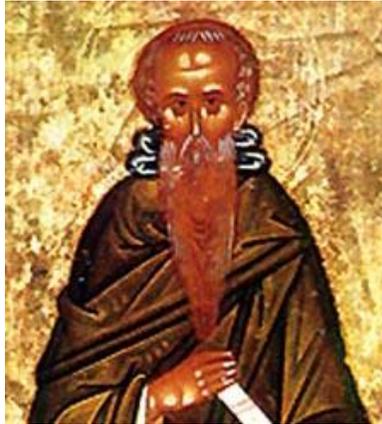


**St. Nikolai Orthodox Mission of Alliance in conjunction with Orthodox Campus Fellowship,
University of Mt. Union Dewald Chapel**

Divine Liturgy: 9:00 am.

**Very Reverend Father Joseph Cervo, Archpriest (AOCANA-retired)
Rev. Protodeacon James Gresh, Mission Administrator (Bulgarian Diocese OCA)
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September 28, 2014: 16th Sunday after Pentecost / Ven. Chariton the Confessor**



Venerable Chariton

Tone 7 Troparion (Resurrection)

By Your Cross You destroyed death. To the thief You opened Paradise.
For the Myrrhbearers You changed weeping into joy.
And You commanded Your disciples, O Christ God,
to proclaim that You are risen, // granting the world great mercy.

Tone 8 Troparion (for Venerable Chariton)

By a flood of tears you made the desert fertile,
and your longing for God brought forth fruits in abundance.
By the radiance of miracles you illumined the whole universe. //
Our Father Chariton, pray to Christ God to save our souls!

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 7 Kontakion (Resurrection)

The dominion of death can no longer hold mankind captive,
for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers.
Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry:
“The Savior has come to those in faith; // enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!”

Tone 7 Prokeimenon

The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace.
v: Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10

Tone 7 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your Name, O Most High.
v: To declare Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth by night.

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Communion Hymn:

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



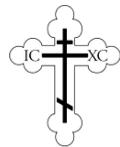
The following are prayers to be offered by the faithful on a daily basis on behalf of those who have requested our sincere prayers to the Lord.

Prayer for the health & salvation of:

O Christ, our God, Who alone is our Defender: Visit and heal Your afflicted servants _____, delivering *them* from sickness and troubles of body, soul, heart and mind. Raise *them* up anew that *they* may praise You without ceasing; through the prayers of the Birth-giver of God and ever-Virgin Mary, of our holy patron St. Nikolai and of all the saints, for You alone, O Lord, are the Physician of our souls and bodies and the lover mankind.

Prayer for the Departed:

Be mindful, O Lord, of Your servants _____, who have fallen asleep in the hope of resurrection unto life eternal and for all those who have completed their lives in piety and faith; Pardon every transgression which they have committed, whether voluntary or involuntary, by word or deed or thought, in knowledge or in ignorance. Grant them a place in Your Kingdom, where the light of Your Countenance shines upon all Your saints, where there is neither sickness or sorrow. For You are a good God and lover of mankind; because there is no person who lives yet does not sin, for You only are without sin, Your righteousness is to all eternity, and Your word is truth. For You are the Resurrection, the Life, and the Repose of Your servants who have fallen asleep, O Christ our God, and unto You we give glory, together with Your Father, who is from everlasting, and Your all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever unto ages of ages. Amen.



**The Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America
MESSAGE**

To our beloved Orthodox Christian faithful throughout the United States of America: [Let us] maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Eph. 4.3)

Beloved brothers and sisters in the Lord,

We, the members of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America, gathered in Dallas, Texas, for our fifth annual meeting on September 16-18, 2014, greet you with paternal love, as we offer glory and thanks to our Triune God.

Thirty-eight bishops convened in the unity of our holy Orthodox faith, mindful of our responsibility to each other and to the whole Church as the Body of Christ. We opened our Assembly with the celebration of the Divine Liturgy and the sharing of the Holy Eucharist at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Dallas, TX, as

guests of our host, Metropolitan Isaiah of Denver. Even as our Church honors the holy and precious Cross, we celebrate the universal and definitive victory of God over evil, sin and death.

We express our deep gratitude to all those who labored for this fifth annual Assembly Meeting. We recognize the new First Vice-Chairman of the Assembly, Metropolitan Joseph, Primate of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America, recently elected to succeed Metropolitan Philip of blessed memory. May our Lord Jesus Christ grant eternal repose to our brother and concelebrant Metropolitan Philip. The Assembly also welcomes its Second Vice-Chairman, newly consecrated Bishop John of Naro-Fominsk, Administrator of the Patriarchate of Moscow's parishes in America, and expresses its thanks to Archbishop Justinian, who has returned to Russia. Finally, we greet the latest member of our Assembly, Bishop Saba, representing the parishes of the Patriarchate of Georgia in the USA.

In the opening session, our chairman Archbishop Demetrios underlined our responsibility as bishops in witnessing to the Gospel and manifesting God's love in our world. Therefore, in our conversations carried out in a spirit of mutual trust and fraternity, we focused on issues related to the role of our Church in society, such as the advancement of religious education and relations with other churches and religions. We heard reports from the directors of the Assembly's seven agencies, with an overview of their history and current activities. The agencies include the International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC), Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) Orthodox Christian Network (OCN), Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF), Orthodox Christian Education Commission (OCEC), Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry (OCPM), and Eastern Orthodox Committee on Scouting (EOCS).

In particular, we recognized our responsibility to address primarily domestic but also, by extension, global issues as the Orthodox Christian community of a nation that plays a decisive role in our world. We are cognizant of this vocation and obligation, especially as we await the Holy and Great Synod of the Orthodox Autocephalous Churches scheduled for the Spring of 2016 in Istanbul. Over the next months, we shall have the opportunity to submit specific recommendations and proposals for consideration by the Synod, through its special Pan-Orthodox Preparatory Committee, with a view to overcoming existing canonical anomalies in the United States. We reaffirm our commitment to the decisions of the Primates of the Orthodox Autocephalous Churches and the Pan-Orthodox Preconciliar Conferences. In this regard, we engaged in constructive deliberation on the vision of our Church in the United States in light of Orthodox ecclesiology and canon law, but also in view of recent immigration developments and trends.

In declaring our common faith and professing our pastoral witness, we pray for the families of our faithful, who face unprecedented and unfathomable challenges from diverse contemporary societal trends, especially as a result of the increasing eclipse of the Christian family and its traditional values. Therefore, we emphasize the primacy and priority of the family in Christian life, remembering that the first man and woman created in the image and likeness of God constituted a family, that the Incarnate Word was born into a family, and that the crucified Lord was concerned about His family on the precious and life-giving Cross.

Finally, we agreed on the following resolutions:

- 1) We unanimously agreed on our fervent support for the convocation of the Holy and Great Council in 2016 and entreat all those responsible for its realization to work in a spirit of unity and harmony in order to bring this blessed occasion to fruition without any delay or hindrance.

2) We deplore the ongoing violence and extreme bloodshed throughout the world. In the Middle East, hostility and brutality are occurring among members of different religions, sometimes supposedly in the name of religion. We pray for peace and justice in this region, for protection of Christian and other minorities in the ancient lands of Syria, Iraq, and Palestine, as well as for the cessation of racial discrimination, partisan extremism, and religious fanaticism. We especially decry the violence of the so-called Islamic State, commending our brothers and sisters in the region to work as apostles of peace.

3) In Ukraine, we have watched for months with mounting dismay and grief the armed conflict and unjustifiable bloodshed among our own brothers and sisters. We appeal to a humanitarian response to the innocent victims of this conflict. We call upon all parties to deepen the present truce; may church and government leaders in the region be a force of restraint and reconciliation. We pray for dialogue and understanding in this land, whose Christian roots date to over one thousand years ago. May God bring unity and peace to the church and people in Ukraine.

4) We fervently appeal once again for the release of our brother bishops in Syria, the Greek Orthodox Metropolitan Paul Yazigi (brother of His Beatitude Patriarch John X of Antioch) and the Syriac Orthodox Archbishop John Ibrahim, as well as of all kidnapped persons.

5) Moreover, we regret that our brother Archbishop Jovan of Ohrid remains imprisoned in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and we implore the authorities in FYROM for a prompt and fair resolution to this issue.

6) We are deeply concerned about the reported dramatic rise of those who label themselves as religiously indifferent, agnostic or atheist. We commit ourselves to raising greater awareness and striving to more ardent preaching of the Christian gospel, while calling upon our faithful to increase their vigilance and continue growing in their understanding of our Church's teaching and tradition.

In conclusion, we ask for the prayers of our precious and beloved Orthodox faithful, as we continue the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ, who went about all Galilee, teaching in the synagogues, proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people (Matt. 4.23). May the abundant blessings of our merciful God be with you all.

Archbishop Demetrios,

Chairman

Metropolitan Joseph, 1st Vice

Chairman

Bishop John, 2nd Vice

Chairman

Bishop Basil, Secretary

Metropolitan Antony,

Treasurer

Metropolitan Iakovos

Metropolitan Isaiah

Metropolitan Alexios

Metropolitan Nikitas

Metropolitan Nicholas

Metropolitan Savas

Bishop Daniel

Bishop Sevastianos

Bishop Gregory

Bishop Thomas

Bishop John

Bishop Anthony

Bishop Nicholas

Metropolitan Hilarion

Archbishop Kyrill

Bishop Peter

Bishop Theodosy

Bishop Nicholas

Bishop Longin

Bishop Mitrophan

Bishop Maxim

Archbishop Nicolae

Bishop Saba

Bishop Daniil

Metropolitan Tikhon

Archbishop Nathaniel

Archbishop Nikon

Archbishop Benjamin

Archbishop Melchisedek

Bishop Mark

Bishop Michael

Bishop Alexander

Bishop David

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS requested

For The Health and Salvation of:

Candi (friend of John and Lynette Baier)

Wendy (friend of Lana Baier)

Jim (Cousin of Fr. David)

George Borojevich (brother of Wally and Debby)

Ava Cooper (infant who is undergoing surgery for heart defects)

Mother Ana

Nanci Stradley (Pancreatic Cancer)

Dawn Shaheen

Sharon Budd (Teacher from Perry, injured when rock thrown from overpass)

Patricia Kosivich, friend of and helper to Mother Ana

Father Joe Cervo

Doreen Wishnok (friend of the Krupko's who is battling breast cancer)

George Ralich, (Dan's father who is in Cleveland Clinic following emergency surgery)

Katie (Granddaughter of Father Stevo Rocknage, St. Sava Church in McKeesport, who is battling a rare genetic disease)

For The Repose of the Souls of:

+Emily Waseman (with Parents and family)

+Zora Penovich (with Bob and family)

+Bertha (Friend of Jaga Radosevic)

+Proto Milan Zubenitsa (newly departed Kum of Father Dragan)

+Helen Mieloff (Friend of Jaga Radosevic)

+D-Na Cracium (Friend of Corbin and Georgie Washington)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19:

Due to Homecoming events at the University of Mount Union on October 19, we are unable to hold Divine Liturgy in the Dewald Chapel on that date. The Council has decided to accept the invitation of the Baiers to have Divine Liturgy at their Lake house on October 19. We will have a pot luck picnic following Divine Liturgy. Please see Cathy Krupko to sign up for a dish. We plan to roast a lamb that day! Please join us for Divine Liturgy and fellowship!

COFFEE HOUR:

Coffee Hour on Sunday, September 21 was provided the Cervos. Thank you!!!

Coffee Hour on Sunday, September 28 will be provided by the Krupko/Catania Families.

Coffee Hour on Sunday, October 5 will be provided by Dan Ralich.

Please see Cathy or Tom Baier if you would like to help.

DONATIONS:

Please note, any special donations will be added directly to our building fund unless otherwise specified by the donor.

God bless all who have generously donated to and support our mission.

BUILDING PROJECT:

We are finalizing plans to begin phase one construction of our mission building project. If you have not made a commitment and would like to, please discuss this with either Father Joe or Deacon James by email or phone and/or by making your check payable to St. Nikolai Orthodox Mission of Alliance. May God Bless all donors for their support of our Mission and purpose in celebrating Orthodoxy.

SPECIAL COLLECTION:

We will be taking a special collection to send to Father Stevo Rocknage to assist financially with medical expenses for his granddaughter Katie, who is battling a rare genetic disease. Below are excerpts from an article about Katie. Please make your check payable to our mission and we will send one check.

“At the young age of two years old, Katie was diagnosed with an extremely rare disease that attacks her lymph nodes, Castleman’s Disease. When Katie was 18 months, a large mass was found in her arm pit under her right arm. Over the course of seven months she underwent a multitude of tests, scans, blood work, and biopsies to rule out everything from a cold to cancer. In October of 2013, her biopsy revealed the diagnosis of Castleman’s. Since her diagnosis, she has undergone several procedures which included two surgeries in attempts to completely remove all of the infected lymph nodes in that area.

Castleman's Disease (CD) is very similar to lymphoma types of cancer and can lead to lymphoma later in life. This disease attacks the lymph nodes and other immune cell structures in the body. It is very rare in children and has never been seen in someone as young as Katie.

The fight continues to gain knowledge, expand research, and find the best way to continue giving Katie the best outcomes possible. She continues to be a fun-loving, strong, and courageous 2 year old against something that we have yet to begin to understand and she will not until she is much older.

All proceeds will go towards continuing Katies care as well towards Castleman's research.”

If you are interested in reading the full article, here is the link:

<http://www.crowdrise.com/katiesfightagainstcastlemandisease/fundraiser/milevarepasky>

CHOIR PRACTICES:

Choir Practice will be held at the Gresh Home on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. Please join us.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

30 – Josh Gresh

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

29 – Deacon James and Heidi Gresh

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