

St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church, Monroeville

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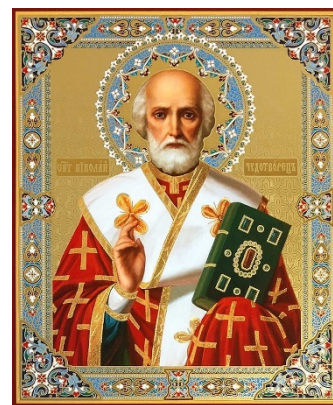
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Hieromartyrs Akepsimas, Bishop in Persia, Presbyter Joseph, and Deacon Aeithalas

Tone 6 Troparion (Resurrection)

The Angelic Powers were at Your tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Your grave, seeking Your most pure body. You captured hell, not being tempted by it. You came to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord, Who rose from the dead, 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 3 Troparion (Saint)

You were pillars of the Church, O servants of godliness, and you humbled the proud worshippers of fire. Much afflicted hierarch Akepsimas, Joseph the presbyter and Aeithalás the deacon, pray to Christ our God to grant us His great mercy.

Tone 6 Kondak (Resurrection)

When Christ God, the Giver of Life, raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand, He bestowed resurrection on the human race. He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

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 (Saint)

You celebrated the mysteries blamelessly, O wise ones, and became acceptable sacrifices, O divinely blessed ones! You gloriously drank of the cup of Christ, Holy Akepsimas, Joseph, and Aithalas and are praying unceasingly to Christ God for us all.

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 - Ephesians 2:4-10, **Gospel** - Luke 8:26-39

Alleluia Verses

v. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God. (*Ps. 90:1*)

v. He will say to the Lord: “My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust.” (*Ps. 90:2*)

Announcements

- **Upcoming Schedule** - Link here <https://www.stnicholasmonroeville.org/service-schedule/>
- **Bible Study** - Bible study class will be held next Wednesday, November 19th. We will meet in the church at 6:30 pm for the Akathist to St. Nicholas.
- **Djoric Family Slava** - Please join the Djoric Family to celebrate our slava November 22nd. Vespers at 5PM, followed by dinner in the church hall. Even if you didn't RSVP, please join us!
- **Fundraiser for the Pleasant Valley Rescue Ranch (PVRR). - 11/16 1-4PM** - The PVRR is a horse rescue owned and operated by Rachelle & Jovo Kozomara. Click link to view the flyer: [PVRR Horse Rescue Flyer](#)
- **Tammies' Holiday Wreath Fundraiser** - The St. Nicholas Tammies' Holiday Wreath Fundraiser is up & running through Tuesday, November 18th. A fresh, green wreath is a perfect addition to your front door, a great gift idea, or serves as a beautiful display graveside for those we will miss & remember this holiday season.
 - Place your order online: <https://www.stnicholasmonroeville.org/events/tammie-wreath-fundraiser-25/>
 - Or in-person with your favorite Tammie!
 - [St Nicholas Tammies Wreath Fundraiser Flier](#)
 - Thank you in advance for your support!
- **MARK YOUR CALENDAR - ANNUAL MEETING - Sunday, December 7, 2025** - Immediately Following Liturgy. Please plan to attend, as our annual meeting is a great opportunity to discuss very important issues in the parish. We look forward to seeing everyone there!
- **Homemade Noodle Orders** - Please place your order for homemade noodles by calling Pat Kolar 412 372 4239. Noodles are Fine or Wide and in 16-ounce resealable bags. Cost is \$12. Anyone interested in learning how to make noodles is also welcome at our sessions. Call Pat for the schedule.
- **HOLIDAY COOKIE SALE Preorders** - The bakers have been quite busy preparing for the annual cookie sale scheduled for Saturday December 6th at our parish. In previous years certain baked goods have been known to sell out quickly. There are a few items that are available for preorder again this year and may be picked up during the sale hours on December 6th (9a-noon) or after Liturgy on Sunday December 7th. - See the information below. Limited quantities are available so place your order as soon possible by calling Sandy at 412-616-2699. Thank you for your support!
 - See below for flyer
- **Sojourner House** - For the last eight years, Millicent Novic has been working with a group of friends helping the women in recovery at Sojourner House. Unfortunately, many women do not seek help for their addictions for fear they will lose their children. Sojourner House provides that safe environment. Annually, Sojourner House administrators let them know how they can help. This year they have asked for coffee pots, toasters, shower curtains and mats, and kitchen towels for all 14 apartments in the house. They also need twin comforters, sheet sets, pillows, and towels sets for the new women and children who arrive. Her group has been able to fill those needs each year with the generous help of friends because they take advantage of the excellent upcoming Black Friday and holiday sales to cover the cost of their needs. If you would like to join their efforts this year, see her after church to make your donation... even a small amount will help! You can also call her for details, questions or to donate online... 412-600-0619. With the opioid crisis in our area & America at an all-time high, our collective efforts can at least make a difference to this small group of women who are trying to pull their lives back together. Thank you so much for considering a donation to the families at Sojourner House in your end of year giving!
- **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

**ST. NICHOLAS
SERBIAN ORTHODOX
CHURCH**

HOLIDAY COOKIE SALE

SAT. DEC. 6TH 9-12:00

**2110 HAYMAKER ROAD
MONROEVILLE, PA**

**TO PREORDER NUT ROLLS (\$18), APRICOT ROLLS (\$20),
NUT HORNS (\$11/DOZ), LADY LOCKS (\$11 DOZ), AND
APRICOT HORNS (\$11/DOZ):
CALL SANDY AT 412-616-2699**

**ALL OTHER COOKIES ARE AVAILABLE ON A FIRST COME,
FIRST SERVE BASIS THE DAY OF THE SALE. COOKIES ARE
PRE-PACKAGED BY THE 1/2 DOZEN.**

DOORS WILL OPEN AT 9AM SHARP!

