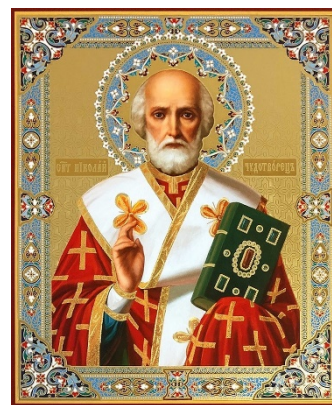


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Joint Feast of All Serbian Saints

Tone 5 Tropar (Resurrection)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

Tone 4 Tropar (Serbian Saints)

O God-bearing fathers and hierarchs, we ask you, as our Serbian enlighteners, as true shepherds and patriarchs, as genuine guardians of apostolic tradition, as solid pillars, as teachers of Orthodoxy: Beseech Christ, the Master of All, to grant peace to the whole world and abundant mercy to our souls.

Tone 3 Kondak (Serbian Saints)

You spent your life on the throne of hierarchs honorably, and guided your people toward the wisdom, properly pleasing God. Wherefore, you were glorified by Him through incorruption and miracles, as benefactors of divine grace.

Tone 5 Kondak (Resurrection)

You descended into hell, O my Savior, shattering its gates as Almighty, resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death. You have delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man, and we cry to You: "O Lord, save us!"

Alleluia Verses

- v. Remember Your congregation, which You have gotten of old! (*Ps. 73:2*)
- v. God is our King before the ages; He has worked salvation in the midst of the earth! (*Ps. 73:13*)

Epistle - 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4, Gospel - Matthew 22:1-14

Announcements

- **Tammies are Looking for Instruments!** - If anyone has a slightly used tambura, ideally G-Prim or G-Brac they would want to donate or sell to the Tammies please contact Danny Vucelich at 724-261-2956.
- **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!!
- **Popadija Marina's Baby Sprinkle - October 2nd** - You're all invited! Baby smiles and giggles galore. Popadija Marina is having one more! Big Sister Saveta has plenty to share, and we want to show her new baby sister we care! The Sprinkle/Luncheon will be held in the Church Hall after Liturgy on 10/2. Gift Suggestions - Newborn and Size 1 Diapers and Amazon Gift Cards
- **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.

Feast this Week: Birth of the Mother of God - September 21st

The Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary: The Most Holy Virgin Mary was born at a time when people had reached such a degree of moral decay that it seemed altogether impossible to restore them. People often said that God must come into the world to restore faith and not permit the ruin of mankind.

The Son of God chose to take on human nature for the salvation of mankind, and chose as His Mother the All-Pure Virgin Mary, who alone was worthy to give birth to the Source of purity and holiness.

The Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary is celebrated by the Church as a day of universal joy. Within the context of the Old and the New Testaments, the Most Blessed Virgin Mary was born on this radiant day, having been chosen before the ages by Divine Providence to bring about the Mystery of the Incarnation of the Word of God. She is revealed as the Mother of the Savior of the World, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Most Holy Virgin Mary was born in the small city of Galilee, Nazareth. Her parents were Righteous Joachim of the tribe of the Prophet-King David, and Anna from the tribe of the First Priest Aaron. The couple was without child, since Saint Anna was barren.

Having reached old age, Joachim and Anna did not lose hope in God's mercy. They had strong faith that for God everything is possible, and that He would be able to overcome the barrenness of Anna even in her old age, as He had once overcome the barrenness of Sarah, spouse of the Patriarch Abraham. Saints Joachim and Anna vowed to dedicate the child which the Lord might give them, to the service of God in the Temple.

Childlessness was considered among the Hebrew nation as a Divine punishment for sin, and therefore the righteous Saints Joachim and Anna had to endure abuse from their own countrymen. On one of the feasts at the Temple in Jerusalem the elderly Joachim brought his sacrifice to offer to God, but the High Priest would not accept it, considering him to be unworthy since he was childless.

Saint Joachim in deep grief went into the wilderness, and there he prayed with tears to the Lord for a child. Saint Anna wept bitterly when she learned what had happened at the Jerusalem Temple. Never once did she complain against the Lord, but rather she prayed to ask God's mercy on her family.

The Lord fulfilled her petitions when the pious couple had attained to extreme old age and prepared themselves by virtuous life for a sublime calling: to be the parents of the Most Holy Virgin Mary, the future Mother of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Archangel Gabriel brought Joachim and Anna the joyous message that their prayers were heard by God, and of them would be born a most blessed daughter Mary, through Whom would come the Salvation of all the World.

The Most Holy Virgin Mary surpassed in purity and virtue not only all mankind, but also the angels. She was manifest as the living Temple of God, so the Church sings in its festal hymns: "the East Gate... bringing Christ into the world for the salvation of our souls" (2nd Stikhera on "Lord, I Have Cried", Tone 6).

The Nativity of the Theotokos marks the change of the times when the great and comforting promises of God for the salvation of the human race from slavery to the devil are about to be fulfilled. This event has brought to earth the grace of the Kingdom of God, a Kingdom of Truth, piety, virtue and everlasting life. The Theotokos is revealed to all of us by grace as a merciful Intercessor and Mother, to Whom we have recourse with filial devotion.

Source:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2022/09/08/102541-the-nativity-of-our-most-holy-lady-the-mother-of-god-and-ever-vi>

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

Great music, great food, great fun!

**Please bring your favorite picnic side dish and call Sondra
to let her know:**

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

Sondra: 412-760-5796

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EVERYONE WELCOME!