

St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church, Monroeville
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7 Holy Youths “Seven Sleepers” of Ephesus

Tone 1 Troparion (Resurrection)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure body, You rose on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to You, O Giver of Life: “Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your Kingdom! Glory to Your dispensation, O Lover of mankind!”

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 (Saints of the day)

Your holy martyrs, O Lord, through their sufferings have received their incorruptible crowns from You, our God. For having Your strength, they laid low their adversaries, and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. Through their intercessions, save our souls!

Tone 1 Kondak (Resurrection)

As God, You rose from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Yourself. Human nature praises You as God, for death has vanished. Adam exults, O Master! Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to You: “You are the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

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 (Saints of the day)

Those who renounced the perishing comforts of this world, preferring the eternal things of Heaven, were incorrupt after death and rose from the dead and buried the snares of the devils! O Faithful, let us then honor them, singing a hymn of praise to Christ!

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 4:9-16, **Gospel** - Matthew 17:14-25

Alleluia Verses

v. God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me. (*Ps. 17:48*)
v. He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever. (*Ps. 17:51*)

Announcements

- **Upcoming Schedule** - Link here <https://www.stnicholasmonroeville.org/service-schedule/>
 - **Reminder - Summer Schedule** - June through August, Sunday liturgy at **9:30am**
- **Women's Retreat** - The Federation of Circles of Serbian Sisters is excited to open registration for their second annual Women's Retreat! Click the link in the [flier](#) to register and find all about the weekend activities. If you have any questions, please contact Alexis at 412.965.5602! We hope to see many of our Monroeville ladies at the retreat!
- **Sunday School** - 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.
- **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 sausage
 - 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
- **Choir Nut Roll Sale** - Our choir is sponsoring a summer nut roll sale. 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!
- **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
- **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.