

**St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church**  
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**Sunday of the Cross - Annunciation**

**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 (Cross)**

O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance! Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries; and by virtue of Your Cross, preserve Your habitation!

**Tone 4 Tropar (Annunciation)**

Today is the beginning of our salvation, the revelation of the eternal mystery! The Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin as Gabriel announces the coming of Grace. Together with him let us cry to the Theotokos: Hail, O Full of Grace, the Lord is with You!

**Tone 7 Kondak (Cross)**

Now the flaming sword no longer guards the gates of Eden; it has been mysteriously quenched by the wood of the Cross. The sting of death and the victory of hell have been vanquished; for You, O my Savior, have come and cried to those in hell: "Enter again into Paradise!"

**Tone 8 Kondak (Annunciation)**

O Victorious Leader of Triumphant Hosts! We, your servants, delivered from evil, sing our grateful thanks to you, O Theotokos! As you possess invincible might, set us free from every calamity so that we may sing: Hail, O unwedded Bride!

**Instead of Holy God - For the Sunday of the Cross**

Before Your Cross, we bow down in worship, O Master, and Your holy Resurrection we glorify.

**Epistle** - Hebrews 2:11-18 (Annunciation), Hebrews 4:14-5:6 (Cross)

**Alleluia Verses**

- v. He descends like rain upon the fleece, like raindrops that water the earth. (*Ps. 71:6*)
- v. May His Name be blessed forever; may His Name continue as long as the sun! (*Ps. 71:17*)

**Gospel** - Luke 1:24-38 (Annunciation), Mark 8:34-9:1

**Instead of It is Truly Meet - Annunciation - Tone 4**

O earth, announce good tidings of great joy: O heavens, praise the glory of God! Since she is a living Ark of God let no profane hand touch the Theotokos. But let the lips of believers unceasingly sing to her, praising her in joy with the angel's song: "Rejoice, O Lady, full of grace, the Lord is with you!"

### Announcements

- **Blessed Feast of the Annunciation! Enjoy your fish today!**
- **Quarterly Parish Update Monday, April 8, 6:30 - 7:15 pm** - In the Church narthex. Please attend!
- **RSVP Now: April 29th Children's Dinner, Vespers & Egg-dying Activity** - All church families are invited to participate in the upcoming Lenten Activity. Monday, April 29th at St Nicholas Church
  - Light, Posno Dinner will be available for families starting at 5p
  - Attend Vespers at 6p
  - Egg-dying activity to follow. Please feel free to come dressed in play clothes or bring a change of clothes, as this can be a messy activity!
  - Please bring (1) dozen of already hard-boiled eggs to church that evening.
  - RSVP by 4/26/24 [here](#)
  - Reach out to Miranda Lazic lazicmiranda@gmail.com with any questions
- **IOCC Health Kit Drive - April 13 - 11:30-1 Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church, Pittsburgh** - The IOCC Pittsburgh Metropolitan Committee plans to hold an Emergency Health Kit Drive and Assembly project. All Orthodox Youth are asked to participate. This drive is meant to: Help provide essential aid to people in the aftermath of disasters; Introduce our youth to performing philanthropic works via IOCC; Teach our youth to work together in His name; Build a bridge between the youth of all Orthodox jurisdictions so that we may serve together as a larger community, to His glory.
  - Contact Amy Yurko ashimonovich@comcast.net if you would like to attend from our parish!
- **Posno Soups! 4/14** - Our Kolo will be selling Posno Soups on after church. There will be no pre-orders.
- **Neighborhood Resilience Project Collection** - During this Lenten Season, we'll be collecting non-perishable items that will go towards Saint Moses the Black Orthodox Church which is located in the Hill District. It is in affiliation with the Neighborhood Resilience Project which was founded in 2011. The church provides pastoral support and spiritual direction to this organization. Donations can be canned and boxed food, personal care products, diapers, cleaning products etc. Only request is that items are brought in a bag or a box, and placed on the stage in our social hall. Items will be accepted through Sunday April 28th. For additional information about Saint Moses the Black Orthodox Church and the Neighborhood Resilience Project, visit <https://www.stmosesonthehill.com/>. Please contact Dushan Markoff at [Daniel.Markoff@yahoo.com](mailto:Daniel.Markoff@yahoo.com) if you have any questions. Thanks in advance for your support!
- **Tammies Concert - Save the Date 5/18** - The Tammies will be having their 61st annual concert at 3:00 on Saturday, May 18th at McKeesport Area High School. There will be a reception at the church hall immediately following. The kitchen will be open for business with lots of delicious food. Music will be provided by Pobeda. Our graduating seniors this year are Luka Bajich, Maria Janiga, Sara Topich and Nessa Wright. Our guest group is Ravanica from Detroit. It was so wonderful to have so many of our parishioners join us last year for our 60th anniversary celebration. We hope to see even more people this year! Thank you in advance for supporting our hard-working and devoted kids!
- **Church Slava Luncheon; Sunday, May 19** - Immediately following liturgy. More information to follow

### Lenten Schedule

- Presanctified Liturgy every Wednesday at 6PM
- Vespers and Bible Study at 6:30PM - Fridays April 12 and April 26
- April 18 - Canon of St. Andrew 6PM
- April 19 - Akathist to the Mother of God 6PM
- April 28 - Palm Sunday, Fish permitted
- April 29-30 - Holy Monday/Tuesday - Bridegroom Matins at 6PM
- May 1 - Holy Wednesday - Unction - Holy Trinity Cathedral Pittsburgh at 7PM
- May 2 - Holy Thursday - 8am Vespereal 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 Vespereal Liturgy
- May 5 - Pascha - 8:30am Matins and Liturgy
- May 6 - St. George - 8am Liturgy