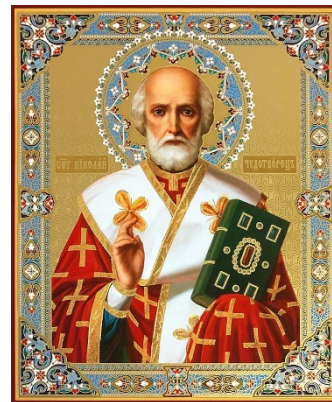


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Sunday of The Holy Cross

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 Cross - Tone 1

O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance! Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries; and by virtue of Your Cross, preserve Your habitation!

Kondak for the Cross - Tone 7

Now the flaming sword no longer guards the gates of Eden; it has been mysteriously quenched by the wood of the Cross. The sting of death and the victory of hell have been vanquished; for You, O my Savior, have come and cried to those in hell: "Enter again into Paradise!"

Before Your Cross (*Instead of Holy God*)

Before Your Cross, we bow down in worship, O Master, and Your holy Resurrection, we glorify.

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.

Epistle - Hebrews 4:14-5:6

Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness. Because of this he is required as for the people, so also for himself, to offer sacrifices for sins. And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but it was He who said to Him: “You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.” As He also says in another place: “You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek”;

Alleluia Verses

v: Remember Your congregation, which You have purchased of old! (*Ps 73/74:2*)

v: God is our King before the ages; He has worked salvation in the midst of the earth! (*Ps 73/74:12*)

Gospel - Mark 8:34-9:1

When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, “Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.” And He said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power.”

Hymn to the Mother of God (*Instead of It is Truly Right*)

All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace: the assembly of Angels and the race of men. O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, the glory of virgins, from whom God was incarnate and became a Child – our God before the ages. He made your body into a throne, and your womb He made more spacious than the heavens. All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace. Glory to you!

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

- **Easter Foods** - Easter Foods are now available. Call Denny to order at (412) 417-3167. *See flyer for more details.*
- **Mediterra Bakehouse Breads** – Just a reminder that orders for Mediterra Bread need to be made by Wed. 4/7/21 at noon for delivery after Divine Liturgy Sunday, April 11th. Calls can be made to Sondra at (412) 760-5796 or orders placed at <https://forms.gle/R4Uxd4owKKWtCJ5m7> We would appreciate your helping us to “grow” this effort by telling family, friends, and neighbors about the Mediterra Breads; all proceeds benefit St. Nicholas. *See flyer for more details.*
- **Thank you! - Pierogi Fundraiser Grand Total** - The Choir would like to thank everyone who supported us during the HVAC Pierogi Fundraiser Event! With the Pierogi sales and generous donations, we were able to raise \$4,000.00 towards the HVAC System! Thank you very much for your support! Puno Hvala!
- **Church Heating** - Due to the HVAC maintenance, which Glory to God has begun, the heating in the Church will be off until its completion.
- **The Annunciation - Wednesday** - Due to the feast this week, there will be no presanctified liturgy as there will be liturgy in the morning. Please check the service schedule on the website for more details.
- **Service Schedule** - Please check our website calendar for the service schedule: <https://www.stnicholasmonroeville.org/service-schedule/>



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Noon: March 10, 24, April 7, 21

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11:45 AM March 14, 28,

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