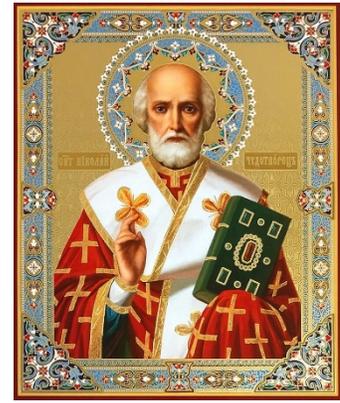


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3rd Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 2 Troparion (Resurrection)

When thou didst descend to death, O Life Immortal, Thou didst destroy hell with the splendor of thy Godhead. And when from the depths thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: “O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to thee!”

Tone 4 Troparion (Translation of the Relics of St. Nicholas)

The day of the joyous celebration has come; the city of Bari rejoices and with it the whole universe leaps from joy, singing the spiritual songs and psalms. For today, the holy feast, on the occasion of the transfer of the honorable and exceedingly healing relics of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker, has shone forth with the radiant rays, like the sun that does not set, driving away the darkness of temptations and calamities from those who faithfully exclaim to thee: “Save us, as our protector, O great Nicholas!”

Tone 5 Troparion (Cyrus and John)

Thou hast given us the miracles of thy martyrs, Cyrus and John, as an invincible rampart, O Christ God; through their prayers, frustrate the plans of the heathens, and strengthen the faith of the Orthodox Christians, for thou alone art good and lovest mankind.

Tone 2 Kontakion (Resurrection)

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior, seeing the miracle of thy Resurrection from the tomb! The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with thee, and the world, my Savior, praises thee forever.

Tone 3 Kontakion (Translation of the Relics of St. Nicholas)

Your relics, O Saint Nicholas, came out as a star from the east to the west. The sea was sanctified by your journey, and the city of Bari, through you, has received the grace. For working for us, you have appeared as an excellent, wonderful and merciful Wonderworker.

Tone 3 Kontakion (Cyrus and John)

Having received the gift of miracles through divine grace, O saints, you work wonders in the world unceasingly. You remove all of our passions through your invisible surgery, divinely-wise Cyrus and glorious John, for you are truly divine physicians.

Tone 6 Theotokion (Steadfast Protectress)

Steadfast protectress of Christians, constant advocate before the Creator: do not despise the cry of us sinners, but in your goodness come speedily to help us who call upon you in faith. Hasten to hear our petition and to intercede for us, O Theotokos, for you always protect those who honor you.

Alleluia Verses

v. May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you! (*Ps 19/20:1*)

v. Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call! (*Ps 19/20:9*)

Epistle - Romans 5:1-10

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

Gospel - Matthew 6:22-33

“The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness! “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. “Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? “So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? “Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

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

- **Grandview Cemetery Sale** - *See flyer for details.*
- **Memory Book** - As part of our 50th Anniversary Celebration we are compiling a book of favorite memories. We are asking parishioners of all ages, including our children, to share a favorite memory of our beloved St. Nicholas. Send your memories to both Pam Matejevich (pam.matejevich@icloud.com) and Dana Guskiewicz (d.gus@comcast.net) by July 20th. In addition, to help defray the cost of printing our Memory Book, we will be including an In Memoriam page where you can include the names of departed loved ones for \$5 per name. Submit your name(s) and money (make checks payable to St. Nicholas) to Pam and Dana. Please note the creation of our Memory Book will be in lieu of a traditional Ad Book.
 - Responses should be 3 sentences or less. Memories should be from our time on Haymaker Road. Include how you would like your name to appear in our Memory Book associated with your memory
 - What is special to you? Recollections of being an altar boy, a choir member or of a favorite church service. Reminisce about Noc u Vojnic, St. Sava programs or church picnics. Tales from Choir trips, Tammie trips or Men's Klub Valentine's Day dances
 - We look forward to receiving your memories and name(s) for our In Memoriam page!
 - Pam Matejevich and Dana Guskiewicz - Memory Book Chairs
- **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.
- **Reminder - 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.
- **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

For a limited time, Grandview Cemetery is offering a special 6 month offer to just members of our church!!!

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

For those of you who are unaware, I have represented our church on the Grandview Cemetery board of directors for the past three years. All of the board members are volunteers and our job is to run the day to day operations of the cemetery. Grandview is a nonprofit organization that sub-contracts all of their employees.

As some of you may have seen, the Serbian section has recently undergone a major expansion. Approximately 200 new plots have been added. The cemetery board spent a large sum of money to allow for more room in the Serbian section. Now is the time to plan ahead and purchase your final resting place.

I proposed, and The Grandview Cemetery board agreed, that all plots purchased from July 1, 2021 until the end of this year will have 10% of the price going back to our church. This limited offer is an easy way for our church to put additional funds into our accounts. Additionally, during this six month period, plots will be \$600 rather than the new price of \$750. This offer is just for the parishioners of our church who wish to be buried in the Serbian section of the cemetery. Payment must be made in full at the time of purchase to receive the discounted price.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at djaniga872@comcast.net You can also contact Janet Gilbert directly at jlagalsky@romemonuments.com or 412-823-1900 to purchase your plots. Make sure to mention the 10% offer during your conversation.

Sincerely,
David Janiga

