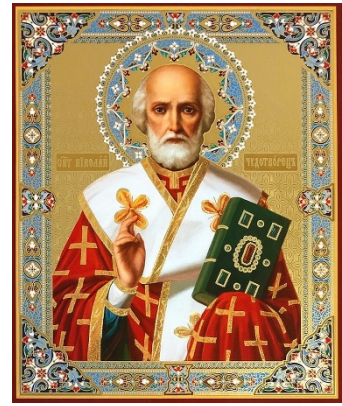


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Sunday of the First Ecumenical Counsel

Tropar of the Resurrection - Tone 6

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure body. Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee.

Tropar of the Ascension - Tone 4

Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, granting joy to Thy Disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through the blessing, they were assured that Thou art the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world!

Tropar of the Fathers - Tone 8

Thou art most glorious, O Christ our God, Who hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth. Through them Thou hast guided us to the True Faith. O greatly compassionate One, glory to Thee!

Kondak of the Fathers - Tone 8

The Apostles' preaching and the Fathers' doctrines have established one Faith for the Church. Adorned with the robe of truth, woven from heavenly theology, It defines and glorifies the great mystery of piety.

Kondak of Ascension - Tone 6

When Thou hadst fulfilled the dispensation for our sake, and united earth to heaven, Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, not being parted from those who love Thee, but remaining with them and crying: "I am with you, and there is no one against you!"

Alleluia Verses

v. The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. (*Ps. 49:1*)

v. Gather to Me My venerable ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice! (*Ps. 49:6*)

Hymn to the Mother of God (Instead of It is Truly Right) - Tone 5

Magnify, O my soul, Christ the Giver of Life, Who hath ascended from earth to heaven!

We magnify thee, O Mother of God, who beyond reason and understanding gave birth in time to the Timeless One.

Epistle - Acts 20:16-18, 28-36

For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he would not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hurrying to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the Day of Pentecost. From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church. And when they had come to him, he said to them: "You know, from the first day that I came to Asia, in what manner I always lived among you" Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears. "So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I have coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. Yes, you yourselves know that these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me. I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

Gospel - John 17:1-13

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. "I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. "I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.

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.*
 - See also the notice for our second good deed! Please include Baby J.P. and his family in your prayers.
- **Maintenance Group Flea Market - This 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/>

Good Deed #2

Father Joe Cervo, a son of our parish, and his family need our help! Father Joe's grandson, Joseph Paul Cervo Jr., who is affectionately called Baby J.P., was born on March 18, 2021, which happens to be the Feast Day of St. Nikolai Velimirovic. Since his birth, Baby J.P. has been in the Pediatric CCU at the Cleveland Clinic. He has yet to be at home with his parents J.P. and Gina Cervo. Baby J.P. was born with an underdeveloped left side of his heart, three holes in his heart and an aorta that was not fully opened.

Baby J.P. has had successful open-heart surgery to repair the holes and open the aorta. Unfortunately, he has since developed a rare lung disease called Pulmonary Interstitial Glycogenosis (P.I.G.). There are only 50 known cases. While J.P. and Gina have health insurance, the bills beyond coverage continue to mount. Additionally, they travel 70 minutes a day to and from the hospital resulting in heightened fuel, food, and incidental costs.

This is where our second good deed comes into effect. Not only does this family need our prayers, they also need our help financially. We will be collecting for the remaining days in June to help ease some of the burden for J.P. and Gina. Having a sick child is something that no parent ever wants to face. Let us show Father Joe and his family that they are not alone in facing whatever may come next in Baby J.P.'s journey.

If you are interested in making a monetary donation, please make your check payable to St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church and mark "Baby J.P." in the memo so that the donation can be earmarked for the Cervo family. If you have any questions, please reach out to Nick Jokola.

May God Bless you for your kindness, generosity, compassion and prayers.

Sincerely,

Alexis Janiga

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.**