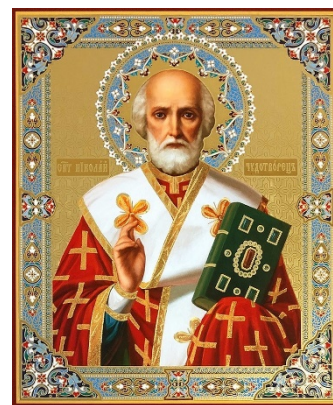


**St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church, Monroeville**  
**Weekly Bulletin – October 5th, 2025**

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**Hieromartyr Phocas, Bishop of Sinope**

**Tone 8 Troparion (Resurrection)**

You descended from on high, O Merciful One! You accepted the three day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to You!

**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 (Phocas)**

By sharing in the ways of the Apostles, you became a successor to their throne. Through the practice of virtue, you found the way to divine contemplation, O inspired one of God; by teaching the word of truth without error, you defended the Faith, even to the shedding of your blood. Hieromartyr Phocas, entreat Christ God to save our souls.

**Tone 8 Kondak (Resurrection)**

By rising from the tomb, You raised the dead and resurrected Adam. Eve exults in Your Resurrection, and the world celebrates Your rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

**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 (Phocas)**

The Master has established you as a resplendent sun shining on all the faithful. He has accepted your life, faith and contest as myrrh, O glorious Martyr Phocas, for he is rich in mercy!

**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** - 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1 **Gospel** - Matthew 15:21-28

**Alleluia Verses**

v. Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior! (*Ps. 94:1*)

v. Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! (*Ps. 94:2*)

### Announcements

- **Upcoming Schedule** - Link here <https://www.stnicholasmonroeville.org/service-schedule/>
  - **Reminder - Summer Schedule** - June through August, Sunday liturgy at **9:30am**
- **120th Anniversary Celebration - Nov 15** - 10:00 am Hierarchical Liturgy followed by Luncheon - The 120th Anniversary Celebration Registration page is now live on our website. Please make your reservations online, or contact Evonne, so that we may prepare for a wonderful celebration! You may register here: <https://www.stnicholasmonroeville.org/events/120th-anniversary-celebration/>
- **Bible Study** - Bible study class will be held next Wednesday, October 8th. It will begin in the church at 6:30 with an Akathist to St. Nicholas. All are welcome!
- **Purse Bash Committee Request** - The Purse Bash Planning Committee needs your assistance to identify Women owned and/or operated businesses in the area. This is an effort to help strengthen our Purse Bash sponsorship campaign! To provide this information, please call or email Katie Vallina at (571) 228 1666, [katievisnick@gmail.com](mailto:katievisnick@gmail.com). We thank you for your assistance in gathering this information.
- **Federation of Circles of Serbian Sisters giving opportunity** - As you already know, the Federation of Circles of Serbian Sisters is hosting a women's retreat next month. As part of the weekend, the ladies will be assembling Blessing Bags for a local shelter in Erie. We are hoping to make 200 Blessing Bags, but we need your help. We are asking for donations for any or all of the following items:
  - Ibuprofen, Toothbrush and toothpaste, Feminine hygiene products, Lotion, Razors, Deodorant, Bar of soap
- We will also be collecting cash donations which will enable us to purchase more items. All donations will need to be collected by Sunday, October 5th. There will be a box on the stage for all of the hygiene items. Please see Alexis, Amanda or Maria to turn in your cash donations.
- The theme of the retreat is "Gratitude for God". Remember to be grateful for all the blessings that you have in your life and please consider sharing those blessings with those much less fortunate. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity!
- **Scrapbook Crop** - Planning for the 2025 St. Nicholas Scrapbook Crop has begun. This year's event date is Saturday, November 1 from 9 AM-7 PM, with our popular bake sale beginning at 11 AM. For additional details and registration, please refer to the Events page on the St. Nicholas web site, <https://www.stnicholasmonroeville.org/events/>
- In the past, our parishioners have donated generously with baked goods, gift baskets, gift cards, and supplies. This year, a WISH List for baked goods includes the following:
  - Apple strudel, pie, apple nut cake, Buck-eye brownies, chocolate chip brownies, Specialty cookies such as lady locks, thumbprints, choco-caramel, pecan tassies, pizzelles, chocolate chip cheesecake bars, etc., Pumpkin roll, pumpkin bread, Carrot cake, Ho-ho cake, Baklava, Pineapple Upside Down Cake
- If you have a specialty baked good that is not on the list, don't worry, just let us know. See or Contact Sheryl Lovett at [salovett1010@gmail.com](mailto:salovett1010@gmail.com). Our talented and enthusiastic bakers have provided for the event in the past and we sincerely hope, they will continue to do so.
  - Wine and cheese baskets, Tea lover's basket, Chocolate Lover's basket, Italian basket, Arts/Craft Basket, Honey-do Basket (Men's work basket including a 6 pack!), Holiday Cheer Basket, Jewelry or Accessories Basket, Taco Tuesday Basket, Charcuterie Basket, Pet Supplies Basket
- Again, there has been such creativity and talent expressed in past baskets and we are ever so appreciative. Please see or contact Yvonne (Bonnie) Ferrone for donations and questions at [pawprints46@aol.com](mailto:pawprints46@aol.com). She will also answer questions about GIFT GARD conations. Gift cards for shopping, eating out, gas, groceries are wished for.
- Lastly, no event can succeed without volunteers. While we have a cadre of experienced volunteers for this event, we do need a few more helpers:
  - for the BAKE TABLE: 11AM-1 PM – 2 people; 1PM-3 PM -1 person; 3 PM-5 PM -2 people
  - for LUNCH: 11:30 AM-1:30 PM -2 people
  - for CLEAN-UP and SET\_UP for Sunday: 7 PM-8:30 PM -1 person.
- Please contact Pat Kolar at 412 372 4239 or [patkolar@verizon.net](mailto:patkolar@verizon.net) if you can help.
- If you would like to see how dedicated the participants at this event work their craft, please stop by that day to walk around and talk with them.