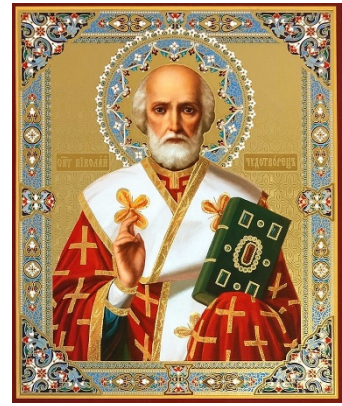


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Sunday of the Blind Man

Tropar of the Resurrection - Tone 5

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

Kondak of the Blind Man - Tone 4

I come to Thee, O Christ, blind from birth in my spiritual eyes, and call to Thee in repentance: “Thou art the most radiant Light of those in darkness.”

Kondak of Pascha - Tone 8

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal, Thou didst destroy the power of death. In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God, proclaiming, “Rejoice!” to the Myrrhbearing Women, granting peace to Thine Apostles, and bestowing Resurrection on the fallen.

Alleluia Verses

v. Look upon me and have mercy on me! (*Ps. 118:132a*)

v. Guide my steps according to Thy word! (*Ps. 118:133a*)

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 16:16-34

Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling. This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, "These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation." And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And he came out that very hour. But when her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to the authorities. And they brought them to the magistrates, and said, "These men, being Jews, exceedingly trouble our city; and they teach customs which are not lawful for us, being Romans, to receive or observe." Then the multitude rose up together against them; and the magistrates tore off their clothes and commanded them to be beaten with rods. And when they had laid many stripes on them, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely. Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed. And the keeper of the prison, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself. But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here." Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized. Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household.

Gospel - John 9:1-38

Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. And He said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing. Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind said, "Is not this he who sat and begged?" Some said, "This is he." Others said, "He is like him." He said, "I am he." Therefore they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" He answered and said, "A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and I received sight." Then they said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know." They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees. Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Therefore some of the Pharisees said, "This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. They said to the blind man again, "What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind and received his sight, until they called the parents of him who had received his sight. And they asked them, saying, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered them and said, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but by what means he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. He is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself." His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed that He was Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, "Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner." He answered and said, "Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see." Then they said to him again, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?" He answered them, "I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become His disciples?" Then they reviled him and said, "You are His disciple, but we are Moses' disciples. We know that God spoke to Moses; as for this fellow, we do not know where He is from." The man answered and said to them, "Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes! Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him. Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing." They answered and said to him, "You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?" And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?" And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you." Then he said, "Lord, I believe!" And he worshiped Him.

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

- **LITURGY SCHEDULE CHANGE for SUMMER** - Starting July 4th through August 29th all liturgies are moved an hour earlier. **Sunday/Saturday liturgies will be at 9AM. Weekday liturgies will be at 8AM.**
- **Save The Date! - 50th Anniversary Celebration - Labor Day Weekend** - *See flyer for details*
- **1 Good Deed Done...49 More To Go!** - *See flyer for details.*
- **Maintenance Group Flea Market - Next Saturday June 19th**
 - The Maintenance Group is asking parishioners to list items that have re-sale value which can be donated for the sale. Items not being taken include, old appliances, bulky furniture, and adult clothing. Please search your garages and basements for unused items! Prepare a list and contact Denny Zdrale at 412-417-3167 with any/all questions.
 - Volunteers also needed to prepare homemade cakes/cookies/pastries to sell at the Flea Market
 - *See flyer for more details.*
- **Service Schedule** - Please check our website calendar for the service schedule:
<https://www.stnicholasmonroeville.org/service-schedule/>

Our 50th Anniversary Celebration!

What does 2110 Haymaker Road mean to you? Is it the place where you or your kids grew up or maybe where you were baptized, got married or converted to the Orthodox faith? Is it the place where every Sunday you lit a candle and listened to the Gospel or where you met friends that have lasted a life time? Could it be the place where you were involved in an organization and spent countless hours working for the betterment of your church? Is it the place where you learned about your Orthodox faith, how to be an altar boy, to dance a kolo, or to sing a song? Our church means so many of these things and so much more to all of us!

Please join us for our 50th Anniversary of being on Haymaker Road this coming Labor Day weekend! We are in the beginning stages of planning a wonderful weekend for all of us to enjoy. Events are being planned for both Saturday, September 4th and Sunday, September 5th. More details about our celebration will be coming shortly.

Just like our church was not built on the backs of just a few, this weekend event is going to take the efforts of all of us! If you are interested in helping, please contact me and I promise that I will find a job for you. Together, we can create a weekend full of love and laughter and create memories that will last a lifetime!

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SAVE THE DATE!

Labor Day Weekend:

September 4-5th

1 GOOD DEED DONE...

49 MORE TO GO!

Our St. Nicholas parish has been blessed for the past 50 years and it is time for us to show our appreciation by giving back. In honor of our church's upcoming 50th anniversary of being on Haymaker Road, it is our goal to complete 50 good deeds during our 50th anniversary year!

Our first good deed was completed this past Saturday! In preparation for Memorial Day, several parishioners worked to scrub, wash and clean every tombstone in the Serbian section of Grandview Cemetery. Unfortunately, many of our departed church members no longer have family to care for their graves. These volunteers made sure that all those buried there are not forgotten and that their memory is eternal.

If you have ideas for more good deeds, please let us know. You can contact Alexis Janiga at djaniga872@comcast.net to share your ideas. This is a wonderful way to work with your church family while providing help and service to those who need it. Plus, there is no better feeling than when you lend a helping hand!

“And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.”
Hebrews 13:16

FLEA MARKET

SATURDAY, JUNE 19 : 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

(No Early Birds Please)

ST. NICHOLAS SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

SOCIAL HALL & PATIO

2110 Haymaker Road, Monroeville, PA 15146

FOOD AND FUN TOO!

Music of the 1960s

Homemade Italian “hot” sausage sandwiches

**Homemade kolbassi and homemade sour kraut
sandwiches**

Sandwiches served with side dish of choice

**Various ethnic meats grilled and served with special
condiments**

Homemade cakes/cookies

Palachinkas (crepes)

Reserve your sales table now!

Call Denny at 412-417-3167

**Please comply with CDC Regulations and Social Distancing
Guidelines. Be courteous to one another and staff.**