

St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church, Monroeville

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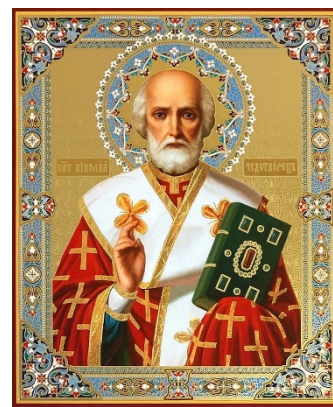
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St. Catherine the Great - Afterfeast of the Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple

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 Troparion (Feast)

Today is the prelude of the good will of God, of the preaching of the salvation of mankind. The Virgin appears in the temple of God, in anticipation proclaiming Christ to all. Let us rejoice and sing to her:

“Rejoice, O Fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation.”

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 (Saint)

By your virtues, as with the rays of the sun, you enlightened the pagan sages; and like the brightest moon for those who walk at night, you drove away the darkness of unbelief, and led the Empress to faith; you also rebuked the tyrant, and you were called by God as His bride, O blessed Katherine. With love you ascended to the heavenly Bridal Chamber of the most comely Bridegroom Christ, by Whom you were crowned with a royal crown. Now standing before Him with the Angels, pray for us who honor your holy memory.

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 2 Kondak (Saint)

Let all those who with inspiration love the martyrs now form a great choir to honor the most wise Katherine, for in the arena she proclaimed Christ and trampled the serpent, revealing the knowledge of the orators as despicable.

Tone 4 Kondak (Feast)

The most pure Temple of the Savior; the precious Chamber and Virgin; the sacred Treasure of the glory of God, is presented today to the house of the Lord. She brings with her the grace of the Spirit, therefore, the angels of God praise her: “Truly this woman is the abode of heaven.”

Epistle - Ephesians 5:8-19, **Gospel** - Luke 12:16-21

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*)

Magnificat - Tone 4 (Instead of It is Truly Meet)

The angels beheld the entrance of the Pure One and were amazed. How has the Virgin entered into the Holy of Holies? Since she is a living Ark of God let no profane hand touch the Theotokos. But let the lips of believers unceasingly sing to her, praising her in joy with the angel's song: “Truly, you are more exalted than all, O pure Virgin!”

Announcements

- **Upcoming Schedule** - Link here <https://www.stnicholasmonroeville.org/service-schedule/>
- **Bible Study** - There will be bible study class next Wednesday, December 10th. It will follow the 6:30 pm Akathist to St. Nicholas. If there are any changes to the schedule, you will be notified via email.
- **ANNUAL MEETING - TODAY - 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!
- **Pierogies available** - There are frozen lenten potato and sauerkraut pierogies available. Please see Michelle, Sheryl, or Pat following Liturgy on Sunday
- **Annual Pan-Orthodox Christmas Concert - Sunday, December 14, 2025** - The Pan-Orthodox Christmas Concert will be sponsored by our Parish on Sunday, December 14. We kindly request posno baked goods for this annual event. Please drop off any baked goods you may want to donate before the concert which starts at 4 pm. Notify Vesna at 412-443-0465 with what you are bringing. Thank you all so much in advance. A free will offering will also be collected to benefit the Neighborhood Resilience Project's Medical Fund. We hope you come and support this beautiful and uplifting event while also helping those in need.
- **Helping Those in Need – Food and Toy Drive** - During this Holiday Season, now through Friday December 19th, we'll be collecting non-perishable items and toys that will go towards Saint Moses the Black Orthodox Church which is located in the Hill District. It is in affiliation with the Neighborhood Resilience Project which was founded in 2011. The church provides pastoral support and spiritual direction to this organization.
 - Non-perishable Items: Consisting of canned food, personal care products, diapers, cleaning products etc. Only request is that items are brought in a bag or a box and placed on the stage in our social hall.
 - Toys: While new toys are preferred, we'll accept both new and gently used toys. When donating, please bring the toy(s) in a bag and place on the stage in our social hall (do not wrap the toy). If gently used, please be sure to clean and confirm that the toy(s) are in good condition before donating.
 - For additional information about Saint Moses the Black Orthodox Church and the Neighborhood Resilience Project, visit <https://www.stmosesonthehill.com/>.
 - Please contact Dushan Markoff at Daniel.Markoff@yahoo.com if you have any questions. Thanks in advance for your support!
- **At-Home Memorial Candle Advent Project** - As a Senior Year Advent project, Shea Williamson is making beautiful hand-made memorial candles for at-home use. Use these candles to remember your loved ones on special days like birthdays or repose days – or every day. Candles are 100% PURE BEESWAX and rated to burn 100 hours. Cost is \$40 each with all proceeds benefiting the Reliquary Area. Orders are due 12/14 so candles can be delivered before Christmas. A candle will be on display on the candle table in church. Order forms are also there. Click here to order: [ORDER FORM](#)
- **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.
- **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!