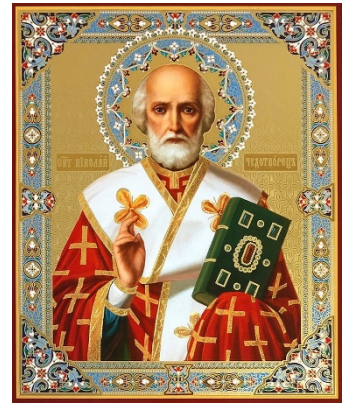


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Dormition of Prophetess Anna, Mother of the Theotokos

Tone 7 Tropar (Resurrection)

By Your Cross You destroyed death. To the thief You opened Paradise. For the Myrrhbearers You changed weeping into joy. And You commanded Your disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that You are risen, granting the world great mercy.

Tone 4 Tropar (Prophetess Anna)

Divinely-wise Anna, you carried in your womb the pure Mother of God, who gave life to our Life. Therefore, you are now carried joyfully to the inheritance of heaven, / to the abode of those who rejoice in glory, where you seek forgiveness of sins for those who faithfully honor you, ever blessed one.

Tone 7 Kondak (Resurrection)

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: “The Savior has come to those in faith; enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!”

Tone 2 Kondak (Prophetess Anna)

We celebrate the memory of the progenitors of Christ, and with faith we ask their help, that deliverance from every affliction be granted to those who cry out: “Be with us, O God, who in Your good pleasure glorified them.”

Tone 6 Theotokion

Steadfast protectress of Christians, constant advocat before the Creator, do not despise the cry of us sinners, but in thy 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. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your Name, O Most High. (*Ps. 91:1*)
v. To declare Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth by night. (*Ps. 91:2a*)

Epistle - 1 Corinthians 1:10-18, Gospel - Matthew 14:14-22

Announcements

- **Lifeline Chicago** - For the fourth consecutive year, the St. Petka Kolo is partnering with Lifeline Chicago to deliver Christmas gifts to children and young adults of the Vasa Stajic Home in Belgrade, Serbia. The Home is for children and young adults who have been rescued off the streets, have problems at home or have no help receiving needed medicines. Join us in the effort to ensure those less fortunate have a blessed and joyous Christmas. Contact Pam Matejevich for the name of a child/young adult or to donate monetarily. The items requested for each child are one sweatshirt, a pair of sweatpants and a short-sleeved t-shirt. All of the children/young adults wear adult sizes. And clothes need to be given to Pam by August 21st. Email: pam.matejevich@icloud.com, Call or text: 724.454.4451
- **Tammies!** - If your child is in first through twelfth grade, we would love for you to join us on Monday nights for Tammie practice. Tamburitzans is a wonderful way for your child to not only learn songs and dances of their Serbian heritage, but it is also a way to develop long lasting ties with their peers and our St. Nicholas Church. If you are interested in having your child become a part of our organization or have any questions, please contact Alexis Janiga at 412.965.5602 or at djaniga872@comcast.net Practice for the 2022-2023 school year will resume in September. We are hoping to welcome many new families into our group this year!
- **Save the Date: Church School Summer Camp: August 20th, 3PM-6PM** - Please join us for the St. Nicholas Church School Camp this August! More details to follow! If you are interested in volunteering for the Church Camp please contact Amy Yurko, ashimonovich@gmail.com. Please let us know if you would like to help out or if you have an idea and would like to run a station. We always appreciate fresh ideas! Sign up here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfqBSeV9ssOrjfyPB-_KLGpIp80EI5_FuDgaHG_JTAqDJaZA/viewform

Saint of the Week - St. Angelina of Serbia August 12th

Saint Angelina was the daughter of Prince George Skenderbeg of Albania. Her mother's name is not known, but she raised her daughter in Christian piety and taught her to love God.

Saint Stephen Brancovich (October 9 and December 10), the ruler of Serbia, had come to Albania to escape those who wished to kill him. Some time before he arrived in Albania, Saint Stephen was unjustly blinded by the Turkish Sultan for some perceived offense. Since he was innocent, he bore his affliction with courage.

Saint Stephen was not only Prince George's guest, but he was also treated as a member of his family. Not surprisingly, Stephen and Angelina eventually fell in love. With her parents' blessing, they were married in church. After a few years, they were blessed with two sons: George and John.

When the boys were grown, Saint Stephen and his family were forced to flee to Italy for their safety. At that time the Turks invaded Albania and began to slaughter men, women, and even children.

Saint Stephen died in 1468, leaving Angelina a widow. In her distress, she turned to the ruler of Hungary for help. He gave them the town of Kupinovo in Sirmie.

Saint Angelina left Italy with her sons in 1486, stopping in Serbia to bury Saint Stephen's incorrupt body in his native land.

The children of these pious parents also became saints. George gave up his claim to the throne in favor of his brother John, then entered a monastery and received the name Maximus.

John was married, but had no sons. He died in 1503 at a young age, and many miracles took place before his holy relics.

Saint Angelina survived her husband and both of her sons. Mindful of her soul's salvation, she entered a women's monastery. She departed to the Lord in peace, and her body was buried in the same tomb as her sons in the monastery of Krushedol in Frushka Gora.

Saint Angelina is also commemorated on December 10 with her husband Saint Stephen and her son Saint John.

Source: <https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2022/07/30/108053-venerable-angelina-of-serbia>