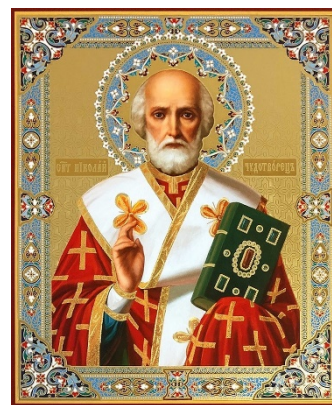


St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church Monroeville
Weekly Bulletin – January 24th, 2021

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Sunday after Theophany

Tropar of the Resurrection - Tone 8

You descended from on high, O Merciful One! You accepted the three day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to You!

Tropar of the Feast – Tone 1

When You, O Lord, were baptized in the Jordan, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest. For the voice of the Father bore witness to You, calling You His Beloved Son; and the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truthfulness of His word. O Christ our God, You have revealed Yourself, and have enlightened the world, glory to You!

Kondak of the Resurrection – Tone 8

By rising from the tomb, You raised the dead and resurrected Adam. Eve exults in Your Resurrection, and the world celebrates Your rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

Kondak of the Feast – Tone 4

Today You have shone forth to the world, O Lord, and the light of Your countenance has been marked on us. Knowing You, we sing Your praises: “You have come and revealed Yourself, O unapproachable Light.”

Epistle - Ephesians 4:7-13

But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things. And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

Alleluia Verses

v: I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your truth from generation to generation.

v: For You have said: “Mercy will be established forever; My truth will be prepared in the heavens.”

v: Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commandments.

Gospel - Matthew 4:12-17

Now when Jesus had heard that John was cast into prison, he departed into Galilee; And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephthalim: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, The land of

Zabulon, and the land of Nephthalim, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles; The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up. From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Magnificat of Theophany (Instead of It is Truly Right)

Magnify, O my soul, the most-pure Virgin Theotokos, more honorable than the heavenly hosts! No tongue knows how to praise you worthily, O Theotokos; even Angels are overcome with awe praising you. But since you are good, accept our faith; for you know our love inspired by God! You are the defender of Christians, and we magnify you.

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.

St. Sava, Archbishop of Serbia

Sava was born in 1169 A.D. He was the son of Stefan Nemanja the Grand Župan of Serbia. As a young man, Sava yearned for the spiritual life, for which he fled to the Holy Mountain [Mt. Athos], where he was tonsured a monk and lived according to the ascetic rule with rare zeal. Stefan Nemanja followed the example of his son and came to the Holy Mountain, where he was tonsured a monk and eventually fell asleep in the Lord as the monk Simeon.

Sava obtained the independence of the Serbian Church from the Byzantine emperor and the patriarch, and became the first Archbishop of Serbia. Together with his father, he built Hilandar Monastery and, after that, many other monasteries, churches and schools throughout the Serbian lands. On two occasions he made pilgrimages to the sacred places in the Holy Land. He restored peace between his two brothers, who were estranged because of a struggle for power. He restored peace between the Serbs and their neighbors. In establishing the Serbian Church, he also established the Serbian state and culture. He instilled peace between all the Balkan peoples and worked for the benefit of all--for which he was loved and respected by all who lived in the Balkans. He gave a Christian soul to the Serbian people--a soul that did not perish with the eventual collapse of the Serbian state. Sava reposed in Trnovo, Bulgaria, during the reign of Emperor Asen, on January 12, 1236 A.D., after becoming ill following the Divine Liturgy on the Feast of Theophany. King Vladislav translated his body to the Milešev Monastery, from which Sinan Pasha removed St. Sava's relics, to burn them on Vračar hill in Belgrade on April 27, 1595 A.D.

The Prologue of Ohrid, January 14, 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 Service Schedule**
 - Tues. Jan 26 – Eve of St. Sava – Vespers 6pm
 - Wed. Jan 27 – St. Sava – Liturgy 9am
- **HVAC Donations** – *See attached letter.*
- **Pierogi Sale Fundraiser** – The choir will be selling homemade potato and cheese pierogies for only \$12 a dozen! Pre-ordering begins January 31st, with Pierogi Pick-Up at the church March 13th & 14th! Can't pick up? No worries! A delivery option will be available on March 13th! Contact Daniella Vranesevic to place your order at daniella.vranesevic@gmail.com or at (724)600-5868
- **Last Week! - MEDITERRA Bakehouse Breads** – *Order by Jan 27th at noon for pickup Jan 31st*
– 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. 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.*
- **Nut Roll and Apricot Roll Available** – There are still a few nut rolls and apricot rolls for sale. Please call Sandy (724-744-2075) or Rose (412-824-7609) for more information.



ST. NICHOLAS SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
2110 HAYMAKER RD. MONROEVILLE, PA 15146

No. 4
January 13, 2021.

SUBJECT: HVAC

My dear parishioners,

I am hoping this note finds you and your families healthy in this challenging time. It is difficult not seeing you and my prayers are always for God's blessings to be with you. My letter today is short. Our church continues to be so very blessed, and together with the board, we are entering the final stretch of finalizing a major and needed improvement to our beautiful St. Nicholas, our HVAC system. Home improvements are expensive! And large church home improvements are very expensive, but we are almost there! It is our goal, and desired responsibility, to finalize this project without taking any debt. We believe strongly that our church family will also desire to support this initiative without the burden of a loan for our children to be responsible for.

As of today, as shared in our recent call, the contract for this work has been signed and work will begin in March, 2021.

Here are the numbers:

Cost of HVAC Implementation:	\$200,000
Funds Raised to Date:	\$152,000
Remaining Funds Needed:	\$ 48,000

A few more numbers:

Number of Church Members:	283
Church Members who have contributed:	87

So, you see, we need your help. If **every single member** who has not yet contributed donates \$250, we will reach our goal to complete this project without debt. April 1 is the deadline for our final payment to the contractor.

Please think of the many blessings we have all shared in our beautiful church, and think of the time when we will all be together again! Please send your donation today. You can do this by sending a check (designate HVAC in the note section) or you may do it online from our website, www.stnicholasmonroeville.org.

Let's come together as a church family and complete this project with no debt burden.

On behalf of the St. Nicholas Church Board,

Fr. Stefan Djoric





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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)