

**St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church, Monroeville**

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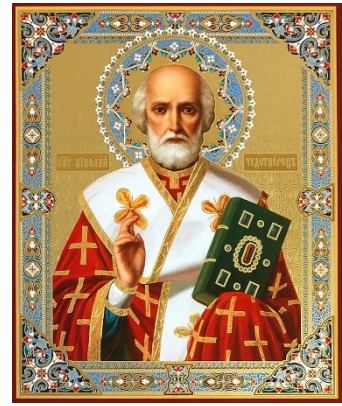
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**Synaxis of the Holy, Glorious and All-Praised Twelve Apostles**

**Tone 4 Troparion (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 4 Troparion (Apostles)**

First-enthroned of the apostles, teachers of the universe: Entreat the Master of all to grant peace to the world, and to our souls great mercy!

**Tone 4 Kondak (Resurrection)**

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master, He has risen on the third day!

**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 2 Kondak (Fathers)**

Today Christ the Rock glorifies with highest honor Peter, the rock of faith and leader of the apostles, together with Paul and the company of the twelve, whose memory we celebrate with eagerness of faith, giving glory to the One Who gave glory to them.

**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** - Romans 10:1-10, **Gospel** - Matthew 8:28-9:1

**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*)

### Announcements

- **Upcoming Schedule** - Link here <https://www.stnicholasmonroeville.org/service-schedule/>
  - **Reminder - Summer Schedule** - June through August, Sunday liturgy at **9:30am**
- **Sunday School** - Parents/Guardians: Please fill out the following form for any child that will be attending the St. Nicholas Sunday School Program from Pre-K to Grade 12. This will help us to update our rosters for the 2025-2026 school year. The first day of Sunday School will be Sept 7, 2025.  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfG\\_gM4ieitbfK2Qv5qbdjCnOIryeONtEPTAWp1FLU0WwgRgQ/viewform?usp=header](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfG_gM4ieitbfK2Qv5qbdjCnOIryeONtEPTAWp1FLU0WwgRgQ/viewform?usp=header)
- **Choir Nut Roll Sale** - Our choir is sponsoring a summer nut roll sale starting this week. There is a limited supply available. First come, first serve. To place an order please contact Elaine (412-916-2063) or Sandy (412-616-2699). Pick up is available on Sundays after Liturgy. Thank you for supporting our choir!
- **From the Church Maintenance Group** - The outdoor grilling season has begun and it's prudent to be prepared by having meat specialties within the freezer. The Church Maintenance Group is taking orders for the following meat products:
  - Smoked or unsmoked kielbasa
  - Sweet or spicy Italian kielbasa
  - Breakfast sausage
  - Serbian hamburgers
  - We encourage you to advise family members, neighbors as well as friends. \$8.00/lb. Place your order with any of the CMG members.
- **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 Tamburitzans 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](mailto:amandabilak@gmail.com), should you have any questions.
- **Can you help?** - Serbian cookbooks and especially Lenten ones that are not being used are being solicited for a parishioner who lost hers in the recent flood. A "Drop Box" is placed in the church social hall for deposits. Thank you for your thoughtfulness. Loss is always difficult but when we can help, even a little, it makes a difference.
- **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.
- **Church Picnic** - Thank you to those who have offered to volunteer, contribute to the bar and for those working on seeking Sponsorships from our community! We are off to a nice start and are excited to keep the momentum going. We still have some goals to meet and we hope you can help us reach them.
- **Sponsorships - Due July 18th**
- We are still seeking sponsorships to help offset our picnic expenses. We invite you to extend our reach beyond the church walls and engage with people and businesses outside those of our congregation. This is not an effort that can be made alone or by a small group of people. We are encouraging all parishioners to reach out to local businesses, friends, and family members to encourage them to support our church's annual picnic. To help make an impact, we are asking each of you to reach out to 10 people. The updated letter and flyer are available here:  
[Sponsorship Letter](#)  
[Sponsorship Form](#)
- Please reach out to Danica with any sponsorship questions 412-607-7528 or [popovich.danica@gmail.com](mailto:popovich.danica@gmail.com).

## **Church Picnic**

**Information & Volunteers** - Church Picnic Information: Come join us for a day full of fun and fellowship with great food & drinks while kicking back to the sounds of Srpski Sinovi!! Things to Know:

Picnic Date: Sunday August 10, Picnic Start time: 1pm

Music: Srpski Sinovi 3pm-7pm, Kids Games: 4pm, Lamb by the Pound: pre-order only - by July 31; details coming soon!

**Volunteers** - We are roughly 2 months away from our Annual Summer Picnic! As your excitement builds, the Picnic Committee is diligently planning behind the scenes to prepare for this event. More information will be announced in the coming weeks. This week we are focusing our attention on Volunteers, which are a crucial part of our picnic's success, and we need YOUR help to fill the openings! Thank you to those who have already volunteered! The shift times are 1p-3p, 3p-5p, 5p-7p, then clean up. Below is the list of areas and how many people are needed. Please contact Dush (724-493-9084) or Danica (412-607-7528) to sign up. We look forward to you being a part of this year's picnic team!

- Sunday Kitchen Prep @ 8:30am; 2 more people needed.
- Kitchen; 5-7p, 3 more people needed.
- Baked Goods Table; 1-3p, 3-5p, 5-7p; 1 person needed for each shift.
- Clean up; 5 more people needed.

**\*High School Students\*** - This is a GREAT opportunity to join your fellow parishioners, have some fun, and maybe learn a new skill all while earning Community Service Hours!! We'll happily complete any school forms to receive credit!

**Baked Goods** - We are looking for bakers to help fill our Homemade baked good table! This year, we will be featuring an ethnic section. To help highlight this area and introduce our guests to these delicious delicacies, we are looking to have some authentic baked goods like: Apple Strudel, Gibanica, Palačinke, and Torta. Not to fret, we'll still have a variety of non-ethnic baked goods as well! Last year we had a great variety and are aiming for the same this year. We hope our amazing St. Nicholas bakers will continue to add to this assortment of sweet goodness! Remember, our goal is to avoid duplicates...except for the most popular items, of course! Contact Pat Kolar today so we can update our list and plan accordingly. Pat can be reached at 412-372-4239 or patkolar@verizon.net to lock in your delicious efforts

**Bar Donation** - Please see the list of items below that we are requesting for the bar. Our only ask is BEFORE you purchase any item that is on this list, please contact Dushan Markoff to ensure that the item you intend on donating is still needed. This will prevent us from receiving too much of one item and not enough of another. We will not accept any item that is not listed.

Item	Quantity Needed
Coors Light - 30 pack of 12 oz cans	6
Yuengling - 24 pack of 12 oz cans	5
White Claw - 12 Variety Pack 12oz cans	4
Regular Crown Royal 750mL Bottle	1
Tito's Vodka 750mL Bottle	6
Captain Morgan Original Spiced Rum 750mL Bottle	5
Tanqueray Gin - 1.75L	1
Barefoot Wine - 1.5L Riesling	3
Coca-Cola - 24 pack of 12 oz cans	5
Diet Coke - 24 pack of 12 oz cans	4
Sprite - 24 pack of 12 oz cans	3

**Monetary Donations** - We are accepting cash donations, or you can make a check payable to St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church (include in the memo that it is for the church picnic). Please submit to Danica.

Note: if you plan to donate \$100 or more, please complete our Sponsorship form at the bottom of our Picnic event page: <https://www.stnicholasmonroeville.org/events/2025-summer-picnic/>

Thank you for considering a donation and helping us to solicit Sponsorships from our Communities outside of the church. This will all go towards reducing our operating costs, which will increase our profit for the picnic and ultimately benefit our church!

Sincerely, Your Church Picnic Committee