

St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church Monroeville
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All Saints

Tone 8 Troparion (Resurrection)

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

Tone 4 Troparion (All Saints)

As with fine porphyry and royal purple, Thy Church has been adorned with Thy martyrs' blood shed throughout all the world. She cries to Thee, O Christ God: "Send down Thy bounties on Thy people, grant peace to Thy habitation and great mercy to our souls!"

Tone 8 Kontakion (All Saints)

The universe offers Thee the God-bearing Martyrs as the first fruits of creation, O Lord and Creator. By their prayers keep Thy Church, Thy habitation, in abiding peace through the Theotokos, O most Merciful One!

Alleluia Verses

v. The righteous cried and the Lord heard them, and delivered them out of all their troubles. (*Ps. 33:17*)

v. Many are the afflictions of the righteous; the Lord will deliver them out of them all. (*Ps. 33:19*)

Epistle - Hebrews 11:33-12:2

Who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented — of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us. Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Gospel - Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30

Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. Then Peter answered and said to Him, “See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?” So Jesus said to them, “Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name’s sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first.

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

- **Today - Luncheon** - The Outreach Committee will host Cake and Coffee and a take-out lunch on Sunday, June 27. The lunch will consist of Lois' famous BBQ ham sandwiches and tortellini salad. Cost is \$8. Please stop after church in the social hall.
- **Save The Date! - 50th Anniversary Celebration - Labor Day Weekend** - *See flyer for details*
- **1 Good Deed Done...49 More To Go!** - Any ideas for more good deeds? Contact Alexis Janiga at djaniga872@comcast.net
 - See also the notice for our second good deed! Please include Baby J.P. and his family in your prayers.
- **Thank you!** - Thank you to everyone who helped for Saveta's First Birthday/Goodbye Biljana (Fr. Stefan's Mother) Party! We appreciate your love and support. Love in Christ, Fr. Stefan, Popadija Marina, Saveta, and Biljana
- *****STARTING NEXT SUNDAY*** - 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.
- **Live Stream Videos** - Live stream videos will now only be available while live. After liturgy ends, they will be removed from the channel.
- **Service Schedule** - Please check our website calendar for the service schedule.
 - **UPDATE** - Service schedule for the Mother of God Fast in August has been updated to add the Paraklesis service, a canon to the Mother of God. We will also serve Vigil on Friday August 27th for the Dormition of the Mother of God. The Vigil service combines Vespers, with Litya (the Blessing of Bread), and Matins. During the Matins service, all the faithful will be anointed with the blessed oil, and the bread will be distributed.
<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