prostrations
- 3) Set a timer for 5 minutes and slowly pray:
“Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me”
- 4) Once 5 minutes have elapsed pray:
“Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on your servants: (names)”

Repeat Daily-If you miss a day—No sweat, Try again!

Special Announcements:

On Sunday, Oct. 22nd and 29th we will hold a short “Reader’s Review” session after social hour. Anyone (men or women) interested in helping read hours and the Epistle are invited to participate.

On Sunday, Oct. 22nd immediately before the Liturgy, we will formally receive several catechumens that wish to become Orthodox. Please keep them in your prayers.

Our next monthly community dinner will be: November 3rd, 6pm at John’s Grille 2749 N. Cleveland Ave. Canton, OH Please RSVP with Steve Bozeka by 10/29 (330) 327-2626

On November 4th, at 6:30pm Fr. Mikel will be performing with the Canton Symphony Chorus with selections from Tchaikovsky’s *Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom* at Umstatt Performing Arts Hall in Canton. We will not hold Vespers on the 4th.

Happy Anniversary to Dr. Tom and Cathy Krupko (23rd) and Happy Birthday to Dr. Tom (27th)!!

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

Richard R.	Larissa
Fr. Joseph	Steve and Sandy
Arika, Renee,	Anthony
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,	Jackie
Larissa, and Niki	Dorothy

For The Departed Soul of:

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