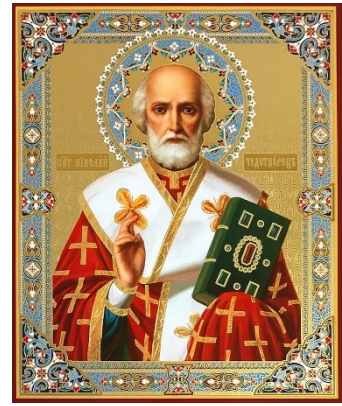


**St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church Monroeville**  
**Weekly Bulletin – August 22nd, 2021**

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**9th Sunday After Pentecost**

**Tone 8 Troparion (Resurrection)**

You didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! You didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, 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 7 Troparion (Transfiguration)**

You were transfigured on the mount, O Christ God, revealing Thy glory to Thy disciples as far as they could bear it. Let thine everlasting Light shine upon us sinners through the prayers of the Birthgiver of God! O Giver of Light, glory to thee!

**Tone 8 Kontakion (Resurrection)**

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam. Eve exults in Thy Resurrection, and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

**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 7 Kontakion (Transfiguration)**

You were transfigured on the mount, O Christ God, revealing Thy glory to Thy disciples as far as they could see it. So that when they saw Thee crucified, they would understand that thy suffering was voluntary, and would proclaim to the world that thou art truly the Radiance of the Father.

**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 3:9-17**

For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire. Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.

### **Alleluia Verses**

v. Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior! (*Ps 94/95:1*)

v. Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! (*Ps 94/95:2*)

### **Gospel - Matthew 14:22-34**

Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary. Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God." When they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret.

### **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.

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### **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](mailto:jovanovich23@yahoo.com) or visit our webpage at [www.stnicholasmonroeville.org/onlinecontribution](http://www.stnicholasmonroeville.org/onlinecontribution) to safely and securely make an electronic donation.

## Announcements

- **Don't forget to reserve your spots for our 50th Anniversary Celebration! No later than this Wednesday Aug. 25!** -*See flyer for reservation details.*
- **Dormition of the Mother of God - Reminder - This Fri/Sat** - For the feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God, we will be having a full service schedule. Both Vespers and Matins have many parts to be read. If you would like to help Popadija read, please come to the choir alcove before the service.
  - Friday, 6pm - Vespers with Litya and Blessing of Bread. Blessed bread will be distributed after the service.
  - Saturday, 8am - Matins and Liturgy
- **Pulled Pork, Potato Salad and Donuts! - Aug 29** - *See flyer for more details*
- **St. Nicholas Blood Drive - Sept 9** - *See flyer for more details*
- **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 us 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.*
- **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](mailto: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](mailto: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/>

**Sunday, August 29, 2021**



**Join us for coffee and donuts!**

And if you want a little more....

A warm pulled-pork sandwich



and

Serbian potato salad



for take-out.

Cost is \$8.

*Sponsored by members of the Outreach Committee*

## **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](mailto: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 5<sup>th</sup>, 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!

# Be a part of something bigger than yourself



## St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church Blood Drive

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**  
**NOON TO 6 P.M.**  
**SOCIAL HALL**  
**2110 HAYMAKER ROAD**  
**MONROEVILLE, PA 15146**

For more information or to schedule a donation,  
call **412.209.7000** or visit us at **vitalant.org**  
Find us @vitalant:   

To schedule your lifesaving appointment, go to <https://donateblood.centralbloodbank.org>:  
- Choose “Donor Login” if you have donated with Vitalant or Central Blood Bank before  
- If you have not donated with Vitalant or Central Blood Bank before, choose “New Donor”  
- At the “Schedule your Appointment Today” screen, scroll down using the far right scroll bar and enter group code G0060019 to schedule your donation  
- If you cannot schedule online, please call Alexis Janiga at 412.965.5602

APPOINTMENTS RECOMMENDED

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# 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 20<sup>th</sup>!**



### **Rehearsals:**

**When:** Monday Evenings

**Where:** Church Hall

**Start time:** Varies by grade

**Students:** 1<sup>st</sup> grade – 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:djaniga872@comcast.net) You can also contact Janet Gilbert directly at [jlagalsky@romemonuments.com](mailto:jlagalsky@romemonuments.com) or 412-823-1900 to purchase your plots. Make sure to mention the 10% offer during your conversation.

Sincerely,  
David Janiga

