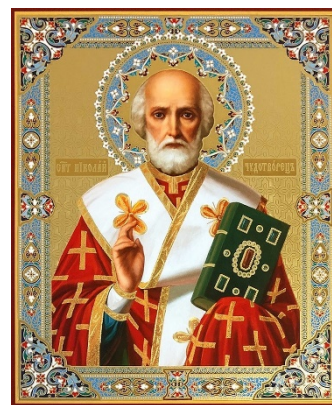


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16th Sunday After Pentecost

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 3 Troparion (St. Callistratus and those with him)

In contest you were strengthened by the Holy Spirit, Martyr Callistratus, and were glorious in casting down the Enemy. You offered a noble army of athletes as sweet-smelling incense to Christ. With them pray for us who praise you with hymns.

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 4 Kontakion (St. Callistratus and those with him)

Like stars you have shone upon the world shedding the light of your contests and miracles upon all who cry to you: "Rejoice, Martyr Callistratus and fellow company of martyrs."

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.

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*)

Epistle - 2 Corinthians 6:1-10

We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

Gospel - Matthew 25:14-30

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money. After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. "So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.' His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.' His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' "Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.' "But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. 'For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

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.

Announcements

- **Estate Planning Session - TODAY - 12:30-2:30pm - Reservations no longer needed. Please join us!**
- **St. Nicholas Sunday School "Pay It Forward" Camp - Oct 16, 10am-2pm - UPDATES:** Please note the time change to 10am-2pm. There will now be 4 stations, including a lesson with Fr. Stefan, crafts, and baking. Lunch is included. Please follow this link to the [Google Form](#) to sign up to assist with planning! (Note - the Bowling Party on Oct. 17 has been canceled.)
- **Doo Wop - Oldies Show - Oct 23, 6:30pm** - See flyer for details and sign-up info.
- **St. Petka Kolo Slava - Oct 24** - The St. Petka Kolo will be celebrating Slava on Sunday, October 24, 2021. Join us for dine in or take out. Menu to include: Chicken Noodle Soup, Sarma, Mashed Potatoes, Variety of Pumpkin Desserts. RSVP to Pam Matejevich by October 17th. Call or text – 724.454.4451, pam.matejevich@icloud.com
- **Junior Choir - First Practice Oct 24** - After being apart for the past 20 months, the St Nicholas Junior Choir is coming back together. The purpose of the Junior Choir is to learn Orthodox Liturgical music in addition to our Serbian folk songs. The choir always participates in the St. Sava program and sings during Liturgy several times a year. In May of next year, they will have the opportunity to sing with other Junior Choirs from across the United States and Canada at the [Serbian Singing Festival](#) which is being hosted by our own St. Nicholas Church Choir. Children ages six and up are welcome to join. The first practice will be held on October 24 immediately after Liturgy. For more information, please contact Janice Smargie at 412-780-3271 or email her at jsmargie@msn.com.
- **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>
- **Scrapbook Crop - Nov 13, 9am-9pm, 11am bake sale** - We are asking our parishioners to help with baking items for the BAKE SALE for the annual Scrapbook Crop that will be held on Saturday, November 13, 2021. Items can be dropped off Friday afternoon or early evening or Saturday morning. The sale will start at 11 AM and continue until it is sold out. For those who are unfamiliar with the Scrapbook Crop, we attract people from the community who enjoy the hobby of scrapbooking. They are with us from 9 AM until 9 PM working on their hobby. We serve them three meals, have a basket raffle, a 50/50 raffle, and offer a BAKE SALE. There is much effort that goes into the planning and implementation of this effort and all proceeds benefit St. Nicholas. For additional information or offers of help, contact Tootsie or Lois Harvey at 412.372.8064 or Pat Kolar at 412 372.4239.
- **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. 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.

Donations

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