

St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church, Monroeville
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Venerable Simeon of Emessa Fool-For-Christ, and fellow ascetic Venerable John; Prophet Ezekiel

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 Troparion (Simeon)

Having heard the voice of Your Apostle Paul: we are fools for Christ's sake! Your servant Simeon, O Christ God, lived the life of a fool here on earth for Your sake. Therefore as we venerate his memory, we entreat You, O Lord, to save our souls!

Tone 2 Troparion (Ezekiel)

We celebrate the memory of Your prophet Ezekiel, O Lord; through him we entreat You, save our souls.

Tone 7 Kondak (Resurrection)

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: "The Savior has come to those in faith; enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!"

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 (Simeon)

Let us praise with fervent love, this man who lived in the flesh as an angel, adorning his soul with the most radiant virtues! Simeon, the equal to the Apostles and the Bearer of God. Together with him, let us honor his companion John, for they both ever stand before God, interceding for us all!

Tone 4 Kondak (Ezekiel)

Enlightened by the Spirit, your pure heart became the dwelling place of most splendid prophecy; for you saw things far off as if they were near. Therefore, we honor you, blessed and glorious Prophet Ezekiel.

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 - 1 Corinthians 1:10-18, **Gospel** - Matthew 14:14-22

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*)

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
- **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.
- **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 - Sunday August 10th 1pm-7pm** - T-minus 9 days until our Annual Church Picnic! The preparations are underway, and we hope your excitement has you spreading the word to family and friends to come join us! With Kids games & face painting, DJ by Dusan Karas from 1-3p & Srpski Sinovi from 3-7p, amazing food and fellowship, it's a day you won't want to miss! [Church Picnic Flyer](#)
- **Lamb Pre-Orders** – Sold! - Forgot to order your lamb? Limited quantities will be available at \$20/lb for pickup after 4pm. Keep an ear open for the announcements the day of the picnic! Note: All pre-orders MUST be filled before we can honor any day-of orders. We appreciate your understanding.
- **Volunteer Opportunities** - Please help us fill the remaining 2 kitchen shifts from 5-7p! We truly do need to have these spots filled to keep things moving smoothly with taking and fulfilling orders!
 - Kitchen; 5-7p, 2 more people needed.
 - Please contact Dush (724-493-9084) or Danica (412-607-7528) to sign up.
- **Bar Donations** - Thank you again to those who helped cover ALL bar items! If you have committed to donating but have not brought your item(s) to Dush, please call or text at 724-493-9084 to make arrangements.
- **Baked Goods** - We appreciate the response to those who have already called in their baked good commitments! We are still in need for Homemade baked goods, so please call Pat today to lock in your delicious efforts! Pat can be reached at 412-372-4239 or patkolar@verizon.net
- **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.
- Thank you to all who have offered to volunteer their time, donated and felt led to be a Sponsor for our Picnic. We're looking forward to seeing everyone soon for an afternoon of great food, fun and fellowship! Sincerely, Your Church Picnic Committee
- **St. Petka Kolo Christmas Project in Partnership with Lifeline Chicago** - For the sixth consecutive year, the St. Petka Kolo is partnering with Lifeline Chicago to deliver Christmas gifts to children and young adults of the Vasa Stajic Home in Belgrade, Serbia. The Home is for children and young adults who have been rescued off the streets, have problems at home or have no help receiving needed medicines. Join us in the effort to ensure those less fortunate have a blessed and joyous Christmas. Contact Pam Matejevich for the name of a child/young adult or to donate monetarily.
- The items requested for each child are one sweatshirt, a pair of sweatpants and a short-sleeved t-shirt. This year, we've also been asked to include a pair of shorts. All of the children/young adults wear adult sizes. Clothes need to be given to Pam by the end of August. We are also hoping to include a backpack for each child/young adult this year. Monetary donations will be used toward clothes or backpacks and will be greatly appreciated.
- Email: pam.matejevich@icloud.com Call or text: 724.454.4451