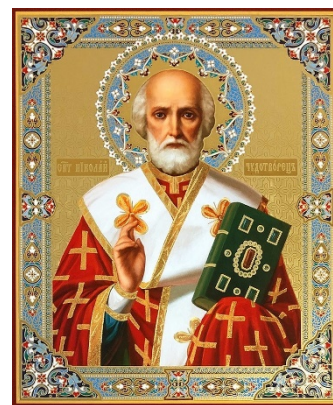


St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church Monroeville
Weekly Bulletin – February 21st, 2021

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37th 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 the Meeting of the Lord in the Temple - Tone 1

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace! From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, enlightening those who sat in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder: you accepted in your arms the Redeemer of our souls, Who grants us the Resurrection!

Kondak of the Publican and Pharisee – Tone 4

Let us flee from the pride of the Pharisee! Let us learn humility from the Publican's tears! Let us cry to our Savior: "Have mercy on us, O only merciful One!"

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 the Meeting of the Lord in the Temple - Tone 1

By Your Nativity You sanctified the Virgin's womb and blessed Simeon's hands, O Christ God. Now You have come and saved us through love. Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians, O only Lover of Man.

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 - 2 Timothy 3:10-15

But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra—what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

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*)

v. Now Lord, you let Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word, for my eyes have seen Your salvation! (*Lk 2:29*)

Gospel - Luke 18:10-14

“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.’ And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Magnificat - Tone 3 (Instead of It is Truly Meet)

O Virgin Theotokos, hope of all Christians, protect, preserve, and save those who hope in you!

In the shadow and letter of the Law, let us, the faithful, discern a figure: every male [child] that opens the womb is holy to God. Therefore we magnify the firstborn Word of a Father Who has no beginning, the Son firstborn of a Mother who had not known man.

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. Simeon the Myrrhgusher (Stefan Nemanja) - February 26 (13)

Stefan Nemanja [Nehemiah], the great ruler [Great Zupan] of the Serbian people, the consolidator of the Serbian lands, creator of the independent Serbian state, defender of Orthodoxy and eradicator of heresy, was first baptized in the Latin Church, but later he left it and entered the Orthodox Church. In the beginning he was dependent on the Greeks with regard to the state, but later he freed himself from this dependence and became completely autonomous. After Stefan had strengthened the state and the Orthodox Faith in the state, he followed the example of his son Sava. He received the monastic tonsure in Studenica Monastery in the year 1195 A.D., receiving the name Simeon. His wife Anna withdrew to a women's monastery, embraced the monastic tonsure and received the name Anastasija. After two years as a monk in Studenica, Simeon traveled to Athos, the Holy Mountain. There he took up residence in the Monastery of Vatopedi together with his son Sava. Father and son spend their days and nights in prayer. There they built six chapels: to the Savior, the Unmercenary Saints, St. George, St. Theodore, St. John the Forerunner and St. Nicholas. They purchased the ruins of Hilandar and erected a glorious monastery, in which Simeon lived only eight months and then died. When Simeon was on his deathbed, Sava, according to his father's wishes, placed him on a simple mat. With eyes directed toward the icon of the Mother of God with the Savior, the blessed elder spoke these last words, Let everything that has breath praise the Lord (Psalm 150:6), and took up his habitation with the Lord, on February 13 (26), 1200 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 25 - Vespers 6pm
- Fri. Feb 26 - St. Simeon of Serbia - Liturgy 9am
- Sat. Mar 6 - Soul Saturday - Liturgy and Parastos 10am

- **Fasting in the Pre-Lenten Season**

- February 21-27: No fasting, all days.
- February 28- March 7: Normal week.
- March 8-14: Fasting from meat. Fish, dairy, and eggs permitted all days.
- March 15: Lent begins

- **Fish Frys** - Fish Fry Fridays are back through April 2nd, 4-7pm. Pre-orders can be placed by calling (412)372-9895. Pickup only. *Please see flyer for menu and prices.*

- **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** – New Flavor Alert: Sauerkraut Pierogi! Due to popular demand, the Choir will be adding sauerkraut to the mix! Please place your order for sauerkraut pierogies by February 27th! More of an original pierogi person? There is still time to order homemade potato and cheese pierogies! Potato and cheese pierogi orders must be in by March 6th! All pierogies are \$12 a dozen! 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 Vranesovic to place your order at daniella.vranesovic@gmail.com or at (724)600-5868

- **Mediterra Bakehouse Breads** – For next pickup date:order by Feb. 24th at noon for pickup Feb. 28th– 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

\$12



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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
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March 28
April 11
April 25

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

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- Rustic Italian Bread
- Ciabatta
- Paesano
- Heartland Grain
- Mt. Athos Fire Bread
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Specialty Bread (\$6.00 per loaf). Specialty Breads may vary on specific dates.

- Pecan Raisin
- 8 Grain 3 Seed



FISH FRY FRIDAY

Every Friday 4-7 pm

Through April 2nd

Fish Dinner	\$11	French Fries	\$3.50
Baked Fish Dinner	\$10	Haluski	\$3
Fish Sandwich	\$9	Cole Slaw	\$1.75
Baked Fish Sandwich	\$8.50	Soup	\$3
Shrimp Dinner	\$12	Pop	\$1
Shrimp ONLY	\$9	Coffee	\$0.50
Scallop Dinner	\$15	Extra Bun	\$1
Scallop ONLY	\$11		
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