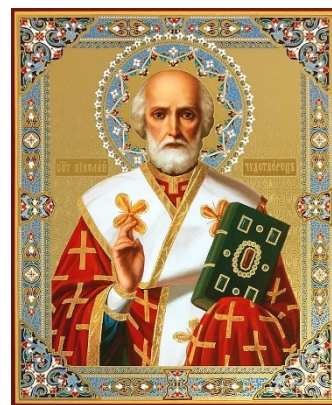


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26th Sunday After Pentecost - St. Nicholas

Tone 1 Troparion (Resurrection)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure body, You rose on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to You, O Giver of Life: "Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your Kingdom! Glory to Your dispensation, O Lover of mankind!"

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. Nicholas)

The truth of things revealed you to your flock as a rule of faith, a model of meekness, and a teacher of temperance. Through humility, you attained the heights; and through poverty, riches. O Father and Hierarch Nicholas, intercede with Christ God that our souls may be saved.

Tone 1 Kontakion (Resurrection)

As God, You rose from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Yourself. Human nature praises You as God, for death has vanished. Adam exults, O Master! Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to You: "You are the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!"

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 3 Kontakion (St. Nicholas)

You were shown forth in Myra as an officiant of the sacred rites, for you fulfilled the Gospel of Christ, O Venerable Nicholas, by laying down your life for your people, and saving the innocent from death. Therefore, you were sanctified as a great initiate of God's grace.

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: God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me. (*Ps 18:47*)

v: He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever. (*Ps 18:50*)

Epistle - Ephesians 5:8-19

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light." See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,

Luke 12:16-21

Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry." ' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?' "So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

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

- **St. Nicholas Choir Slava Celebration - TODAY** - Please join the choir as we celebrate our Slava by grabbing a delicious snack bag after church! In lieu of a formal meal, we will be handing out Posno (and nut free!) treats after church as many parishioners will be celebrating their Slava with family once we receive the offering. We hope to see you Sunday!
- **2022 Kielbasa Sale!** - *See flyer for details.*
- **Mediterra Bread is Back! - Pickup today!** - Next order deadline is Dec 29 noon for Jan 2 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 412-980-8944.

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



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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>
<i>Wednesday, December 15, 2021</i>	<i>Sunday, December 19, 2021</i>
Wednesday, December 29, 2021	Sunday, January 2, 2021
<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:**

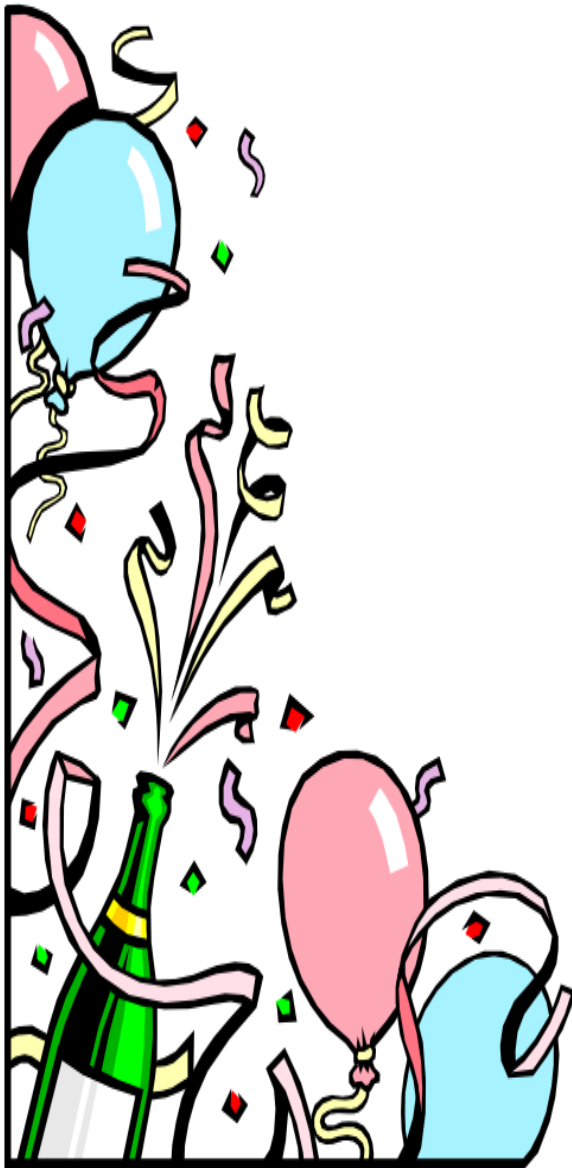
- Sourdough Round
- Rustic Italian Bread
- Ciabatta
- Paesano
- Heartland Grain
- Mt. Athos Fire Bread
- Rye, seeded or unseeded

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

- Pecan Raisin
- 8 Grain 3 Seed

Yes, it's coming very soon...

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