

# 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)

Pro-Liturgy celebrant today is Deacon James

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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 September 11*

*The 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

*Sunday before Elevation of the Cross/Afterfeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos*

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 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 of Nativity-Tone*

Your nativity, O Virgin, has proclaimed joy to the whole universe! The Sun of righteousness, Christ our God, has shone from you, O Theotokos. By annulling the curse, He bestowed a blessing.// By destroying death, He has granted us eternal life.

### *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 Nativity-Tone 4*

By your nativity, most pure Virgin, Joachim and Anna are freed from barrenness Adam and Eve -- from the corruption of death. And we, your people, freed from the guilt of sin, celebrate and sing to you:// "The barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos, the nourisher of our Life."



### **Prokeimenon Tone 3**

O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance! (Ps 27/28:9)

*v: To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! (Ps 27/28:1)*

*My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.*

*(Lk 1:46-47)*

### **Epistle Reading - Galatians 6:11-16**

See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

#### **Tone 3**

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

*v. I have exalted one chosen out of My people. (Ps 88/89:20)*

*v: For My hand shall defend him, and My arm shall strengthen him.*

*(Ps 88/89:22)*

*v: Hear, O daughter, and see, and incline your ear! (Ps 44/45:10)*

### **Gospel Reading - John 3:13-17**

No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

#### **Communion Hymn**

*Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.*

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*(Instead of "It is truly meet ...," we sing:)*

**Tone 8**

*Magnify, O my soul, the most glorious birth of the Mother of God! Virginity is foreign to mothers; childbearing is strange for virgins. But in you, O Theotokos, both were accomplished. Therefore all we nations of the earth unceasingly magnify you.*



*The Nativity of the Theotokos*

September 8

The holy Virgin Mary was born of her aged parents, Joachim and Anna. Her father was of the tribe of David and her mother of the tribe of Aaron, and so she was of royal blood from her father and priestly blood from her mother. By this, she foreshadowed Him who would be born of her as King and High Priest. Her parents were already old and had no children, and, because of this, were ashamed before men and humble before God. In their humility, they prayed with tears that God would bring joy to their old age with the gift of a child, as He had once given joy to the aged Abraham and Sarah, giving them their son Isaac. God, almighty and all-seeing, gave them a joy far exceeding all their expectations and their wildest dreams, for He gave them not just a daughter, but the Mother of God; He illumined them not only with temporal joy but with eternal. God gave them just one daughter, who later gave them just one grandson - but what a daughter and what a grandson! Mary full of grace, blessed among women, the temple of the Holy Spirit, altar of the living God, table of living bread, ark of God's holy things, tree of the most delicious fruits, glory of the human race, praise of womanhood, fount of virginity and purity - this was the daughter given by God to Joachim and Anna. Born in Nazareth, she was after three years taken to the Temple in Jerusalem, whence she returned again to Nazareth and shortly afterwards heard the tidings of the holy Archangel Gabriel concerning the birth of the Son of God, the Saviour of the world, from her most pure and virginal body.

**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  
Walentik Family, Emil  
Liz, Carla Michalik  
Max and the Turcola family  
Daisy V.

*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

**Coffee Hour**

Sept. 11-Gresh Family  
Sept. 18-Bozeka's  
Sept. 25- Dan R.

**September Birthdays**

Sept.1-Susan Varga  
Sept. 19-Heidi Gresh  
Sept. 30-Josh Gresh

**September Anniversaries**

Sept. 30- Dcn. James and Heidi Gresh