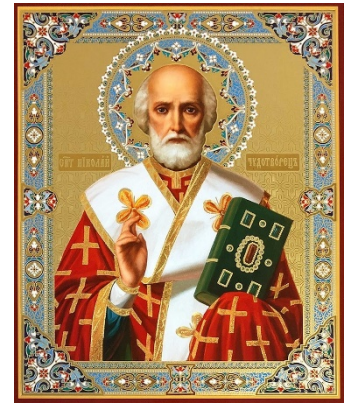


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Myrrhbearers Sunday

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 Feast - Tone 2

The noble Joseph, when he had taken down Your most pure Body from the Tree, wrapped it in fine linen and anointed it with spices, and placed it in a new tomb. But You rose on the third day, O Lord, granting the world great mercy.

Tropar of the Myrrhbearing Women - Tone 2

The Angel came to the Myrrhbearing Women at the tomb and said: "Myrrh is fitting for the dead; but Christ has shown Himself a stranger to corruption! So proclaim: The Lord is risen, granting the world great mercy."

Kondak of the Myrrhbearing Women - Tone 2

You commanded the Myrrhbearers to rejoice, O Christ God. By Your Resurrection, You stopped the lamentation of Eve, the first mother. You commanded them to preach to Your Apostles: "The Savior is risen from the tomb!"

Kondak of the Resurrection - Tone 8

You descended into the tomb, O Immortal, You destroyed the power of death. In victory You arose, O Christ God, proclaiming: "Rejoice!" to the Myrrhbearing Women, granting peace to Your Apostles, and bestowing Resurrection on the fallen.

Alleluia Verses

v: O Lord, You have been gracious to Your land; You have turned back the captivity of Jacob.

v: Mercy and truth have met, righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

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!

Epistle - Acts 6:1-7

Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch, whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them. Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

Gospel - Mark 15:43-16:8

Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent council member, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, coming and taking courage, went in to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate marveled that He was already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him if He had been dead for some time. So when he found out from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph. Then he bought fine linen, took Him down, and wrapped Him in the linen. And he laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock, and rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph observed where He was laid. Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away—for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples—and Peter—that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you." So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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.

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. If you or a member of your family or kumovi would like a dinner, but cannot pick it up, please let Toots know when ordering and we will arrange for a delivery. *See flyer for details.*
- **Congratulations!** - As the school year comes to a close, Fr. Stefan would like to acknowledge our graduating seniors after liturgy on Sunday, May 23rd. Please join us in congratulating the seniors on that day.
- **Service Schedule** - Please check our website calendar for the service schedule:
<https://www.stnicholasmonroeville.org/service-schedule/>

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

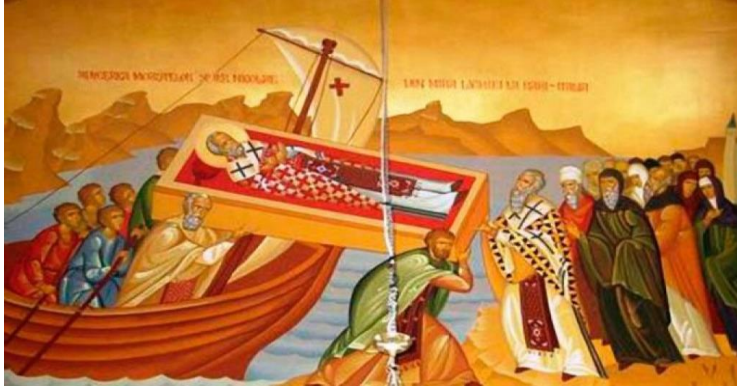
Dinner will include (\$15):

**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!



SRECNA SLAVA!

Celebrate the *Transfer of the Relics of St. Nicholas*, our Church Slava, on Sunday, May 23, 2021. There will be *Slavski Kolac* and *Koljivo* following Divine Liturgy.



You can **pre-order** a take-out dinner by calling Toots at **(412) 372-8064**. Dinners can be picked-up at the Social Hall from 11:45 AM-1:00 PM that day.

Take-out Dinner Menu

Stuffed cabbage

Mashed potatoes with
gravy

Kernel Corn

Mediterra Bread

Apple Cake

Cost \$15