

St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church, Monroeville

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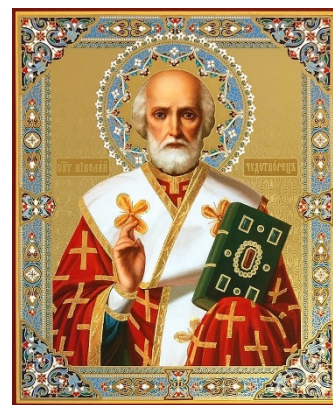
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Holy Apostle Thomas

Tone 2 Troparion (Resurrection)

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal, You slew hell with the splendor of Your Godhead. And when from the depths You raised the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: “O Giver of life, Christ our God, 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 2 Troparion (Thomas)

You were a disciple of Christ, and a member of the divine college of Apostles. Having been weak in faith you doubted the Resurrection of Christ, but by feeling the wounds you believed in His all-pure Passion: pray now to Him, O all-praised Thomas, to grant us peace and great mercy.

Tone 2 Kondak (Resurrection)

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior, seeing the miracle of Your Resurrection from the tomb The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with You, and the world, my Savior, praises You forever.

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 (Thomas)

Thomas, the faithful servant and disciple of Christ, filled with divine grace, cried out from the depth of his love: “You are my Lord and my God!”

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 11:31-12:9, **Gospel** - Luke 6:31-36

Alleluia Verses

- v. May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you! (*Ps. 19:1*)
- v. Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call! (*Ps. 19:9*)

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/>
 - Please forgive our oversight in previous communications. Children 12 and Under are free for the banquet. If you register online, kindly add number of children in the requested box slider. If you have already registered, kindly send Evonne a note to include them in your count.
- **St Petka Kolo Luncheon - 10/26** - St. Petka Kolo will hold our traditional turkey dinner after church on Sunday, 10/26 to celebrate the St Petka Slava. There will be plenty of side dishes and desserts as well. Takeout orders will be available at the kitchen window. Donations for Slava luncheon are appreciated. Hope to see all our parishioners!
- **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!
- **Grandview Cemetery** - Grandview Cemetery is offering a 10% discount until December 12, 2025. If you pay in full, you will receive another 5% off. For the past seven years I have done my best to represent our parish and to improve the Serbian section of the cemetery. Dave Bogonovich will be taking over my position on the Board of Directors. I wish him the best of luck in his new role! - David Janiga
- **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. We thank you for your assistance in gathering this information.
- **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. 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. 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 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.