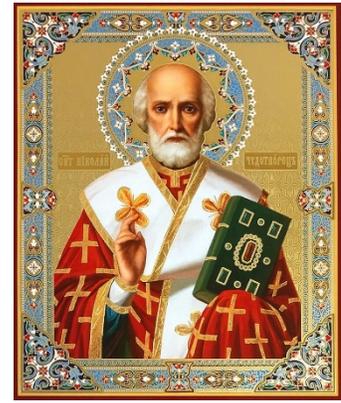


St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church Monroeville
Weekly Bulletin – August 15th, 2021



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8th Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 7 Troparion (Resurrection)

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death. To the thief Thou didst open Paradise. For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy. And Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen, granting 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 4 Troparion (St. Stephen the First Martyr)

Thy head was crowned with a royal diadem for the contest thou didst endure for Christ our God, O first to suffer among the Martyrs. For having utterly refuted the madness of the Jews, Thou didst behold thy Savior at the right hand of the Father. Therefore always entreat him in behalf of our souls.

Tone 7 Kontakion (Resurrection)

The dominion of death can no longer hold mankind captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: "The Savior has come to those in faith; enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!"

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 6 Kontakion (St. Stephen the First Martyr)

Thou wast the first to be sown on the earth by the Heavenly Husbandman, O all-praised one. Thou wast the first to shed thy blood on the earth for Christ, O blessed one. Thou wast the first to receive the crown of victory from Him in heaven, O Stephen, first of the suffering God-crowned martyrs.

Theotokion – Steadfast Protectress – Tone 6

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 - 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's household, that there are contentions among you. Now I say this, that each of you says, "I am of Paul," or "I am of Apollos," or "I am of Cephas," or "I am of Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, lest anyone should say that I had baptized in my own name. Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas. Besides, I do not know whether I baptized any other. For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect. For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Alleluia Verses

- v. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most High. (*Ps 91/92:1*)
- v. To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night. (*Ps 91/92:2*)

Gospel - Matthew 14:14-22

And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food." But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." And they said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish." He said, "Bring them here to Me." Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes. So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained. Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away.

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

- **Sunday School** - Here are some important updates regarding the 2021-2022 Church School Year. The first day for in-person Sunday School classes will be September 26th. Sunday School will be 9:30 AM-10:00 AM for all grades Pre-K through 12th. We expect the children to go upstairs for Divine Liturgy with their family members at the end of Sunday School lessons. Please remember that the best way for our children to grow in the Orthodox Faith is to attend Divine Liturgy. In addition, please continue to check your emails for upcoming events. We are planning a one-day camp for our children to paint flower pots and plant flowers for Outreach, bake cookies for local community workers, as well as to have a lesson with Fr. Stefan. This event will take place in October, so please stay tuned for details and updates. As always, please let me know if you have any questions. We can't wait to work with the children in-person again this fall! Sincerely, St. Nicholas Sunday School Teachers
- **St. Nicholas Tamburitzans** - Starting September 20th. *See flyer for details.*
- **Good Deed #5!** - Aug 18 - Serving dinner at the Neighborhood Resilience Project. *See flyer for details.*
- **Church Cleaning Volunteers Needed** - Please respond by Aug. 15 - Over the past year, we have secured a cleaning service to clean our church, church hall, multi-purpose room and bathrooms. We are writing to ask your help in caring for our church (not the hall, multi-purpose room or bathrooms). Our beautiful church sanctuary and narthex, entry doors, pews and carpets can, we believe, can be better cared for. Most often, these tasks need to be done weekly (except when there is liturgy during the week). Tasks include: vacuuming the carpet, cleaning the ceramic tile floors in the narthex and sanctuary, cleaning the candle area (including glass separation). It is our sincere hope that enough parishioners will volunteer, so that a rotating schedule can be created and that schedule will then be communicated to all volunteers.
 - If you are interested, please contact Natalia Petrulli at 724-396-1538 or email office@stnicholasmonroeville.org. We ask that all volunteers be committed by August 15th so we can communicate with our current cleaning service.
- **St Petka Kolo Christmas Project** - Please repond by Aug. 22 - In partnership with Lifeline - *See flyer for details.*
- **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.
- **St. Nicholas 50th Anniversary Celebration Details** - *See flyer for details.*
- **St. Nicholas Good Deeds** - Any ideas for more good deeds? Contact Alexis Janiga at djaniga872@comcast.net
- **Grandview Cemetery Sale** - *See flyer for details.*
- **Service Schedule** - Please check our website calendar for the service schedule.
 - Note: Some time changes were made. Please note the schedule. Weekday liturgies will now continue to be at 8am going forward. The website has been updated to reflect the change.
 - <https://www.stnicholasmonroeville.org/service-schedule/>

Good Deed #5

Our parish will be serving dinner at The Neighborhood Resilience Project (formerly FOCUS). The Neighborhood Resilience Project has a faith-based affiliation with the Orthodox Christian Church through a relationship with Saint Moses the Black Orthodox Church in the Hill District. Father Paul Abernathy is both the pastor of St. Moses and CEO of The Neighborhood Resilience Project.

Dinner will be prepared and served by our St. Nicholas Parish on Wednesday August 18, 2021. Volunteers are needed for preparation and serving. All dinners will be packed "to go". Dinner will be served at 4:30 with prep earlier in the day.

Monetary donations, to defray the cost of food and packaging, as well as canned/boxed food donations are appreciated.

Contact Dave Janiga 412.610.1707 or Nick Jokola 814.241.4929 to volunteer.

If you have any ideas for more good deeds, please let me know. The good deeds can be a walk, run or golf outing for a charity or specific cause. It can be volunteer work within your community. It can be an activity that your family participates in each year for the betterment of others.

Please share with me any ideas that you may have. I encourage you to become involved with our good deeds campaign. Reflect on the blessings you have in your life and pay those blessings forward!

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

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. Nicholas Serbian

Tamburitzans

2110 Haymaker Rd

Monroeville, PA 15146

JOIN OUR ST. NICHOLAS “TAMMIES”

and make lasting friendships!

This year’s start date is Monday, September 20th!



Rehearsals:

When: Monday Evenings

Where: Church Hall

Start time: Varies by grade

Students: 1st grade – 12th grade

and enrolled in an Orthodox church school

Affordable monthly tuition (*multiple child discounts)

DANCE, PLAY, SING, AND TRAVEL!

For more information: StNicholasTammies@gmail.com

Contact: Bati Bajich (816) 678-6251

Visit us on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/St-Nicholas-Serbian-Tamburitzans-1173894562630222>

The St. Nicholas Serbian Tamburitzans has been in existence for over 55 years and has continued to perpetuate the Serbian culture with beautiful authentic costumes, music, songs, and dances.

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

