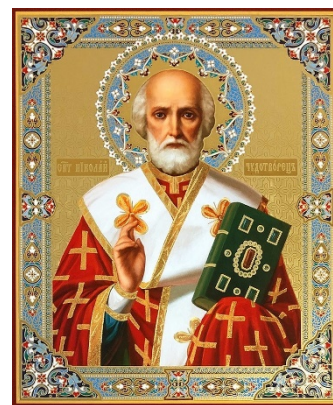


**St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church Monroeville**  
**Weekly Bulletin – October 31st, 2021**

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**19th Sunday After Pentecost**

**Tone 2 Troparion (Resurrection)**

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: “O Giver of life, Christ our God, 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 3 Troparion (St. Luke the Apostle)**

Let us praise with sacred songs the holy Apostle Luke, the recorder of the joyous Gospel of Christ and the scribe of the Acts of the Apostles, for his writings are a testimony of the Church of Christ: He is the physician of human weaknesses and infirmities. He heals the wounds of our souls, and constantly intercedes for our salvation!

**Tone 8 Troparion (St. Peter of Cetinje)**

O Orthodox faithful, come today that we may solemnly rejoice and see in ourselves the most honorable and glorious virtues, endeavors and efforts of the most blessed enlightener of Crna Gora, great Peter among the bishops, teacher and shepherd, worthy of praise. The Lord has glorified him among the saints by showing him to us undecayed, four years after his burial. By his prayers, O Christ our God, save our souls.

**Tone 2 Kontakion (Resurrection)**

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior, seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee, and the world, my Savior, praises Thee forever.

**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. Luke the Apostle)**

Let us praise the godly Luke: he is the true preacher of piety, the orator of ineffable mysteries and the star of the Church; for the Word, Who alone knows the hearts of men, chose him, together with wise Paul, to be a teacher of the gentiles!

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### **Tone 3 Kontakion (St. Peter of Cetinje)**

O lovers of the saints, let us today enjoy the divine food, as Heaven has revealed to us in these times, the most honorable and undecayed relics of an unusual saint, administrator of the divine mysteries: Peter, Hierarch of Christ. Therefore, let us praise in hymns the bright star of Crna Gora that today has shone out of the grave, and - as he greatly cares and warmly prays for our souls - let us sing and gently say: "O Peter, newly-made known among the saints - a most wise Saint, the ride of Crna Gora - pray for the Orthodox whom you have preserved with many endeavors and efforts so that our souls may be saved."

### **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. May the Lord hear thee in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect thee! (*Ps. 19:1*)

v. Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call! (*Ps. 19:9*)

### **Epistle - 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9**

The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me; but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands. It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one was caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities. For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me. And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

### **Gospel - Luke 6:31-36**

And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise. "But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

### **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

- **Luncheon! - This Sunday!** - See flyer for details
- **Fall Foods Sale** - See flyer for details
- **Reminder - NO CHURCH Nov 6-7 - Please join us for the centennial celebration!**
- **Luncheon planned for Nov 14...details coming soon.**
- **Calling All Ladies! Nov 14** - Come and join the Kolo for a fun afternoon on Sunday, November 14th. Right after church we plan to head out to DeNunzio's for their Sunday Brunch. When we are done eating, we will carpool into Pittsburgh to see an art exhibit. The exhibit is entitled, Among Women: Contemporary Art From Serbia. Exhibited for the first time in Pittsburgh, this exhibit presents the work of eleven female artists who are deeply connected to Belgrade, Serbia. The exhibit was curated by Rachel Klipa. If you are able to spend the afternoon with us, please contact Alexis Janiga @412.965.5602 by Wednesday, November 10th so that we know how many to make a reservation for at the restaurant. We hope to spend a lovely afternoon with the ladies of St. Nicholas.
- **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.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2021**

Eat-in or Take-out Luncheon

Cost \$10

**MENU**

*Homemade Italian Sausage*

*Spaghetti with homemade tomato sauce*

*Mixed greens Salad*

*Italian Bread (from Mediterra)*

*Specialty peppers, side dish*



*Sponsored by the St. Nicholas Church Maintenance*



# FALL FOODS



*The St. Nicholas  
Maintenance Committee  
has the following items  
for sale:*

- Kielbasa (Smoked and fresh)-must place an order
- Apple sauce (organic)
- Sauerkraut (organic)
- Apple pie
- Various fruit jams
- Čvarci (limited)
- Chardonnay (home-made wine)

Soon to come are various garden-based soups.



*See Denny or Sam for  
orders*

# **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 [jlagsky@romemonuments.com](mailto:jlagsky@romemonuments.com) or 412-823-1900 to purchase your plots. Make sure to mention the 10% offer during your conversation.

Sincerely,  
David Janiga

