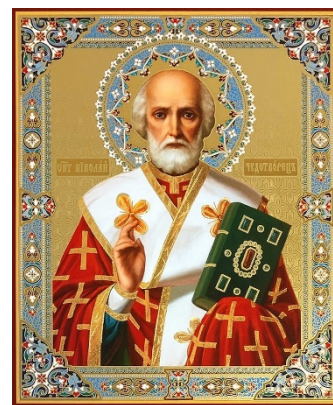


**St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church Monroeville**  
**Weekly Bulletin – March 3rd, 2024**

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**Sunday of the Prodigal Son**

**Tone 6 Tropar (Resurrection)**

The Angelic Powers were at Your tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Your grave, seeking Your most pure body. You captured hell, not being tempted by it. You came to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You.

**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 (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 3 Kondak (Triodion)**

I have recklessly forgotten Your glory, O Father; and among sinners I have scattered the riches which You gave me. And now I cry to You as the Prodigal: "I have sinned before You, O merciful Father; receive me as a penitent, and make me as one of Your hired servants!"

**Epistle** - 1 Corinthians 6:12-20, **Gospel** - Luke 15:11-32

**Alleluia Verses**

v. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God. (*Ps. 90:1*)  
v. He will say to the Lord: "My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust." (*Ps. 90:2*)

**Lenten Schedule**

- Mar 9 - Soul Saturday
- Mar 11-17 - Fast from meat
- Mar 18 - Lent Begins
- Mar 18-19, Apr 18 - Canon of St. Andrew 6PM
- Mar 20 - Apr 24 - Presanctified Liturgy every Wednesday at 6PM
- Mar 23 - Theodore Saturday
- April 7 - Annunciation, Fish permitted
- April 28 - Palm Sunday, Fish permitted
- April 29-30 - Holy Monday/Tuesday - Bridegroom Matins at 6PM
- May 1 - Holy Wednesday - Unction TBD
- May 2 - Holy Thursday - 8am Vespertal Liturgy, 6pm Matins of the 12 Gospels
- May 3 - Holy Friday - 8am Royal Hours, 6pm Vespers and Matins with Lamentations
- May 4 - Holy Saturday - 10am Vespertal Liturgy
- May 5 - Pascha - 8:30am Matins and Liturgy
- May 6 - St. George - 8am Liturgy

### Announcements

- **Why do we fast?** - Lent is coming... a period of fasting and repentance. Let's revisit Fr. Stefan's blog post on the topic: ["Why do we fast?"](#)
- **Free Spiritual Growth and Fellowship Opportunity** - Everyone is cordially invited to attend our weekly Wednesday evening prayer service and Orthodox Book and Bible Study Class. An Akathist to St. Nicholas is served at 6:30 PM immediately followed by our (approx.) one hour class in the church hall led by our Beloved Father Stefan. Please give it a try! We would sincerely love to see all of you there! Make the time. Make the effort. Spiritual satisfaction 100% guaranteed!!
- **Easter Flowers - Deadline March 10th!** - It is time again to order flowers for Pascha. Please see attached form for ordering instructions. Please see Pat Kolar for any questions or call 412-372-4239, or email [patkolar@verizon.net](mailto:patkolar@verizon.net). Thank you!
- **Fish Fry 2024!** - The St. Nicholas Men's Klub Karadjordje will again be sponsoring their every popular Friday Fish Fry's every Friday, 4-7PM, February 16,-March 29. Also back by popular demand will be the delicious cake/pastry table, which has been a staple of the Klub Karadjordje Fish Fry for more than 20 years! Patrons may eat their dinner at the church hall or order take out. Advance orders can be called in beginning every Wednesday after 12 noon by calling, [412 372-9895](tel:4123729895). Please join our Men's Club, parishioners and friends from the Monroeville community for a wonderful meal and great fun!
- **The menu and pricing will remain the same in 2024 and includes:**
- Fish Sandwich - \$12, Baked Fish Sandwich - \$12, Shrimp Order - \$14, Scallop Order - \$14
- Seafood Medley (Shrimp & Scallops) - \$14, French Fries - \$4, Haluski - \$5, Pierogies - \$5
- Mac & Cheese - \$5, Cole Slaw - \$3, Extra Bun - \$1, Pop - \$1.50, Coffee - \$1.50
- **Fish Fry - Calling all Bakers!** - It's that time of year where we will dazzle the Monroeville community with our delicious baked goods. We made a nice profit last year and I hope we can do the same this year. Your baked goods can be either posno (vegan) or not. Please let us know if it contains things that might cause allergies such as peanuts, peanut butter or nuts of any kind. Thank you once again for continuing to provide your time and energy to this project. If you are not a baker and would like to contribute a cash donation to help defray the cost of styrofoam containers that would also be appreciated. Once again thank you for anything that you can do to help serve our church and the Monroeville community.

# EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM DEADLINE:

## MARCH 10, 2024

Spring flowers will be ready for Christ's tomb on Good Friday and may be taken home on Easter Sunday after Divine Liturgy.



*"He is risen. He is not here!"*

Lilies will not be available this year due to the late date of Orthodox Easter. Our provider is working to have other items available for us.



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BEST PHONE # to REACH YOU:

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WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO APPEAR ON THE INSCRIPTION CARD?

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TYPE	COST per UNIT	QUANTITY	TOTAL COST
TULIP 6 IN.	\$15.00		
HYACINTH 6 IN.	\$15.00		
AZALEA 6 IN.	\$25.00		
HYDRANGEA 6 IN.	\$25.00		
HYDRANGEA 8 IN.	\$35.00		
MUMS 6 IN.	\$15.00		
	Total		

Please PRE-PAY with cash or check made payable to Pat Kolar. Attach it to your order and mail to Pat at 106 Murrys ville Road, Trafford, PA 15085 or you can give it to her. If you have questions, please call Pat at 412 372-4239 or email at patkolar@verizon.net.