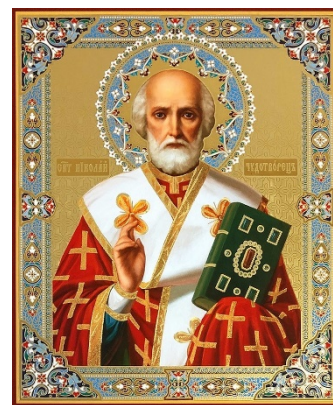


St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church Monroeville
Weekly Bulletin – February 7th, 2021



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35th Sunday after Pentecost

Tropar of the Resurrection - Tone 2

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal, You destroyed hell with the splendor of Your Godhead. And when from the depths You raised the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!

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 St. Gregory the Theologian - Tone 1

The sweet-sounding shepherd's pipe of your theology overpowered the trumpeting of the orators; for eloquence was also bestowed on you as on one who searched the depths of the Spirit. Pray to Christ God, Father Gregory, that our souls may be saved!

Kondak of the Resurrection – Tone 2

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior, seeing the miracle of Your Resurrection from the tomb! The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with You, and the world, my Savior, praises You forever.

Kondak of the Translation of the Relics 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 St. Gregory the Theologian - Tone 3

By words of theology you unraveled the complex webs of the orators, glorious Gregory, and adorned the Church with the robe of Orthodoxy woven from on high. Wearing it, she cries out with us, her children: "Rejoice, O Father, supreme mind of theology!"

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 - 1 Timothy 1:15-17

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia Verses

v: May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you!

v: Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call!

Gospel - Luke 18:35-43

Then it happened, as He was coming near Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the road begging. And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant. So they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. And he cried out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Then those who went before warned him that he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him, saying, "What do you want Me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, that I may receive my sight." Then Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

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. Gregory the Theologian

Gregory was born in Nazianzus of a Greek father [who later became a Christian and a bishop] and a Christian mother. Before his baptism, he studied in Athens with Basil the Great and Julian the Apostate. Gregory often prophesied that Julian would become an apostate and a persecutor of the Church, and this actually happened. Gregory's good mother, Nonna, had an especially great influence on him. When he had completed his studies Gregory was baptized. St. Basil consecrated him as Bishop of Sasima, and Emperor Theodosius the Great summoned him to fill the vacant archepiscopal throne of Constantinople. He wrote numerous works, the most famous of which are those on theology, for which he is called The Theologian. Especially known, because of its depth, is his work Homilies on The Holy Trinity. Gregory wrote against the heretic Macedonius, who erroneously taught that the Holy Spirit is a creation of God. He also wrote against Apollinarius, who erroneously taught that Christ did not have a human soul, but that His divinity was in lieu of His soul. Additionally Gregory wrote against Emperor Julian the Apostate, his one-time fellow student. In 381 A.D., when a debate began regarding his election as archbishop, he withdrew on his own and issued a statement: "Those who deprive us of our archepiscopal throne cannot deprive us of God." Afterward he left Constantinople and went to Nazianzus, and there he lived a life of solitude and prayer, writing beneficial books. Although he was in poor health throughout his entire life, Gregory nevertheless lived to be eighty years old. His relics were later transferred to Rome. A reliquary containing his head reposes in the Cathedral of the Dormition in Moscow. He was, and remains, a great and wonderful light of the Orthodox Church, as much by his meekness and purity of character as by the unsurpassable depth of his mind. He reposed in the Lord in the year 390 A.D.

From The Prologue of Ohrid. 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**

- Thurs. Feb 11 - Vespers 6pm
- Fri. Feb 12 -Three Hierarchs - Liturgy 9am
- Mon. Feb 15 - Meeting of the Lord in the Temple - Liturgy 9am
- Thurs. Feb 25 - Vespers 6pm
- Fri. Feb 26 - St. Simeon of Serbia - Liturgy 9am

- **Spaghetti Dinner** - Sunday Feb. 28th - This popular dinner includes spaghetti, meatballs, grated cheese, a garden salad with dressing, Italian bread (from Mediterra Bakehouse), and a dessert. All for \$12! It will be prepared with loving hands by members of the Outreach Committee and volunteers and safely packaged for take-out.. If you would like to order, but can't pick up, let Toots know when you order and a volunteer will deliver it. To pre-order, call Toots at (412) 372-8064.

- **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

- **MEDITERRA Bakehouse Breads** – For next pickup date:order by Feb. 10th at noon for pickup Feb. 14th– 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.*



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SPAGHETTI DINNER (Take-out)

(Spaghetti, meatballs, salad, bread, dessert)

Sunday, February 28, 2021

11:45AM-1:00 PM

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Orders can be picked-up at the Church Social Hall Patio

ORDER BY NOON

February 10
February 24
March 10
March 24
April 7
April 21

PICK-UP 11-30AM-Noon

February 14
February 28
March 14
March 28
April 11
April 25

The following selections will be available for \$5.00 per loaf. **Cash only, please:**

- Sourdough Round
- Rustic Italian Bread
- Ciabatta
- Paesano
- Heartland Grain
- Mt. Athos Fire Bread
- Rye, seeded or unseeded

Specialty Bread (\$6.00 per loaf). Specialty Breads may vary on specific dates.

- Pecan Raisin
- 8 Grain 3 Seed