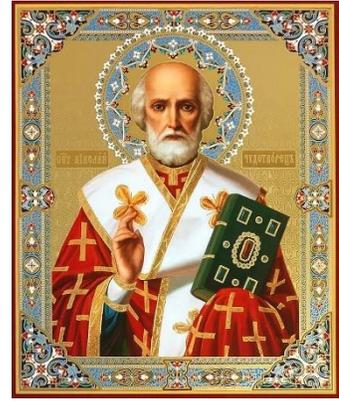


St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church Monroeville
Weekly Bulletin – November 1st, 2020



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21st Sunday after Pentecost

Tropar of the Resurrection - Tone 4

When the women Disciples of the Lord learned from the Angel the joyous message of the Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the Apostles: “Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!”

Tropar of the Translation of the Relics of St. Nicholas – Tone 4

The day of the joyous celebration has come; the city of Bari rejoices and with it the whole universe leaps from joy, singing the spiritual songs and psalms. For today, the holy feast, on the occasion of the transfer of the honorable and exceedingly healing relics of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker, has shone forth with the radiant rays, like the sun that does not set, driving away the darkness of temptations and calamities from those who faithfully exclaim to thee: “Save us, as our protector, O great Nicholas!”

Tropar of Prophet Joel – Tone 2

We celebrate the memory of Your prophet Joel, O Lord, through him we beseech you to save our souls!

Kondak of the Resurrection – Tone 4

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master, He has risen on the third day!

Kondak of St. Nicholas – Tone 3

Your relics, O Saint Nicholas, came out as a star from the east to the west. The sea was sanctified by your journey, and the city of Bari, through you, has received the grace. For working for us, you have appeared as an excellent, wonderful and merciful Wonderworker.

Kondak of Prophet Joel – Tone 4

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Theotokion – Steadfast Protectress – Tone 6

Steadfast protectress of Christians, constant advocate before the Creator: do not despise the cry of us sinners, but in your goodness come speedily to help us who call upon you in faith. Hasten to hear our petition and to intercede for us, O Theotokos, for you always protect those who honor you.

Epistle - Galatians 2:16-20

Know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified. “But if, in seeking to be justified in Christ, we Jews find ourselves also among the sinners, doesn’t that mean that Christ promotes sin? Absolutely not! If I rebuild what I destroyed, then I really would be a lawbreaker. “For through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God. I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Alleluia Verses

v. Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth! (Ps 44/45:5)
v. For You love righteousness, and hate iniquity. (Ps 44/45:8)

Gospel - Luke 8:5-15

“A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown.” When he said this, he called out, “Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.” His disciples asked him what this parable meant. He said, “The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of God has been given to you, but to others I speak in parables, so that, ““though seeing, they may not see; though hearing, they may not understand.’ “This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God. Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. Those on the rocky ground are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away. The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life’s worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature. But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.

Additional Petitions for Mercy and Help during the Covid-19 Pandemic

For our salvation during the time of this pandemic; for protection and deliverance from the Coronavirus; for the health and recovery of those suffering from this virus; and for the guidance of physicians and those who minister to the afflicted, let us pray to the Lord.

Eternal Lord, God Almighty, in Your ineffable goodness and love for humankind, look upon us who have gathered in Your Holy Name and those who could not be present; be our constant helper and defender at the time of this pandemic and hear our prayer offered with contrition of heart: Compassionate Lord, save, protect and deliver us from the impending threat of the Coronavirus; grant health and recovery to those suffering from this virus; and guide the hands of physicians and preserve those who minister to the afflicted, let us all say with all our heart and mind Lord have mercy.

Saints of the Day

Prophet Joel

The Prophet Joel (800 B.C.) predicted the desolation of Jerusalem. He also prophesied that the Holy Spirit would be poured out upon all people, through the Savior of the world (Joel 2:28-32).

The hymnographer Anatolius links Joel's prophecy to the Nativity of the Lord. In the Praises at Matins on the Sunday following the Nativity, he refers to Joel 2:30, saying that the blood refers to the Incarnation, the fire to the Divinity, and the pillars of smoke to the Holy Spirit.

Martyr Varus, and seven Monastic Martyrs with him

Martyr Varus lived in Egypt during the period of several persecutions against Christians (late third to early fourth century). Varus (Ouaros) was a military commander and secretly a Christian. He gave assistance to many of the persecuted and imprisoned Christians, and he visited the prisoners at night. He also brought food to the prisoners, dressed their wounds, and gave them encouragement.

Once Varus spent a whole night talking with seven imprisoned monks. These men were Christian teachers who had been beaten and starved. Varus marched with the teachers when they were led to their execution. The judge, seeing Varus' strong faith, had him fiercely beaten. Varus died during the beating. After his death, the monks were beheaded.

Lives of the Saints courtesy of <https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/>

Announcements

- **Sunday, November 8 – Fall Comfort Food Take-Out Luncheon** – Menu: Baked pork chop with stuffing, mashed potatoes with gravy, roasted vegetables, and dessert. Pre-orders to (412) 372-8064.
- **CANCELLED - Sunday, November 15 – St. Nicholas' 115th Church Anniversary** – This luncheon has been cancelled.
- **MEDITERRA Bakehouse Breads** for sale: \$5 a loaf. *See flyer for more details.*
- **Message to all church organizations** – The containers with decorations in various areas of the church social hall and boiler room have been sorted and consolidated. There are items that may or may not be of further use on a table in the back of the church social hall. Each church group should look through the items and decide if they should be kept or otherwise disposed of by **November 15**. After that time, items that remain will be donated or placed in the trash.
- **Delicious Home-made Noodles for Sale** – The noodles are either fine or wide, and are in 14 ounce bags; \$8 a bag. Call (412) 372-4239 to place an order. Your support is appreciated!
- **Nut Rolls – We need YOUR help!** Do you love nut rolls? We know you do! Please – your help is needed so we can offer this delicious treat for Christmas! Even if you can only commit to an hour, or a few hours, contact Rose Cheran at (412) 824-7609 or (724) 953-4123. Helpers meet on Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. (but that doesn't mean you can only help at that time!). Don't be a stranger – call Rose and have a great time baking while supporting your church.
- **Donations – Thank you, beloved parishioners, for your continued love and support during the pandemic!** If you have any questions on how to become an EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer) Donor, please contact Jovi Jovanovich at jovanovich23@yahoo.com or visit our webpage at

www.stnicholasmonroeville.org/onlinecontribution to safely and securely make an electronic donation.

- **Saturday, December 5th, 9a.m. to 1 p.m. – St. Nicholas Christmas Cookie Sale** – Pre-orders only. *See flyer for more details or contact Sandy Tarbuck at (724) 744-2075.*

Dear Parishioners:

It is time to get ready for the **St. Nicholas Christmas Cookie Sale on Saturday, December 5th from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (pre-orders only)**. It will be totally different this year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. People will not be able to choose the cookies they want, but will buy them already packaged in three sizes.

The nut rolls, apricot rolls, nut horns and lady locks will be prepared at the church by the committee and pre-packaged in one dozen containers and the remainder of the cookies will be prepared by you, our St. Nicholas parishioners. We will have a list of names, phone numbers and what kind of cookie you will be preparing (10 dozen of the same cookie please). In that way, we won't have duplicates and we know how many people will be baking, what kind of cookie they are making, and how many people we can accommodate. We ask that you not make "drop" cookies.

Please think about this now, so that you can call the committee person with your choice of cookie. You may freeze the cookies and drop them off at the church hall at 9:00 a.m. December 2, 2020.

We will have them packaged in containers and have their name and amount they owe on it. Then, we will have a cashier who will collect the checks, credit cards or cash. The buyers will not have to enter the building at all.

The committee person to call is **SANDY TARBUCK at (724-744-2075)**.

Please help us out so that we can help our St. Nicholas church. Thank you.

Rose Marie Cheran and Sandy Mireles,
Co-Chairpersons



FALL COMFORT FOOD

TAKE-OUT LUNCHEON

Menu

*Baked pork chop w/stuffing,
mashed potatoes w/gravy,
roasted vegetables,
and dessert*



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2020

11:45 AM-1:00PM

St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church

Social Hall Patio

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MEDITERRA Bakehouse is family owned and operated. The Ambeliotis family makes the finest *artisan* breads from red fife grain grown in Arizona. We are fortunate to have the Bakehouse Breads available at St. Nicholas on *Sundays* after Divine Liturgy on published dates starting **November 8, 2020** and continuing on **November 22, December 6, 20, 2020; January 3, 17, and 31, 2021**. All breads need to be **PRE-ORDERED** by calling Sondra at **(412)760-5796** by the **Wednesday prior to that Sunday (Nov.4, 18, Dec. 2, 16, 30, 2020; Jan.13, 27, 2021)**. Orders may be picked up from the Church Social Hall Patio at 11:45 AM. Mark your calendar!

The following selections will regularly be available for \$5.00 per loaf by **cash only, please**:

- **Sourdough Round** (INGREDIENTS: unbleached, unbromated whole wheat flour, filtered water, sea salt, organic cornmeal)
- **Rustic Italian Bread** (INGREDIENTS: unbleached, unbromated wheat flour, filtered water, sea salt, yeast, organic cornmeal)
- **Ciabatta** (INGREDIENTS: unbleached, unbromated wheat flour, filtered water, sea salt, yeast, organic cornmeal)
- **Paesano** (INGREDIENTS: unbleached, unbromated wheat flour, filtered water, sea salt, yeast, organic cornmeal)
- **Heartland Grain** (Ingredients: unbleached, unbromated wheat flour, cracked wheat berry, rye flakes, organic millet, organic flax seed, organic cornmeal, organic spelt, filtered water, wildflower honey, whole wheat flour, pumpkin seed, canola oil, poppy seed, sea salt, yeast)
- **Mt. Athos Fire Bread** (INGREDIENTS: unbleached, unbromated wheat flour, whole wheat flour, whole raw wheat germ, filtered water, sea salt, organic cornmeal)
- **Rye** (specify seeded or non-seeded): (INGREDIENTS: unbleached, unbromated whole wheat flour, rye flour, pumpernickel flour, caraway seed, filtered water, sea salt, fresh yeast, organic cornmeal)

Specialty Bread (\$6.00 per loaf). Specialty Breads may vary on specific dates, so please inquire when ordering.

- **Pecan Raisin** (INGREDIENTS: unbleached, unbromated whole wheat flour, whole wheat flour, filtered water, raisins, toasted pecans, cornmeal)

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