

St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church, Monroeville

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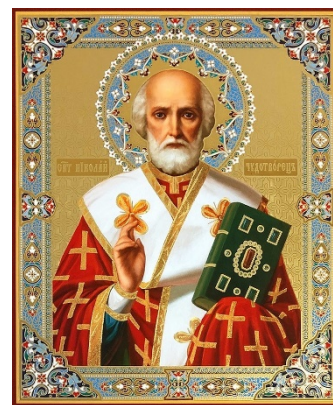
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Forefathers of Christ

Tone 4 Troparion (Resurrection)

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: “Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!”

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 (Saint)

Through faith You justified the Forefathers, betrothing through them the Church of the gentiles. These saints exult in glory, for from their seed came forth a glorious fruit: she who bore You without seed. So by their prayers, O Christ God, have mercy on us!

Tone 4 Kondak (Resurrection)

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master, He has risen on the third day!

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 6 Kondak (Saint)

You did not worship the graven image, O thrice-blessed ones, but armed with the immaterial Essence of God, you were glorified in a trial by fire. From the midst of unbearable flames you called on God, crying: “Hasten, O compassionate One! Speedily come to our aid, for You are merciful and able to do as You will!”

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: Collossians 1:12-18, **Gospel:** Luke 17:12-19

Alleluia Verses

v. Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth! (*Ps. 44:3b*)

v. For You love righteousness, and hate iniquity. (*Ps. 44:6*)

Announcements

- **Upcoming Schedule** - Link here <https://www.stnicholasmonroeville.org/service-schedule/>
- **Bible Study** - There will be bible study class next Tuesday, December 30th. 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.
- **Saint Nicholas Sunday School Children - Donations for our Church** - We will be setting up a plastic container upstairs in the Narthex (near the donation basket), for our church children to donate money. The purpose of this collection container is to teach our Sunday School Children the importance of donating to the church. If they have some extra change, or a dollar, please donate it. At the end of the school year, the money will be presented to St. Nicholas Orthodox Church as a donation from our wonderful children.
- **Badnje Vece Services and Dinner** - Join us January 6, 2026, immediately after Badnje Vece services, which begin at 6:00 pm, for our annual parish family dinner in the church hall. Emil's Catering will provide a catered (posno/fasting) dinner. Please make your reservation below. Dinner will be by donation, and you may include your donation here with your reservation. We look forward to celebrating together! If you are not able to reserve via our website, please reserve with Evonne by email at office@stnicholasmonroeville.org, or 724-599-0927.
<https://www.stnicholasmonroeville.org/events/badnje-vece-dinner/>
Reservations must be made by noon on SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 2026.
- **Posno Desserts** - We kindly ask for posno desserts for our parish Christmas Eve family dinner. Please contact Vesna Baer @ 412-443-0465 if you can bake. These can be dropped off before the service. Also, please register either online or with Evonne as soon as possible so we can give the caterer an accurate count. Your cooperation is appreciated!!
- **Pierogies available** - There are frozen Lenten potato and sauerkraut pierogies available. Please see Michelle, Sheryl, or Pat following Liturgy on Sunday
- **Maintenance Group Kielbasa** - The church maintenance group made its specialty smoked kielbasa and for those who made pre-orders, your order is pre-packaged and ready to be picked up. We have extra for those who have not placed an order to date. Limited amount is available. Contact Denny Z 412-417-3167
- **Tamburitizens coming to Gateway** - Take a musical world tour with The Tamburitizens, now in their 89th season, when they return to Monroeville, PA on Saturday, January 24, 2026 at 3:00 pm at Gateway High School with their latest production, "The Shared Song." The ensemble of 24 talented, full-time college students presents the music, song and dances from various regions around the world including Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Ireland, Romania, Serbia and Ukraine. This event is being sponsored by Frank and Erin Bozicevic, both Tamburitizan alums, along with their family. The Bozicevic Family is excited to bring this year's production back to Monroeville since it is Frank's first year as the Artistic Director of the ensemble and he is also a proud Monroeville resident. Proceeds will benefit the Frank & Betty Bozicevic Memorial Fund to help provide Tamburitizan scholarships to talented student performers. Tickets range in price from \$12-\$35 with a discount available for groups of 10 or more. Make your ticket purchases online by visiting The Tamburitizens' website at <https://www.thetamburitizens.org/events/tickets> and click on "Monroeville, PA."
- **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!

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PRESENT

THE SHARED SONG



**UNITING CULTURES THROUGH
MUSIC & DANCE**

**Featuring
Local Talent
Nora
Keleschenyi**



**Gateway
High School**

3000 Gateway Campus Blvd, Monroeville

**Saturday, January 24
3:00 pm**

**Sponsored by
The Bozicevic Family**

**For Tickets
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Scan the QR code here**

