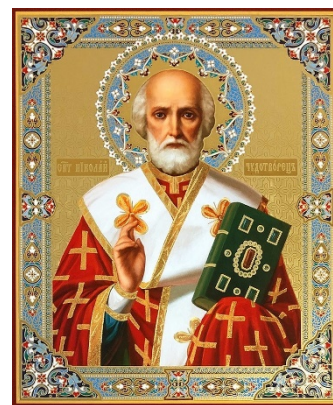


St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church Monroeville
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4th Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 3 Troparion (Resurrection)

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world great mercy.

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 3 Troparion (St Athanasios of Athos)

Angelic hosts on high were filled with wonderment, seeing your life in the flesh: how with your body you courageously went out to wrestle with invisible foes; and to the demonic hordes you inflicted serious wounds. Therefore, Athanasios, you received from the Master Christ, a wealth of gifts. Holy Father, intercede on our behalf with Christ our God, to save our souls.

Tone 3 Kontakion (Resurrection)

On this day You rose from the tomb, O Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death. On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; with the Prophets and Patriarchs they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Your power.

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 8 Kontakion (St Athanasios of Athos)

Best contemplator of essences immaterial and expert teacher of active ascetic discipline, we your brotherhood extol you, O Saint, and cry out: Never cease entreating Christ the Lord on our behalf, that He free us from temptations and adversities, as we cry to you: Rejoice, O Father Athanasius!

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.

Epistle - Romans 6:18-23

And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness. For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Alleluia Verses

v. In You, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame! (*Ps 30/31:1*)

v. Be a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me! (*Ps 30/31:2*)

Gospel - Matthew 8:5-13

Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented." And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel! And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that same hour.

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

- **Bakers and Volunteers Needed for 50th Anniversary-** Dear Parishioners, On Sunday, September 5, we will be having a church picnic as part of our 50th anniversary celebration. As in past years, there will be a cake table with homemade cakes and pastries for sale. We need volunteers to work at the cake table, as well as bakers to donate these homemade items. If you would like to volunteer to work, bake, or both, please contact Janet Tumbas at: 412-751-3809, or jtumbas@gmail.com. Any help will be greatly appreciated!
- **St. Nicholas 50th Anniversary Celebration Details** - *See flyer*
- **St Petka Kolo Christmas Project - In partnership with Lifeline** - *See flyer for details.*
- **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
- **St. Nicholas Good Deeds** - Any ideas for more good deeds? Contact Alexis Janiga at djaniga872@comcast.net
- **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/>

Invitation to St. Nicholas Church Anniversary in Monroeville - September 4-5, 2021

We are pleased to invite you to share in a weekend of good food, great music, and wonderful memories. Please join us this Labor Day weekend as we celebrate our parish's 50th anniversary of building our church on Haymaker Road. All events will take place at the church.

Saturday, September 4th:

4:00-5:30 pm - Take a stroll down memory lane. Memory Boards can be viewed so that you can look back at the past 50 years to learn about and remember our church's rich history.

Appetizers will be available. Cocktails may be purchased at the bar.

5:30 pm - Vespers service presided by His Grace Bishop Irinej

7:00 pm - Dinner will be served. The menu will consist of:

Chicken noodle soup
Sarma
Chicken
Roasted pig

Mashed Potatoes
Vegetable
Salad
Bread

Apple strudel
Palacinke

The cost of the meal will be \$35 for adults. Children 6 - 17 costs \$15. Children 5 and under are free. Please contact Amanda Formato at 412.980.8944 or amandabilak@gmail.com with your reservations or do it online:

<https://www.stnicholasmonroeville.org/50th-anniversary-weekend-celebration/>

Tickets will not be available at the door. Reservations will be accepted until Monday, August 23rd. Music will be provided by Mikey D Tamburitza Orchestra during the dinner and dance.

Sunday, September 5th:

10:00 am - Hierarchical Divine Liturgy presided by His Grace Bishop Irinej

12:00 pm - Picnic on the patio – All day! - Authentic Serbian picnic foods will be available for purchase. Many delicious desserts at our baked goods table will be on hand.

4:00 pm - Music will be provided by Srpski Sinovi

Please note that on September 5th, we will be celebrating his Grace Bishop Irinej's name day in addition to our anniversary. His Grace's name day falls on the feast of St. Irenaeus of Lyon which is September 5th. To honor St. Irenaeus of Lyon we will have slava bread and koljivo offered during liturgy.

As you have read, we have a wonderful weekend planned for all of us. In order for this to happen, we need the help and support of all of you. Please add these special events to your calendar and make your reservations now. We are excited to celebrate and honor the accomplishments of our past and are looking forward to what lies ahead in our future.

Remember, no tickets are available at the door for Saturday's dinner. Make your reservations today with Amanda or online!

Can't wait to see everyone in September!

St. Petka Kolo Christmas Project



In partnership with Lifeline Chicago

For the third consecutive year, the St. Petka Kolo is partnering with Lifeline Chicago to deliver Christmas gifts to 25 children and young adults of the Vasa Stajic Home in Belgrade, Serbia.

The Home is for children and young adults who have been rescued off the streets, have problems at home or have no help receiving needed medicines.

Join us in the effort to ensure those less fortunate have a blessed and joyous Christmas.

Contact Pam Matejevich by August 22nd for the name of a child or to donate monetarily. The items requested for each child are one sweatshirt, a pair of sweatpants and a short sleeved t-shirt.

Email: pam.matejevich@icloud.com

Call or Text: 724.454.4451



2019 Lifeline Christmas Packing, Lifeline Warehouse, Gary, Indiana
Monroeville Kolo members and parishioners in attendance

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 jlagsky@romemonuments.com or 412-823-1900 to purchase your plots. Make sure to mention the 10% offer during your conversation.

Sincerely,
David Janiga



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