

St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church Monroeville
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Sunday of St. John Climacus

Tone 7 Troparion (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 1 Tropar (St. John)

O dweller of the wilderness and angel in the body, you were a wonderworker, O our God-bearing Father John. You received heavenly gifts through fasting, vigil and prayer, healing the sick and the souls of those drawn to you by faith. Glory to Him Who gave you strength! Glory to Him Who granted you a crown! Glory to Him Who grants healing to all!

Tone 7 Kontakion (Resurrection)

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 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 4 Kondak (St. John)

The Lord truly set you on the heights of abstinence, to be a guiding star, showing the way to the universe, O our father and teacher John.

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 6:13-20, Ephesians 5:9-19 (St. John), Gospel - Mark 9:17-31, Matthew 4:25-5:12 (St. John)

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*)

Hymn to the Theotokos - Tone 8

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

- **Upcoming Schedule** - Link here <https://www.stnicholasmonroeville.org/service-schedule/>
- **Lenten Vespers - TONIGHT 5PM** - Holy Resurrection, Steubenville - Speaker Fr. Stevo Rocknage
- **Luncheon Available Sunday, March 30** - After Liturgy, Lenten Pierogies (potato [no cheese, please!], sauerkraut, and lekvar [plum]) and salad will be available for purchase. Cost is \$8
- **April 6th Lunch** - The Church will be selling breaded fried shrimp and fries after Church on Sunday, April 6.
- **Fish Fry! - Every Friday 4-7PM** - The St. Nicholas Men's Klub Karadjordje will begin its Lenten Fish Fry's every Friday from 4 PM – 7 PM, beginning Friday, March 7, 2025 through Friday, April 11, 2025. Both eat-in seating at the church hall as well as takeout will be available. Call (412) 372-9895 to place pre-orders/takeout. Orders may be placed starting noon on Wednesday prior to Friday's Fish Fry. Pick up as early as 4:00pm Friday. Weekly homemade, delicious baked goods available for pickup only. Hope to see everyone each Friday (beginning March 7th)! Thank you for your ongoing support! Click [here](#) for menu.
- **Patio Wall Commemorative Plaques** - The St. Nicholas men's club, "Klub Karadjordje" is taking reservations for purchase of our beautiful commemorative plaques. Only 27 remaining for sale. What better way to honor or commemorate your family, kumovi, or friends and support your church at the same time. Order today for spring/summer installation. For purchase information contact Steve Popovich 412-327-9197.
- **Important Outreach** - Parishioners who know of an ill, homebound member, or caregiver to an ill person from the St. Nicholas Parish and would like them to receive a "Get Well" or "Thinking of You" card from the parish, please call Tootsie at 412-372-8064. We thank you for your help in this important matter.
- **Easter Foods** - See Maintenance Committee member for these goodies - There is a minimal amount of homemade sauerkraut bags available. Both spicy and sweet Italian dried sausages available. The sausage is cut very thin to eat with cheese and crackers. It is excellent. Kulen, a Slovenian specialty sausage will be ready shortly. It is a luncheon type product made with the best cuts of pork. EXCELLENT! Order now as the supply is limited. Place your order for kielbasa, smoked spareribs, and sour heads of cabbage for your Easter meal.
- **St Nick Tammie's 62nd Annual Concert** - See [flyer](#) for more details. We hope to see you there! Saturday, April 26th, 3pm at McKeesport High School Auditorium. Dinner & Dance to follow at St. Nicholas Church Hall with music provided by Orchestra Dijamante
- **St Nick Tammie's Concert AD BOOK - DUE MONDAY** - Here is your opportunity to place a business ad and/or well wishes for our St. Nicholas Tamburitians! The program & ad book will be made available digitally and in-print for our upcoming concert on April 26th. Order Deadline is March 31st Online: stnicktams.com In Person: [ORDER FORM](#) with cash or check payment can be submitted to Milana Popovic. Questions or request for ad design assistance can be sent to tammieadbook@gmail.com