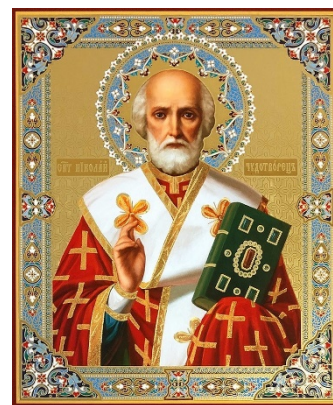


**St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church Monroeville**  
**Weekly Bulletin – December 12th, 2021**

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**25th Sunday After Pentecost**

**Tone 8 Troparion (Resurrection)**

You descended from on high, O Merciful One! You accepted the three day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to You!

**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 8 Kontakion (Resurrection)**

By rising from the tomb, You raised the dead and resurrected Adam. Eve exults in Your Resurrection, and the world celebrates Your 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 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: Moses and Aaron were among His priests; Samuel also was among those who called on His Name. (*Ps 99/100:6*)

v: They called to the Lord and He answered them. (*Ps 99/100:6*)

### **Epistle - Ephesians 4:1-6**

I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

### **Gospel - Luke 10:25-37**

And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?” So he answered and said, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,’ and ‘your neighbor as yourself.’ ” And He said to him, “You have answered rightly; do this and you will live.” But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Then Jesus answered and said: “A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.’ So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?” And he said, “He who showed mercy on him.” Then Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

### **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

- **Annual Assembly Meeting - TODAY** - Please plan on attending! At this very important meeting we will be discussing the exciting future of St. Nicholas. Lunch is on us!
- **Church School Wheat Planting - TODAY** - Please join us after church on December 12th to plant wheat as a pre-celebration for St. Nicholas day and in preparation for The Nativity of Our Lord! We are asking each child to create three containers of wheat each: one to take home, one to give to someone that you know, and one for a parishioner to take home. We look forward to seeing you there!
- **Mediterra Bread is Back! - Order by Wednesday!** - Next order deadline is Dec 15 noon for Dec 19 pickup after liturgy. *See flyer for details.*
  - Order online here: <https://forms.gle/KUsfLHCyUiPno9Cd7>
- **SAVE THE DATE: 3rd Annual Purse Bash - Feb 26, 2022** - Volunteers: The first planning meeting will be held on Sunday, 12/19 following Divine Liturgy. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please contact Amanda Bilak Formato [amandabilak@gmail.com](mailto:amandabilak@gmail.com) 412-980-8944.
- **Fall Foods Sale** - *See flyer for details*
- **Noodles for Sale!** - Homemade noodle orders are being taken. Fine or wide. 16 oz. for \$10. Ingredients: flour and eggs, Call Pat at 412 372-4239.

*Yes, it's back again at St. Nicholas by popular demand...*



[www.mediterrabakehouse.com](http://www.mediterrabakehouse.com)

If you have tried these breads, you'll want to come back for more. If you haven't, we hope you will soon.

These artesian breads are ordered by Wednesday noon for availability at St. Nicholas on the following *Sundays* after Divine Liturgy. These breads are Lenten.



**GOOGLE FORMS.** Orders can be picked-up at the Church Social Hall.

#### ORDER BY NOON

#### PICK-UP 11-30AM-12:30 PM

<i>Wednesday, November 17, 2021</i>	<i>Sunday, November 21, 2021</i>
<i>Wednesday, December 1, 2021</i>	<i>Sunday, December 5, 2021</i>
<b>Wednesday, December 15, 2021</b>	<b>Sunday, December 19, 2021</b>
<i>Wednesday, December 29, 2021</i>	<i>Sunday, January 2, 2021</i>
<i>Wednesday, January 12, 2021</i>	<i>Sunday, January 16, 2021</i>
<i>Wednesday, January 26, 2021</i>	<i>Sunday, January 26, 2021</i>
<i>Wednesday, February 9, 2021</i>	<i>Sunday, February 13, 2021</i>

The following selections will be available for \$5.00 per loaf. **Cash only, please:**

- Sourdough Round
- Rustic Italian Bread
- Ciabatta
- Paesano
- Heartland Grain
- Mt. Athos Fire Bread
- Rye, seeded or unseeded

**Specialty Bread (\$6.00 per loaf).** Specialty Breads may vary on specific dates, please ask.

- Pecan Raisin
- 8 Grain 3 Seed



# 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

