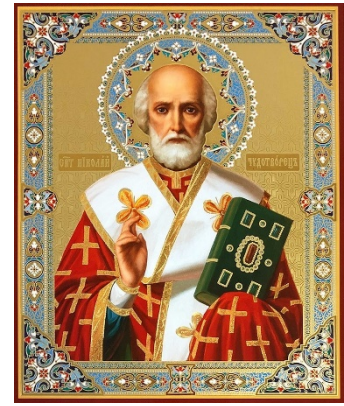


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St. Paul the Confessor, Archbishop of Constantinople

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 (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 Tropar (Martyrs)

Your confession of the Divine Faith, has shown you to the Church as another Paul, and a zealot among priests; the righteous blood of Abel and Zachariah cries out to the Lord with yours. O Venerable Father, entreat Christ God to grant us great mercy.

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 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 (Martyrs)

You shone forth on earth as a star of heavenly light; now you enlighten the entire Church for which you suffered, for you laid down your life, and truly your righteous blood cries out to the Lord like that of Zachariah and Abel.

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!

Epistle - Ephesians 2:14-22

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*)

Gospel - Luke 12:16-21

Announcements

- **Church Anniversary Banquet Honoring Jim Banda and the Building Committee - TODAY!** -Sunday, 11.19.23: Please remember to make your reservations to attend our 118th Anniversary Celebration honoring Jim Banda and the Building Committee by 11.12.23. Reservations can be made by contacting Tootsie at 412.372.8064 or via our website, www.stnicholasmonroeville.org/events
- **Noodles for Sale** - You can place your orders for Homemade Noodles now. The noodle ingredients consist of flour, eggs and tender loving care! They can be cut Fine or Wide. They come in 16 ounce bags and cost \$10. Call Pat at 412 372-4239 to place your order.
- **Christmas Toy Drive:** We'll be collecting gently used or new toys for those less fortunate in the local area. It's the perfect time of the year to go through your closets to see what is no longer needed, and rather than throwing toys away, you can donate toward a good cause. Our only ask is that when one donates, please bring the toy(s) in a bag and place on the stage (do not wrap the toy). Collection will go through Sunday December 3rd. If you have any questions, please contact Dushan Markoff at 724-493-9084.
- **Holiday Cookie Sale - Saturday, December 2, 2023 - 9AM-12PM:** Our lovely baking ladies have been working very hard to prepare for our upcoming Holiday Cookie Sale. To preorder nut rolls, apricot rolls, nut horns, lady locks, and apricot horns, call Sandy at 412-616-2699. All other cookies available on a first come, first serve basis the day of the sale. Doors open at 9am sharp!
 - Nut Rolls are \$16 and Apricot Rolls are \$18
 - Cookies are \$10/Dozen (Pre-packaged by the 1/2 dozen)
 - This is always a wonderful fundraiser for our Parish. Please plan to support the event.
- **Baking season is here!** - Our Church's Cookie Sale is scheduled for Saturday December 2 from 9a-1p. With the success we had last year and the sellouts (within the first hour) we need to increase our quantities. We need bakers! The more hands we have to help the more we get done. Below is the baking schedule for this year. This is subject to change - depending on needs and availability. Please let Elaine or Sandy Mireles know if you are able to help - and on which days - so they can plan accordingly. Thank you for your continued help and support!
 - SAT Mornings (9a start) Nov 25
 - With the increase in prices and to help offset some of the costs associated with baking - the committee is asking for donations - monetary or ingredients.
 - Needs: Butter, eggs, flour, sugar, plastic clamshell containers
 - Any donation would be greatly appreciated. Drop offs accepted on Sundays. Please call Elaine (412) 916-2063 or Sandy (412) 616-2699 to let them know so that they can plan accordingly. Thank you from the baking committee!
- **Save the Date - Annual Parish Meeting - Sunday, December 17, 2023** -We will be holding our Annual Parish Meeting, which will include the election of Church Board officers, on Sunday, December 17th after liturgy. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.
- **Do you have Grant Writing Experience?** - The Church Board is looking for any parishioners who have grant writing experience. If anyone can help, please reach out to a church board member.