

**St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church, Monroeville**  
**Weekly Bulletin – January 4th, 2026**

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**Sunday before Christmas - Holy Fathers**

**Tone 5 Troparion (Resurrection)**

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

**Tone 2 Troparion (Fathers)**

Great are the accomplishments of faith, for the three Holy Youths rejoice in the fountain of flames as though in the waters of rest; and the Prophet Daniel appeared a shepherd to the lions as though they were sheep. So by their prayers, O Christ God, save our souls!

**Tone 4 Troparion (Forefeast)**

Prepare, O Bethlehem, for Eden has been opened to all! Adorn yourself, O Ephratha, for the Tree of Life blossoms forth from the Virgin in the cave! Her womb is a spiritual paradise planted with the Divine Fruit; if we eat of It, we shall live forever and not die like Adam. Christ is born to raise up again what fell in former times, His image.

**Tone 5 Kondak (Resurrection)**

You descended into hell, O my Savior, shattering its gates as Almighty, resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death. You have delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man, and we cry to You: "O Lord, save us!"

**Tone 1 Kondak (Fathers)**

Rejoice, O Bethlehem! Prepare yourself, O Ephratha! The Lamb is on her way to give birth to the Chief Shepherd she carries in her womb. The God-bearing Forefathers will rejoice, beholding Him, and with the shepherds, they will glorify the Virgin nursing Him.

**Tone 2 Kondak (Forefeast)**

He Who holds the earth in the hollow of His hand now is beheld in Bethlehem wrapped in swaddling bands. We offer prefestal hymns to his Mother, who maternally rejoices having held to her bosom the Son of God.

**Epistle:** Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40, **Gospel:** Matthew 1:1-25

**Alleluia Verses**

v. I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your truth from generation to generation. (*Ps. 88:1-2*)

v. For You have said: Mercy will be established forever; Your truth will be prepared in the heavens. (*Ps. 88:3*)

### Announcements

- **Upcoming Schedule** - Link here <https://www.stnicholasmonroeville.org/service-schedule/>
- **Bible Study** - Watch your email for when the next Bible Study will be. We will be taking a brief break for the Christmas season.
- **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. Dinner will be by donation. There will be limited space available for those without reservations.
- **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!!
- **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
- **Tamburitzans coming to Gateway** - Take a musical world tour with The Tamburitzans, 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 Tamburitzan 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 Tamburitzan 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 Tamburitzans' website at <https://www.thetamburitzans.org/events/tickets> and click on "Monroeville, PA."
- **Homeless Clothing Appeal!** - A friend of the Novic's is collecting winter items for the homeless men and women of Pittsburgh... coats, thermals, sweatshirts, hoodies, hats, gloves, boots. You might be cleaning out your closet because of new gifts you got for Christmas and they would certainly appreciate any clean and gently used items. Please put them in a clean garbage bag on the stage by Sunday 1/18. It would be great if you can bring them sooner as we are expecting temps in the 20-30s in the coming days. Feel free to pass this on to any friends who may be interested also. Thank you for your support! Please call if you have any questions... 412-600-0619



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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**

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