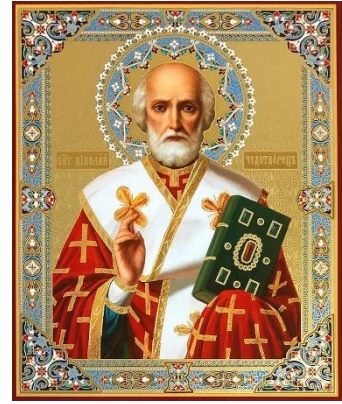


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Sunday of the Holy Righteous Ones:

Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James, the Brother of the Lord

Tropar of the Resurrection - Tone 6

The angelic powers were at Your tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Your grave, seeking Your most pure body. You captured hell, not being tempted by it. You came to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You.

Tropar of the Feast – Tone 4

Your Nativity, O Christ our God, has shone to the world the light of wisdom! For by it, those who worshipped the stars, were taught by a star to adore You, the Sun of righteousness, and to know You, the Orient from on high. O Lord, glory to You!

Tropar of the Righteous Ones – Tone 2

Proclaim the wonder, O Joseph, to David, the ancestor of God; you saw a Virgin great with child; you gave glory with the shepherds; you worshipped with the Magi; you received the news from the Angel. Pray to Christ God to save our souls!

Kondak of the Righteous Ones – Tone 3

Today godly David is filled with joy; Joseph and James offer praise. The glorious crown of their kinship with Christ fills them with great joy. They sing praises to the One ineffably born on earth, and they cry out: “O Compassionate One, save those who honor You!”

Kondak of the Feast – Tone 3

Today the Virgin gives birth to the Transcendent One, and the earth offers a cave to the Unapproachable One. Angels with shepherds glorify Him; the Wise Men journey with the star, since for our sake the eternal God was born as a little Child!

Epistle - 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.

Alleluia Verses

v: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God.

v: He will say to the Lord: “My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust.”

v: Remember, O Lord, David and all his meekness!

Gospel - Matthew 2:13-23

Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, “Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him.” When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt, and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, “Out of Egypt I called My Son.” Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying: “A voice was heard in Ramah, Lamentation, weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, Refusing to be comforted, Because they are no more.” Now when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, “Arise, take the young Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the young Child’s life are dead.” Then he arose, took the young Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea instead of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And being warned by God in a dream, he turned aside into the region of Galilee. And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, “He shall be called a Nazarene.”

The Magnificat (Instead of *Dostojno jest*)

Magnify, O my soul, the most-pure Virgin Theotokos, more honorable and more glorious than the heavenly hosts. I behold a strange, most glorious mystery: heaven—the cave; the cherubic throne—the Virgin; the manger—the place where Christ lay—the uncontainable God, Whom we magnify in song.

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.

Homily on how we should depart from evil and do good: St. Nikolaj Velimirovich – Jan. 1

"Turn from evil, and do good" (Psalm 34:15)

With these words are expressed all the efforts by which we should labor here on earth and in the earth, i.e., on this material earth and in this physical body. In what, then, should our labor consist? To achieve two habits: first, to avoid evil and second, to do good. Concerning that which is good and that which is evil, our conscience tells us incompletely and unclearly, because our conscience is darkened by sin; but the teaching of Christ tells us completely and clearly that which is good and that which is evil.

Brethren, what does our Lord ask of us? He asks that, as our altars are always facing the east, so should our souls be turned toward good. To leave evil behind us; leave evil in the shadows; leave evil in the abyss of oblivion; leave evil in the darkness of the past; that we, from year to year, from day to day, extend ourselves toward good--think about good, yearn for good, speak about good, do good. The Lord is seeking builders and not destroyers. He who builds good, by the same act destroys evil. However, he who turns away from destroying evil, quickly forgets how to build good and is transformed into an evildoer.

The Apostle of Christ teaches us, Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good (Romans 12:9). Hate evil but do not hate the man who commits evil for he is sick. If you can, heal the sick person but do not kill him with your hatred. Adhere to good and only good, for good is from God, for God is the treasury of all good.

O Good and All-gracious Lord, teach us to avoid evil and to do good for the sake of Thy glory and for the sake of our salvation.

To Thee be glory and praise forever. Amen.

From *"The Prologue of Ochrid"*, Courtesy of <http://www.rocor.org.au/>

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.

Announcements

- **Upcoming Festal Services**
 - Jan. 13 – 6 pm Vespers
 - Jan. 14 – 9 am Divine Liturgy – **St. Basil and Circumcision of our Lord**
 - Jan. 18 – 9 am Divine Liturgy – **Krstovdan**
 - Jan. 18 – 6 pm Vespers
 - Jan. 19 – 9 am Divine Liturgy – **Theophany**
 - Jan. 20 – 9 am Divine Liturgy – **St. John the Baptist**
 - Jan. 26 – 6 pm Vespers
 - Jan. 27 – 9 am Liturgy – **St. Sava**
- **NEW Online Form! Order by Wednesday 1/13 noon. - MEDITERRA Bakehouse Breads**
Lenten breads for sale: \$5 a loaf except \$6 specialty loaves. Pre-orders only. Call Sondra at (412)760-5796 by noon the Wednesday prior. Orders are available after church. The next pickup date is January 17th. Please order by noon January 13th. All pickups will take place outside on the patio. There is now an online order form option: <https://forms.gle/2bgpuweWMnjgSeEB6> *See flyer for more details.*
- **NEW Items Available - Holiday Foods** – Specialty food items for holiday preparation are still available. Suvo meso has been added to the list. Sold Out Items have been marked. Call Denny at (412) 417-3167 to place an order. *See flyer for details.*
- **Bulletin Outreach** - If you know of parishioners who do not receive the emailed parish bulletin or notices because they do not have computers or smart phones, please give those names to Father Stefan.



Holiday Foods

Make your food preparations for the holidays complete with:

- Shredded sauerkraut- **SOLD OUT**
- Heads of cured cabbage for sarma
- Organic applesauce (no sugar, no preservatives)-**SOLD OUT**
- Homemade soups - **SOLD OUT**
- Smoked kielbasa-**SOLD OUT**
- Smoked baby back ribs
- Burek
- Cevapčići
- Suvo Meso - NEW ITEM

Place your order NOW by calling Denny at
(412) 417-3167.

Profits benefit the Maintenance Committee of St. Nicholas.

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**NOW at St. Nicholas Serbian Eastern Orthodox Church,
2110 Haymaker Road Monroeville, PA 15146 on selected dates**

The Bakehouse Breads will be available at St. Nicholas on *Sundays* after Divine Liturgy on: **January 3, 17, and 31, 2021**. These breads are Lenten. All breads need to be **PRE-ORDERED** by calling Sondra at **(412)760-5796** by the **Wednesday prior to that Sunday (Dec. 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 be available for \$5.00 per loaf. **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.

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



- **8 Grain 3 Seed** (INGREDIENTS: Cracked wheat, cracked rye, whole wheat flour, filtered water, flax seed, millet, cornmeal, spelt, rolled oats, rice flour, sunflower seeds, buckwheat flour, poppy seed, wildflower honey, sea salt)