

St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church, Monroeville
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Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

Tone 4 Tropar (Resurrection)

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Your Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: “Death is overthrown! Christ God is 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 8 Tropar (Midfeast)

In the middle of the feast, O Savior, fill my thirsting soul with the waters of piety, as You cried to all: “If anyone thirst, let him come to Me and drink!” O Christ God, Fountain of our life, glory to You!

Tone 8 Kondak (Pentecostarion)

The Samaritan Woman came to the well in faith; she saw You, the Water of wisdom and drank abundantly. She inherited the Kingdom on high, and is ever glorified!

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 (Midfeast)

Christ God, the Creator and Master of all, cried to all in the midst of the feast of the Law: “Come and draw the water of immortality!” We fall before You and faithfully cry: “Grant us Your mercies, for You are the Fountain of our life!”

Epistle - Acts 11:19-26, 29-30, **Gospel** - John 4:5-42

Alleluia Verses

v. Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth! (*Ps. 44:3b*)
v. For You love righteousness, and hate iniquity. (*Ps. 44:6*)

Instead of It is Truly Meet - Tone 1

The Angel cried aloud to the Lady full of grace: Rejoice, O pure Virgin; and again I say Rejoice. Your Son has truly risen from the grave on the third day.

Arise, shine! Arise, shine, O new Jerusalem! Shine! For the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. Zion, exult and be glad now. O pure Mother of God, rejoice, celebrating the resurrection of Christ your Son!

Instead of We Have Seen the True Light - Christ is Risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!
Hristos Voskrese! Vaistinu Voskrese!

Announcements

- **Upcoming Schedule** - Link here <https://www.stnicholasmonroeville.org/service-schedule/>
 - **Reminder - Summer Schedule** - June through August, Sunday liturgy at **9:30am**
- **Church Slava - TODAY** - Please join us for Brunch immediately after Liturgy in celebrating this special day filled with prayer, music, and the warmth of community. We will be recognizing and honoring this year's Kum and Kuma, Dan and Elaine Vucelich as well as graduates of our Sunday School. Don't miss this brunch with breakfast and lunch items, including made-to-order omelets by the Pribanic Brothers. We look forward to sharing this meaningful tradition with you and creating lasting memories.
- **Tammies: THANK YOU!** - As our 2024-2025 season comes to an end, we would like to THANK YOU all for your support throughout the year. Whether it was an instrument donation, supporting a fundraiser with a purchase, baking cookies or food preparation for our concert reception, a Congratulations note in our Concert Ad Book, or attending the performance, we truly appreciate all the efforts in showing our growing group of performers a warm welcome in our parish community. In case you weren't able to attend the concert, or did not grab a copy of the Ad Book, it is currently available on our website to flip through! The concert video will also be posted soon, so please visit the link & check it out! <https://stnicktams.com/#home>
- **Tammies: Enrollment Open for the 2025-2026 Season** - We are looking forward to new & returning performers to join us for the 2025-2026 Season! The schedule, tuition and other information, plus the link to the ENROLLMENT FORM, can be found here: [2025-2026 St Nicholas Tamburitza's Enrollment](#). We kindly ask for sign ups to be completed by 7/31/25. Please reach out to Amanda Formato, 412-980-8944 amandabilak@gmail.com, should you have any questions.
- **Church Maintenance Group Training Session** - The Church Maintenance Group is holding a training session on a future Tuesday evening. The intent being to train the next generation of younger men of the church congregation in the art of making European specialty meat products and supporting food products. The discussion/training will include kielbasa, Italian sausages, bacon, dried meats, plus sour kraut. The intent being to preserve these skills for future generations. We encourage the young men of our church congregation to join us for lessons in the European art of specialty food preparation. If interested, please contact a member of the Church Maintenance Group.
- **Social Media Communications Committee** - Reminder to everyone that we have a Social Media Communications Committee for our church. The group's purpose is to serve as a single point of contact to ensure events that are social and fundraiser, are advertised in a consistent manner, creating exposure and excitement leading up to the event. Current members include Dushan Markoff, Nicole Pribanic, Danica Popovich and Amanda Formato. The committee will work closely with Office Administration and event organizers to streamline event intake information which will enable us to execute clear, concise advertisements to internal and external audiences. We STRONGLY recommend that all events are confirmed on the church calendar 3 months prior to the event date, especially the large scale or multi-day bookings, to ensure space availability and that correct information is collected for setting up RSVPs, order forms, and other promotional material. Get started on your next fundraising activity by contacting us at social@stnicholasmonroeville.org! Follow us today on Facebook at St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church and Instagram @stnicholasmonroeville.
- **Church Picnic!** - Save the date! August 10th will be our annual church picnic. More information to follow soon.
- **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.