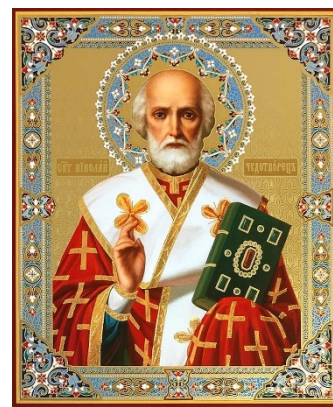


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15th Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 6 Troparion (Resurrection)

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure body. Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee.

Tone 1 Troparion (Elevation of the Cross)

O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance. Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries. And by virtue of Your Cross, preserve Your habitation.

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. Eustathius and family)

Your holy martyr Eustathius and his wife and sons, O Lord, through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from You, our God. For having Your strength, they laid low their adversaries, and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. Through their intercessions, save our souls!

Tone 6 Kontakion (Resurrection)

When Christ God, the Giver of Life, raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand, He bestowed resurrection on the human race. He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

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 2 Kontakion (St. Eustathius and family)

Clearly emulating the sufferings of Christ, and faithfully drinking of His cup, O Eustathios, you became a partaker and joint heir of His glory, receiving from the God of all divine forgiveness from on high.

Tone 4 Kontakion (Elevation of the Cross)

As You were voluntarily raised upon the cross for our sake, grant mercy to those who are called by Your Name, O Christ God; make all Orthodox Christians glad by Your power, granting them victories over their adversaries, by bestowing on them the Invincible trophy, Your weapon of Peace.

Alleluia Verses

v. The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. (*Ps. 49:1*)

v. Gather to Me My venerable ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice! (*Ps. 49:6*)

Epistle - 2 Corinthians 4:6-15

For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So then death is working in us, but life in you. And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak, knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you. For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

Gospel - Matthew 22:35-46

Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?" They said to Him, "The Son of David." He said to them, "How then does David in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying: 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool" ' ? If David then calls Him 'Lord,' how is He his Son?" And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore.

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

- **Thank you!** - Members of the Outreach committee would like to extend a “Thank You” to the Men’s Club, the St. Petka Kolo, and volunteers for their assistance in the Potluck Picnic to welcome back children and teachers of the Sunday School last week. It was wonderful to see so many parents and children, teachers, and parishioners attend. The piñata was especially a hit with the children. Thanks to those who made FaceBook posts commenting on the picnic.
- **Estate Planning Session - Oct 10, After Liturgy - 12:30-2:30pm** - We all recognize that estate planning is a challenging process, and it often “feels” a little overwhelming. It is important to have factual and relevant information when planning your estate, protecting your assets, and remembering your church after you are gone. Join us for a free session on this topic including a light lunch! The Seminar will be conducted by Colleen Bratkovich, Esq., Zacharia Brown, PC. Information will be presented, and brochures will also be available for you to take with you. Colleen will be presenting funeral pre-planning, to include cemetery plots and memorials. Resource tables will also be available for you that include: Representatives of Grandview Cemetery/Serbian Section to discuss lot purchase, Rome Monuments to discuss Memorials, Alfieri Funeral Home, Nick Bellich, to discuss funeral pre-planning. In addition, please read the flyer attached from Dave Janiga regarding special pricing on plots at Grandview Cemetery. **Please RSVP by Wednesday October 6, online at <https://www.stnicholasmonroeville.org/events/> or contact Natalia at Office@stnicholasmonroeville.org or 724.396.1538.**
- **Doo Wop - Oldies Show - Oct 23, 6:30pm** - *See flyer for details and signup info.*
- **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 sign up for both dates to assist with planning!
- **Diocesan Centennial Celebration - Nov 6-7 - No services at St. Nicholas** - Everyone is encouraged to attend the pan-orthodox hierarchical divine liturgy at the Holy Trinity Cathedral in Pittsburgh on Sunday, November 7th starting at 10 am. There will also be services at St. Elijah in Aliquippa on Saturday. See the diocesan website for details: <https://easterndiocese.org/centennial>
- **St. Nicholas Good Deeds** - Any ideas for more good deeds? Contact Alexis Janiga at djaniga872@comcast.net
- **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 jlagsky@romemonuments.com or 412-823-1900 to purchase your plots. Make sure to mention the 10% offer during your conversation.

Sincerely,
David Janiga





Doo Wop Oldies Show

October 23, 6:30PM

Doors open at 6:00PM

**St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church
2110 Haymaker Rd. Monroeville PA 15146**

**Chuck Corby and Quiet Storm will open
followed by Pittsburgh Belairs
& closed by Chuck Corby and Quiet Storm**

**Admission: \$10 in advance, \$15 at door
Contact Natalia to register: 724-396-1538**

Or register here:

<https://www.stnicholasmonroeville.org/events/>

Food and beverages will be available for purchase