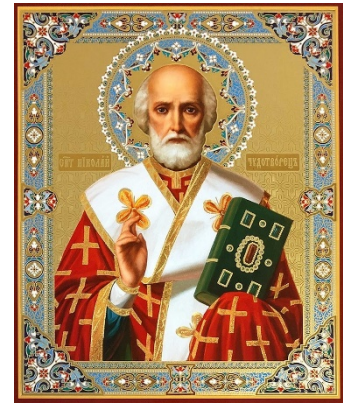


St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church Monroeville
Weekly Bulletin – October 16th, 2022



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Hieromartyr Dionysius the Areopagite

Tone 1 Tropar (Resurrection)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure body, You rose on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to You, O Giver of Life: “Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your Kingdom! Glory to Your dispensation, O Lover of mankind!”

Tone 4 Tropar (Transfer)

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 4 Tropar (Dionysius)

Having learned goodness and maintaining continence in all things, you were arrayed with a good conscience as befits a priest. From the chosen Vessel you drew ineffable mysteries; you kept the faith, and finished a course equal to His. Bishop martyr Dionysius, entreat Christ God that our souls may be saved.

Tone 1 Kondak (Resurrection)

As God, You rose from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Yourself. Human nature praises You as God, for death has vanished. Adam exults, O Master! Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to You: “You are the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

Tone 3 Kondak (Transfer)

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 8 Kondak (Dionysius)

As a disciple of the apostle caught up to the third heaven, you spiritually entered the gate of heaven, Dionysius. You were enriched with understanding of ineffable mysteries and enlightened those who sat in the darkness of ignorance. Therefore we cry to you: Rejoice, universal Father!

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. God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me. (*Ps. 17:48*)

v. He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever. (*Ps. 17:51*)

Epistle - (188) 2 Corinthians 9:6-11, Gospel - (35) Luke 8:5-15

Announcements

- **Kolo Slava Celebration - Oct 23** - The Sisters invite you to celebrate their Slava with a traditional Thanksgiving dinner on Sunday, October 23rd after Liturgy. Please RSVP to Sally Saula by Sunday October 16th, 412-600-3246.
- **St. Nicholas Scrapbook Crop - Nov 5** - The St. Nicholas Scrapbook Crop will be held on Saturday, November 5, 2022. For this fundraiser for the church, we ask parishioners to bake an item for the bake sale that occurs during the crop. Please bring your baked item on Friday, November 4, 1 PM-6 PM or Saturday morning before 10 AM. Your help has made this effort a success in the past and we hope to count on you again!
- **Shadeland Reunion Dance - Nov 19** - Happy fall Shadeland campers, families, alumni, and friends! We're thrilled to announce that St. Sava in Parma, OH is hosting a Shadeland Reunion Dance. Cleveland is an ideal central location and we hope to see you all there.
 - Where: St. Sava Cathedral, 6306 Broadview Rd., Parma, OH 44134
 - When: Saturday, November 19 at 6 p.m.
 - Details:
 - Free entry before 8 p.m. \$10 entry after 8 p.m.
 - Dinner and drinks available for purchase
 - Palacinka dessert bar
 - Entertainment by DJ Daki
 - Want to jam? Bring your instruments!
 - Following are nearby hotels: Holiday Inn Cleveland - Independence, Double Tree Independence, Embassy Suites by Hilton - Cleveland Rockside
 - Please RSVP to Jennifer Ristic to help support their planning efforts. ristic.jennifer@gmail.com or 216-849-3109
 - We also invite you to attend Divine Liturgy the next morning at St. Sava, which begins at 10 a.m. and join us for coffee hour afterwards before you head home.
- **NEW! Hall Availability Calendar on our Website** - Since we have seen an increase in interest to rent our Social Hall, we have created a calendar on our website, www.stnicholasmonroeville.org, to show when the Hall is occupied. To access this calendar, click on the "Calendar" tab on the top right side of our webpage, then click on "Hall Availability Schedule" *PLEASE NOTE: This is a working document. To confirm availability for a specific date, please email Natalia at office@stnicholasmonroeville.org. Once you receive a confirmation email from Natalia, then and only then, is the date confirmed for a rental or an Organizations event.* If you have any questions on the Hall Availability Calendar or the Process to Use/Rent the Social Hall, please contact Natalia.
- **Amazon Smile - Easy way to donate to our church!** - Many of us shop (a lot) at Amazon! Now when you shop at Amazon, .05 percent of your purchase can be donated to our church simply by using this link when you shop! <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/34-6565657>

Saints this Week - Oct 17th - Sts. Stefan Štiljanović and Jelena of Serbia

Saint Stephen Stiljjanovich of Serbia was born into a pious Christian family in the Serbian city of Zhupa (south of Zakholmya). During this time Serbia was often subjected to invasions by the Turks, who devastated the land. Saint Stephen defended his native land, did military service in the army of the Serbian ruler. When famine began in the country, the kindly Saint Stephen distributed his own bread to the hungry.

The patriotic activity of the saintly soldier was indissolubly bound up with his truly Christian life. "In virtue, he lived as an ascetic with charity, purity, prayer, the Orthodox Faith and unhyprocritical love of neighbor."

The saint fell asleep in the Lord on October 4, 1515. After a time, the Turks saw a light shining over his grave. Thinking that they had found a hidden treasure, they opened the grave and found the incorrupt body of Saint Stephen. Serbian monks ransomed the relics from the Turkish Pasha and transferred them to the Shishatovets monastery on Mount Phrushtsk.

The Serbian Church prays to him as a glorious righteous defender of his native land, "Glory in the struggles, warrior Stephen Stiljjanovich, great healer of those who pray to you in faith."

Princess Elena was the wife of the Despot Stephen Štiljanović who is also venerated as a Saint. After his death around 1515, she fled to Germany in order to escape from the Turks.

Later, a light appeared at his grave by night, which led to the discovery of his holy relics. The Saint's body was kept for a long time in the monastery of Šišatovacnto at Fruška Gora. When she learned that her husband's incorrupt relics had been uncovered, Saint Elena went to the monastery to venerate them. After witnessing the miracles which took place at his grave, she decided to remain there with the monastic name Jelisaveta. According to Tradition, she founded the Monastery of Petkovica in 1522.

After a life of asceticism, Saint Elena reposed in 1546. There is reason to believe that she was buried at the Convent of the Most Holy Theotokos in Sremski Karlovci.

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