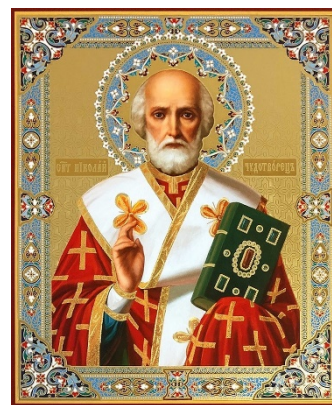


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Thomas Sunday

Tropar of Thomas Sunday - Tone 7

From the sealed tomb, You shone forth, O Life! Through closed doors You came to Your Disciples, O Christ God. Renew in us, through them, an upright spirit, by the greatness of Your mercy, O Resurrection of all!

Kondak of Thomas Sunday - Tone 8

Thomas touched Your life-giving side with an eager hand, O Christ God, when You came to Your Apostles through closed doors. He cried out with all: "You are my Lord and my God!"

Alleluia Verses

v: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

v: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King over all the earth.

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

The Angel cried to the Lady, full of grace: "Rejoice, O pure Virgin! Again, I say: 'Rejoice, your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb! With Himself He has raised all the dead.'" Rejoice, O ye people!

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem! The glory of the Lord has shone on you! Exult now, and be glad, O Zion! Be radiant, O pure Theotokos, in the Resurrection of your Son!

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 - Acts 5:12-20

And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed. Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation, and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, "Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life."

Gospel - John 20:19-31

Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

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

- **St. Nicholas Serbian Tamburitza Concert - Next Sunday!**- Please join us for the Tammie Concert after Liturgy on May 16th! *See flyer for details.*
- **St. Nicholas Slava - May 23rd** - We will be celebrating our Slava on Sunday May 23rd this year in honor of the Transfer of the Relics of St. Nicholas to Bari. There will be a take-out dinner including: sarma (stuffed cabbage), potatoes, a vegetable, bread, and dessert. Cost is \$15. Please pre-order. Call Toots at 412-372-8064.
- **Service Schedule** - Please check our website calendar for the service schedule:
<https://www.stnicholasmonroeville.org/service-schedule/>
 - *Please see updated schedule for May, June, and July*
- **Congratulations!** - Congratulations to Jovan Kozomara and Rachelle Rizzo on their wedding, Saturday May 8th! Many years!

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!