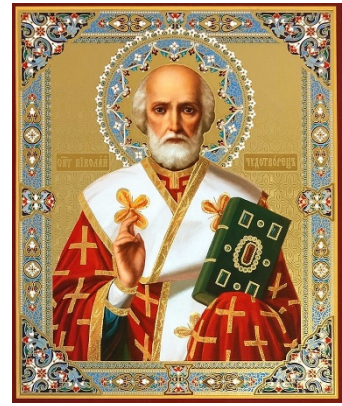


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Palm Sunday

Tropar of Palm Sunday - Tone 1

By raising Lazarus from the dead before Your Passion, You confirmed the universal resurrection, O Christ God. Like the children with the palms of victory, we cry out to You, O Vanquisher of Death: “Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord.”

Second Tropar of Palm Sunday - Tone 4

When we were buried with You in baptism, O Christ God, we were made worthy of eternal life by your Resurrection. Now we praise You and sing: “Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!”

Kondak of Palm Sunday - Tone 6

Sitting on Your throne in Heaven, carried on a foal on earth, O Christ God, accept the praise of angels and the songs of children, who sing: “Blessed is He Who comes to recall Adam!”

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 - Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things. The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

Alleluia Verses

v: O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things!

v: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Gospel - John 12:1-18

Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead. There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him. Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil. But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said, "Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it. But Jesus said, "Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial. For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always." Now a great many of the Jews knew that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead. But the chief priests plotted to put Lazarus to death also, because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus. The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: "Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!' The King of Israel!" Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written: "Fear not, daughter of Zion; Behold, your King is coming, Sitting on a donkey's colt." His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him. Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness. For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign.

Hymn to the Mother of God (*Instead of It is Truly Right*) - Tone 4

God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us! Celebrate the feast and come with gladness! Let us magnify Christ with palms and branches, singing: "Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord, our Savior!"!

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

- **Confessions** - Please come for confessions before Holy Wednesday. Contact Fr. Stefan if you would like to schedule confession.
- **Holy Week, Pascha, and Bright Week Schedule** - Please check the service schedule on the website for the Paschal season service schedule. Please note, the Paschal liturgy will be served as part of the Paschal vigil beginning at 11pm on Holy Saturday evening, as is traditional. **There will be no separate liturgy later in the morning on Sunday.**
- **Service Participation** - The Holy Week and Paschal services include many opportunities for participation. If you would like to help read at the services, please contact Popadija Marina at marina.djoric.19@gmail.com Open to all ages!
- **Easter Flowers** - Parishioners may take their Easter potted plants after the Easter Liturgy. The remaining plants will be through kept Bright Monday and Tuesday and then removed from the church. We wish to thank all who bought plants to decorate the church.
- **St. Nicholas Serbian Tamburitans Concert** - Please join us for the Tammie Concert after Liturgy on May 16th! *See flyer for details.*
- **Easter Foods** - Last week to order your Easter Foods! Call Denny to order at (412) 417-3167. *See flyer for more details.*
- **Service Schedule** - Please check our website calendar for the service schedule: <https://www.stnicholasmonroeville.org/service-schedule/>



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FRESH KIELBASA

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SOUR HEADS (FOR SARMA)

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PLJESKAVICE (SERBIAN BURGERS)

Grab your lawn chair and Join Us on the Patio....

The pandemic has interrupted many important events in our lives. Our children have also experienced these interruptions. The Tammies begin practicing every Monday evening in September to prepare for their annual concert in May. This was still the case even during the mandated lockdown last spring. Even though the kids weren't practicing together in the church hall, they were practicing through Zoom. Our kids and their dedicated instructors never gave up hope. The kids were in their basements, bedrooms and living rooms continuing to practice even though we realized that a traditional concert would not be possible.

This past September also brought uncertainty. The only way the kids could practice was once again through Zoom. We had many families who decided that even if their children would be learning virtually, it was worth their time and effort. We had two in-person practices in the fall before the pandemic seemed to escalate forcing us to once again change our plans. It wasn't until the end of February that our kids started meeting in-person once again with the hope of being able to perform what they have learned.

With positive cases on the downward trend, the number of people being vaccinated on the rise and the restrictions on the number of people being able to gather increasing, the St. Nicholas Serbian Tamburitians are pleased to invite all of you to join us on the patio immediately following Divine Liturgy on Sunday, May 16th for a short performance. Please join us as we honor the graduating seniors from last year and to support our children who ALWAYS persevered in the face of adversity and NEVER gave up on their love of our Serbian culture.

Food will also be available for take-out. All proceeds will benefit the HVAC system. Pre-orders ONLY so that we know how many to prepare for. Call, text or email Alexis with your orders @ 412.965.5602 OR djanig872@comcast.net

Dinner will include (\$15):

**½ Roasted Chicken
Parsley Potatoes
Fresh Green Beans
Salad**

Apple strudel will also be available for purchase.

All orders are due by Sunday, May 9th.

We hope that you will join us on the patio on May 16th to support our children's hard work and dedication!