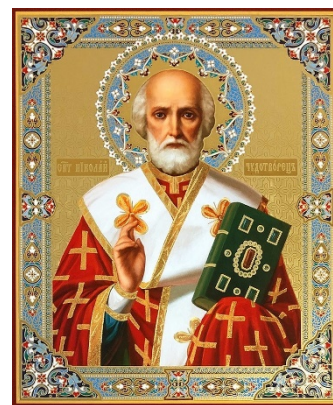


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Sunday of the Ladder

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 1 Troparion (St. John Climacus)

O dweller of the wilderness and angel in the body, you were a wonderworker, O our God-bearing Father John. You received heavenly gifts through fasting, vigil and prayer, healing the sick and the souls of those drawn to you by faith. Glory to Him Who gave you strength! Glory to Him Who granted you a crown! Glory to Him Who grants healing to all!

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 4 Kontakion (St John Climacus)

The Lord truly set you on the heights of abstinence, to be a guiding star, showing the way to the universe, O our father and teacher John.

Tone 6 Theotokion

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.

Instead of It is Truly Right

All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace: the assembly of angels and the race of men. O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, the glory of virgins, from whom God was incarnate and became a Child – our God before the ages. He made your body into a throne, and your womb He made more spacious than the heavens. All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace. Glory to you!

Alleluia Verses

v. Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior! (*Ps. 94:1*)

v. Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! (*Ps. 94:2*)

Epistle - Hebrews 6:13-20

For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, saying, "Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you." And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute. Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us. This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

Gospel - Mark 9:17-31

Then one of the crowd answered and said, "Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit. And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not." He answered him and said, "O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me." Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth. So He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!" Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" So He said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting." Then they departed from there and passed through Galilee, and He did not want anyone to know it. For He taught His disciples and said to them, "The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And after He is killed, He will rise the third day."

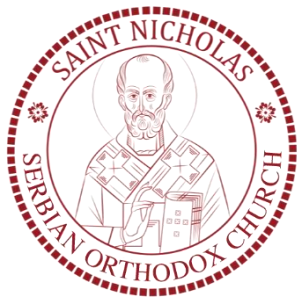
Additional Petitions for Mercy and Help during the Covid-19 Pandemic

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

- **Aprons for Sale** - St. Nicholas Tammies are selling aprons for \$20. We have three varieties to choose from. There are aprons for both men and women. Please click the link below to see your options and order directly online. There's even a shipping option for St. Nick Tammie supporters living outside of the area. Pascha is April 24th, Mother's Day is May 8th and Father's Day is June 19th. There's an apron available for all these occasions! Thanks in advance for supporting our sale
 - <https://stnicholasserbianorthodox.itemorder.com/>
- **Paschal Celebration** - Join us to celebrate the feast of feasts! *See flyer for details*
- **St. Nicholas Tammies Concert** - April 30th - *See flyer for details*
- **Choir Pierogi Sale Fundraiser** - Don't forget to pickup your order! Last day April 9th, 9am-1pm.
- **Fish Fry Season is Back!** - Every Friday through April 15th! *See flyer for details.*
- **SSF Choral Festival** - CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS! Your St Nicholas Choir will be hosting the SSF Singing Festival May 27-29, 2022. We are asking our parishioners for volunteers to help work shifts and complete jobs for this church-wide event. Please contact Daniella Vranesevic by April 15th at daniella.vranesevic@gmail.com or 724-600-5868 to choose a committee. Thank you!



JOIN US FOR PASCHA
CELEBRATIONS.....

SATURDAY, APRIL 23
10:15 PM – MIDNIGHT OFFICE
MATINS AND CONTINUATION OF
DIVINE LIGURGY

THEN.....

LET'S ENJOY DINNER AND DRINKS
TOGETHER. PADEZAN BROTHERS
ARE MAKING LAMB AND PIG

- YOU BRING YOUR FAVORITE
SIDE DISH TO SHARE

CONTACT MARY JOKOLA TO SHARE WHAT
YOU WILL BRING:

EMAIL: MAVJO@COMCAST.NET

TEXT: 412-417-0150

CALL: 412-417-0150 (AFTER 5 PM)

SUNDAY, APRIL 24
11:00 AM – PASCHAL VESPER



*Let us celebrate Pascha and fellowship together as a
St. Nicholas parish family!*

*Bearing life and more fruitful than Paradise, brighter
than any royal chamber, Your tomb, O Christ, is the
fountain of our resurrection. Amen.*

Important....

*Do you need a ride? We are planning to help
coordinate with those who are unable to drive.
Please contact Janet Pribanic at 412-860-5341
or janet.pribanic@gmail.com to if you need
help!*

*Please contact Mary by April 18th and share if
you plan to attend dinner, your side dish, and
number attending.*

Thank you!

2022 St. Nicholas Serbian
Tamburitza
CONCERT

Saturday | 3:00 pm | McKeesport High
April 30, 2022 | School Auditorium

Music by



Special Guests: Kud Drina
Serbian Folklore Group, Paterson NJ

FREE Concert, followed by a Dinner & Dance
at the St. Nicholas Church Hall (\$10 adult admission).
Refreshment tickets for a variety of Serbian foods
and desserts will be available at the door.

LENTEN FISH FRY

FRIDAYS 4-7PM, MARCH 4 - APRIL 15

SEE NEW AND IMPROVED MENU!

FISH SANDWICH	\$12	PIEROGIES	\$4
BAKED FISH SANDWICH	\$12	MAC & CHEESE	\$4
SHRIMP ORDER	\$12	COLE SLAW	\$3
SCALLOP ORDER	\$14	EXTRA BUN	\$1
SEAFOOD MEDLEY	\$14	POP	\$1
FRENCH FRIES	\$4	COFFEE	\$1
HALUSKI	\$4	CAKE/DESSERTS	\$ TBD

EAT-IN AND TAKE-OUT AVAILABLE
PRE-ORDERS FOR TAKE-OUT START
THE PRECEDING WEDNESDAY AT
NOON - CALL 412-372-9895