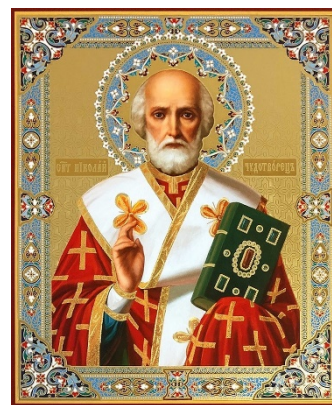


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Sunday of the Holy Forefathers of Christ

Tone 2 Troparion (Resurrection)

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal, You destroyed hell with the splendor of Your Godhead. And when from the depths You raised the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: “O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!”

Tone 2 Troparion (Forefathers)

Through faith You justified the Forefathers, betrothing through them the Church of the gentiles. These saints exult in glory, for from their seed came forth a glorious fruit: she who bore You without seed. So by their prayers, O Christ God, have mercy on us!

Tone 2 Kontakion (Resurrection)

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

Tone 6 Kontakion (Forefathers)

Through faith You justified the Forefathers, betrothing through them the Church of the gentiles. These saints exult in glory, for from their seed came forth a glorious fruit: she who bore You without seed. So by their prayers, O Christ God, have mercy on us!

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 - Colossians 3:4-11

When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

Gospel - Luke 14:16-24

Then He said to him, "A certain man gave a great supper and invited many, and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, 'Come, for all things are now ready.' But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.' Still another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.' And the servant said, 'Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.' Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.' "

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

- **Christmas Services and Events** - *See flyer for details.*
- **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.



JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS
CELEBRATIONS.....

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6
6:00 PM – VESPERS AND YULE
LOG SERVICE

THEN.....
LET'S ENJOY DINNER AND
DRINKS TOGETHER
FOLLOWING THE YULE LOG
SERVICE

- POSNO DINNER
- HOT TODDY
- BEVERAGES

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7
MIR BOŽIJI HRISTOS SE RODI!
LITURGY 10:00 AM



*Let us celebrate Badnjak and Bozic together as a
St. Nicholas parish family!*

.....And on the day of Christmas Eve, men from the
house go to "badnjaks". Badnjak is the young oak or cer
tree and it represents a symbol of the tree which was,
according to the stories, brought to Joseph and Mary by the
shepherds, to start the fire and heat the cave in which Jesus
was born.

SREĆAN BOŽIĆ!

Important....

*Please call Sandy at 412-616-2699 by
January 4th and share if you plan to attend
dinner on Thursday and number attending.
Thank you!*

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



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>
<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:**

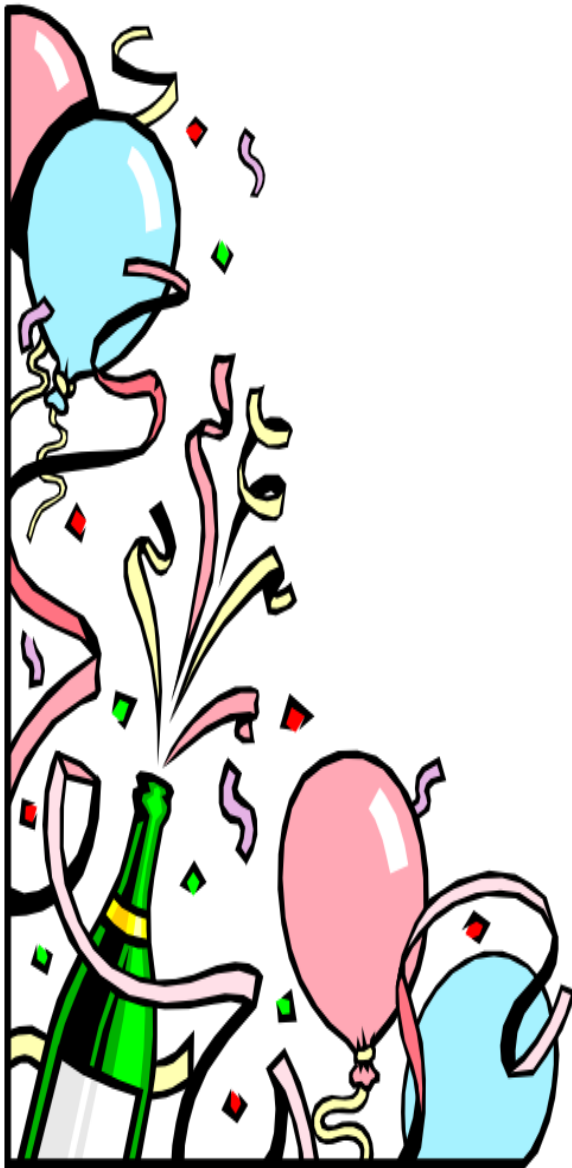
- Sourdough Round
- Rustic Italian Bread
- Ciabatta
- Paesano
- Heartland Grain
- Mt. Athos Fire Bread
- Rye, seeded or unseeded

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...

2022



Order Now!!

Start your New
Year's celebration
with an order of
**smoked or
unsmoked
kielbasa.**

Order from Denny
or Sam.

1 lb. /\$5.00