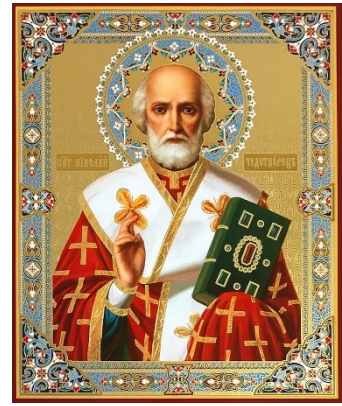


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14th Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 5 Troparion (Resurrection)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

Tone 4 Troparion (Founding of the Church of the Resurrection in Jerusalem)

Thou hast revealed the beauty of the holy dwelling place of Thy glory on earth to be like the splendor of the heavenly firmament, O Lord. Through the prayers of the Theotokos, strengthen it for ever and ever and accept our supplication which we ceaselessly offer to Thee therein, the life and resurrection of all!

Tone 4 Troparion (Forefeast of the Feast of the Cross)

We offer in supplication the life-creating Cross of Your goodness, O Lord, which You have granted to us although we are unworthy. Through the Theotokos, save all Orthodox Christians, O only Lover of man!

Tone 5 Kontakion (Resurrection)

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior, shattering its gates as Almighty, resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death. Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man, and we cry to Thee: “O Lord, save us!”

Tone 4 Kontakion (Founding of the Church of the Resurrection in Jerusalem)

The Church has been revealed to be a heaven filled with light, which enlightens all the faithful. Standing within it we cry: “Establish this house, O Lord!”

Alleluia Verses

v. I have exalted one chosen out of My people. (*Ps 88/89:20*)

v: For My hand shall defend him and My arm shall strengthen him. (*Ps 88/89:22*)

Epistle - 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4

Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. Moreover I call God as witness against my soul, that to spare you I came no more to Corinth. Not that we have dominion over your faith, but are fellow workers for your joy; for by faith you stand. But I determined this within myself, that I would not come again to you in sorrow. For if I make you sorrowful, then who is he who makes me glad but the one who is made sorrowful by me? And I wrote this very thing to you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow over those from whom I ought to have joy, having confidence in you all that my joy is the joy of you all. For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you, with many tears, not that you should be grieved, but that you might know the love which I have so abundantly for you.

Gospel - Matthew 22:1-14

And Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables and said: "The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. Again, he sent out other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding."' ' But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them. But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.' So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

- **Potluck Lunch - Today!** - Please remember to attend the POTLUCK LUNCH after church! Food and beverages will be provided by the Outreach Committee, St. Petka Kolo, and Klub Karadjordje. There will be no charge! The menu includes hotdogs, hamburgers, ćevapi, Serbian potato salad, macaroni salad, tomato and cucumber salad, burek, chili, noodle kugel, and cookies! So, come hungry!
 - ALSO- there will be a guessing game for the children as well as a pinata filled with candy and coins. We can't wait to see you for this awesome gathering!
- **Sunday School - Starts Today! - 9:30am-10am** - There will be a blessing after liturgy for the kids and teachers starting Sunday School today. It is strongly suggested that all Church School teachers and students wear masks during instruction time.
- **St. Nicholas Sunday School “Pay It Forward” Camp - Oct 16, 10am-1pm** - Students will be divided into groups and will rotate stations to create items for members within and outside of our church community to “Pay It Forward”. Stations for K-12 will include: painting a flower pot and planting a plant for Outreach, baking cookies for local community care workers, and a session with Fr. Stefan to discuss our Orthodox Faith! Stations for the younger children will include crafts, story time, dancing, and play time! Lunch will be included. Please use link below to sign up.
- **St. Nicholas Sunday School Bowling Party - Oct 17, 1pm** - Please join us for a Church School Bowling Party! Come and see if you can bowl better than Fr. Stefan!!! Please use link below to sign up.
- **LINK** - Please follow this link to the [Google Form](#) to signup for both dates to assist with planning!
- **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.
 - <https://www.stnicholasmonroeville.org/service-schedule/>

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

