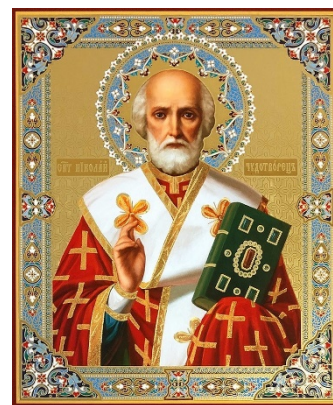


St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church Monroeville
Weekly Bulletin – September 4th, 2022

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Afterfeast of the Dormition

Tone 3 Tropar (Resurrection)

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world great mercy.

Tone 1 Tropar (Dormition)

In giving birth you preserved your virginity. In falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos. You were translated to life O Mother of Life, and by your prayers you deliver our souls from death.

Tone 4 Tropar (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 3 Kondak (Resurrection)

On this day You rose from the tomb, O Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death. On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; with the Prophets and Patriarchs they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Your power.

Tone 3 Kondak (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 2 Kondak (Dormition)

Neither the tomb, nor death, could hold the Theotokos, who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions. For being the Mother of Life, she was translated to life by the One Who dwelt in her virginal womb.

Alleluia Verses

v. In You, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame! (*Ps. 30:1a*)
v. Be a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me! (*Ps. 30:2b*)

Epistle - 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Gospel - Matthew 19:16-26

Announcements

- **Save the Date! - September 25th! - Parish Picnic** - We will have a Parish Picnic on 9/25 after Liturgy on the Patio. Please bring your favorite picnic side dish and call Sondra at 412.760-5796 to let her know if you are coming to the picnic, and what you are planning to bring. Join us for Great Music, Great Food, and Great Fun!!
- **2022 Men's Klub K. Golf Outing - September 10th** - Our Men's Klub K. will be hosting their annual golf outing on Saturday, September 10th, at Madison Club Golf Course. Modified shotgun start will be at 8:00AM (Please arrive one hour prior to start time for registration!). Payment is due by September 4th. Please make all checks payable to St. Nicholas Men's Club. Please contact Steve Popovich at 412.327.9197 if you have any additional questions about this event.
 - \$100/person includes...Green Fee, Cart Fee, Team Prize for winning team, Skill Prizes, Fairway Lunch, 6-pack per Cart, Steak Dinner (After Outing at Church Social Hall), Beverages, Door Prizes
 - Tee Sponsorships are also available for \$100/hole. To sponsor a Tee, please contact a member of the Men's Club and have the following information ready...Sponsor Name, Exactly how you would like the Tee Sign to read
- **Start of Sunday School for the 2022-2023 School Year - NEXT SUNDAY - September 11th** - Children will report to their classes directly after Communion! Grades PreK-3 in the multipurpose room and grades 4-12 in the Church Hall!
- **Fundraiser to Support Our Tammies** - The St. Nicholas Tamburitzans are gearing up for the 2022-2023 season! We're kicking off the year with a new fundraiser: Mabel's Labels. Mabel's Labels are dishwasher, microwave, and laundry safe - and a great way to tag all you and your child(ren)'s belongings. Order online and ship directly to you! *See flyer for more details.*
 - Go to: https://mabelslabels.com/en_US/fundraising/support/
 - Enter St. Nicholas Tamburitzans (Monroeville) into the search bar to shop our fundraiser.
- **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!

Highlighted Saints This Week: Patron Saints of Married Couples - Sts. Adrian and Natalia - September 8th

The Martyrs Adrian and Natalia were married in their youth for one year prior to their martyrdom, and lived in Nicomedia during the time of the emperor Maximian (305-311). The emperor promised a reward to whomever would inform on Christians to bring them to trial. Then the denunciations began, and twenty-three Christians were captured in a cave near Nicomedia.

They were tortured, urged to worship idols, and then brought before the Praetor, in order to record their names and responses. Adrian, the head of the praetorium, watched as these people suffered with such courage for their faith. Seeing how firmly and fearlessly they confessed Christ, he asked: "What rewards do you expect from your God for your suffering?" The martyrs replied: "Such rewards as we are not able to describe, nor can your mind comprehend." Saint Adrian told the scribes, "Write my name down also, for I am a Christian and I die gladly for Christ God."

The scribes reported this to the emperor, who summoned Saint Adrian and asked: "Really, have you gone mad, that you want to die? Come, cross out your name from the lists and offer sacrifice to the gods, asking their forgiveness."

Saint Adrian answered: "I have not lost my mind, but rather have I found it." Maximian then ordered Adrian to be thrown into prison. His wife, Saint Natalia, knowing that her husband was to suffer for Christ, rejoiced, since she herself was secretly a Christian.

She hastened to the prison and encouraged her husband saying: "You are blessed, my lord, because you have believed in Christ. You have obtained a great treasure. Do not regret anything earthly, neither beauty, nor youth (Adrian was then 28 years of age), nor riches. Everything worldly is dust and ashes. Only faith and good deeds are pleasing to God."

On the pledge of the other martyrs, they released Saint Adrian from prison to tell his wife about the day of his execution. At first Saint Natalia thought that he had renounced Christ and thus had been set free, and she did not want to let him into the house. The saint persuaded his wife that he had not fled from martyrdom, but rather had come to give her the news of the day of his execution.

They tortured Saint Adrian cruelly. The emperor advised the saint to have pity on himself and call on the gods, but the martyr answered: "Let your gods say what blessings they promise me, and then I shall worship them, but if they cannot do this, then why should I worship them?" Saint Natalia did not cease to encourage her husband. She asked him also to pray to God for her, that they would not force her into marriage with a pagan after his death.

The executioner ordered the hands and the legs of the saints to be broken on the anvil. Saint Natalia, fearing that her husband would hesitate on seeing the sufferings of the other martyrs, asked the executioner to begin with him, and permit her to put his hands and legs on the anvil herself.

They wanted to burn the bodies of the saints, but a storm arose and the fire went out. Many of the executioners were even struck by lightning. Saint Natalia took the hand of her husband and kept it at home. Soon an army commander asked the emperor's approval to wed Saint Natalia, who was both young and rich. But she hid herself away in Byzantium. Saint Adrian appeared to her in a dream and said that she would soon be at rest in the Lord. The martyr, worn out by her former sufferings, in fact soon fell asleep in the Lord.

Saints Adrian and Natalia are the patrons of married couples, as are Saints Timothy and Maura (May 3). The Kykkos Monastery on Cyprus has a portion of Saint Natalia's relics.

Source:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2022/08/26/102398-martyrs-adrian-and-natalia-and-23-companions-of-nicomedia>

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**Sunday, September 25
After Church on the Patio**

Great music, great food, great fun!

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- You are coming**
- What you are bringing**

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EVERYONE WELCOME!