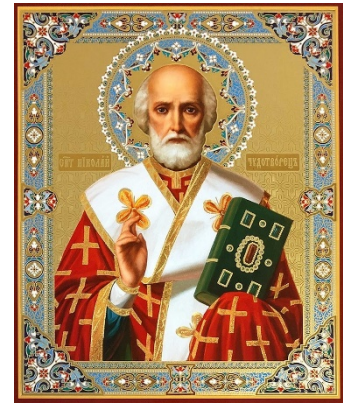


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Sunday of the St. Mary of Egypt

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 8 Troparion (St. Mary of Egypt)

The image of God was truly preserved in you, O Mother, for you took up the Cross and followed Christ. By so doing, you taught us to disregard the flesh for it passes away; but to care instead for the soul, for it is immortal. Therefore your spirit, O holy Mother Mary, rejoices with the angels

Tone 3 Kontakion (St. Mary of Egypt)

Having been a sinful woman, you became through repentance a bride of Christ. Having attained angelic life, you defeated demons with the weapon of the Cross. Therefore, O most glorious Mary, you are a bride of the Kingdom.

Tone 5 Kontakion (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!"

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 - Hebrews 9:11-14, Galatians 3:23-29 (St. Mary of Egypt)

Alleluia Verses

v. I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your truth from generation to generation. (*Ps. 88:1-2*)

v. For You have said: Mercy will be established forever; Your truth will be prepared in the heavens. (*Ps. 88:3*)

Gospel - Mark 10:32-45, Luke 7:36-50 (St. Mary of Egypt)

Instead of It is Truly Meet - Hymn for St. Basil's Liturgy

All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace: the assembly of angels and the race of men. O sanctified temple

and spiritual paradise, the glory of virgins, from whom God was incarnate and became a Child – our God before

the ages. He made your body into a throne, and your womb He made more spacious than the heavens. All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace. Glory to you!

Announcements

- **Lenten Vespers - Tonight** - This Sunday at 5pm, our friends at St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church in Johnstown will be hosting the Lenten Vesper Service. His Grace Bishop Irinej will be in attendance! Each Service so far has been spiritually uplifting and beneficial to all in attendance. Please plan to make the trip to Johnstown so we can all be together again. {SPOILER ALERT.....Our own Father Stefan will be the homilist}
- **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
- **Sunday School Children:** Please join us for an Easter Egg hunt after Communion on Easter in the church hall! All are welcome!
- **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 if you have any questions. Thanks in advance for your support!
- **Tammies Ad Flyer** - Share your congratulations and/or business ad in the 2024 Annual Concert Program. We will accept Ad Orders through May 1st. Here is your opportunity to place a business ad and/or well-wishes for our St. Nicholas Tamburitians! The 2024 program & ad book will be made available in both digital and print versions! Please comment, message or email tammieadbook@gmail.com with any questions! Thank you in advance for your support & we hope to see you at the concert in May!
 - Online option: stnicktams.carrd.co
 - Hard copy delivered in-person or mailed to Amanda Formato, details on flier available in print at church hall or here:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EWWKu6138p2UtfAedRgoPyHcqRpBmdsd/view?usp=drivesdk>
- **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!
- **Tammies Concert Cookie Table** - Our kids have been working so hard for their upcoming Tamburitzan Concert on Saturday, May 18! We will have a cookie table set up at the reception and would be very appreciative to anyone that would be willing and able to bake cookies. We are asking that you get them to us by Friday, May 17. We will be at the Church prepping for the concert all day on Friday, if you can bring your cookies at that time. Also, there will be disposable trays available, if you would like to plate your cookies ahead of time. Thank you for your consideration and if you are not a baker and would like to contribute a cash donation to help defray the cost of styrofoam containers and trays, that would also be appreciated. Once again thank you for anything that you can do to support our kids. See you at the show!
 - Deadline to sign up: May 11, Contact: jana.stipanovich@gmail.com

Announcements Cont.

- **Church Slava Luncheon; Sunday, May 19** - Join us immediately following liturgy for a luncheon to celebrate our annual Church Slava and recognize our graduating seniors! Graduating Seniors – Class of 2024: Luka Bajich, Maria Janiga, Philip Malich, Nessa Wright Kindly RSVP by Sunday May 12th via our website using the link below (once on site, click the Book Ticket Icon) or by calling or texting Evonne at 724-599-0927, so that we may have a correct count for preparations. In your RSVP, please indicate the number of children attending (age 10 & under). Slava will be a donation event, there is no reservation fee. We look forward to seeing you there as we celebrate this joyous day!
<https://www.stnicholasmonroeville.org/events/church-slava-senior-recognition/>
- **Save the Date August 11th for our Annual Church Picnic!!**
- **Lenten Schedule:**
 - Presanctified Liturgy every Wednesday at 6PM - Last one this week!
 - April 27 - Lazarus Saturday - Divine Liturgy 10AM
 - 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