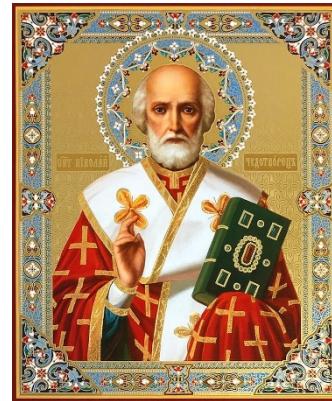


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Sunday before Theophany

Tone 7 Troparion (Resurrection)

By Your Cross You destroyed death. To the thief You opened Paradise. For the Myrrhbearers You changed weeping into joy. And You commanded Your disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that You are risen, granting the world great mercy.

Tone 4 Troparion (Forefeast)

Prepare, O Zebulon, and adorn yourself, O Naphtali! River Jordan, cease flowing, and receive with joy the Master coming to be baptized! Adam, rejoice with our first Mother, and do not hide yourselves as you did of old in Paradise; for having seen you naked, He has appeared to clothe you with the first garment. Christ has appeared to renew all creation.

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 7 Kondak (Resurrection)

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: "The Savior has come to those in faith; enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!"

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 (Forefeast)

Today the Lord enters the Jordan and cries out to John: "Do not be afraid to baptize Me. For I have come to save Adam, the first-formed man."

Epistle: 2 Timothy 4:5-8, **Gospel:** Mark 1:1-8

Alleluia Verses

v. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your Name, O Most High. (*Ps. 91:1*)
v. To declare Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth by night. (*Ps. 91:2a*)

Announcements

- **Upcoming Schedule** - Link here <https://www.stnicholasmonroeville.org/service-schedule/>
- **Bible Study** - Bible Study will be Wednesday, January 21st at 6:30. It will start with an Akathist to St. Nicholas.
- **Saint Sava's Day Program: January 25th, 2026** - Please join your Sunday School Children on January 25th, after Liturgy, as they perform prayers and songs, in honor of Saint Sava. After church, everyone is welcome to the church hall to eat a lunch provided by the Kolo Sisters. Please refer to Vesna's message in the email on how to RSVP. Please also remember to donate to the Kolo for all of the hard work that they do for us. After lunch, our wonderful church school children will bravely perform the prayers and songs that they have been working on. If you are new to this program, you will be sure to enjoy it! It will take place on the stage in the church hall!
- **Kolo's St. Sava Day Luncheon January 25 after church** - The Kolo is looking for St. Sava luncheon reservations by Thursday 1/22/26. For reservations, please contact Djakonica Pam Matejevich . They can text or call (724.454.4451) or email (pam.matejevich@icloud.com). We will be having a pasta bar with white and red sauce, including breadsticks and a salad.
- **Super Bowl Squares** - We're excited to announce one of our favorite fundraisers of the year — Super Bowl Squares! This is a fun and easy way to support the Tammies while enjoying the excitement of the big game.
 - How the Super Bowl Squares Pool Works:
 - Each board has 100 squares (10x10), each representing the last digit of each team's score.
 - Squares are \$20 each.
 - Numbers are assigned randomly once the board is filled.
 - Winners are determined at the end of each quarter (1st, 2nd, 3rd and Final score) based on the score of the game
 - How to Purchase Squares:
 - Squares can be purchased directly online using this link: <https://square.link/u/jcNmcQIg>
 - For in-person sales (cash or check), please see a member of the Tammies to purchase.
- **2/21/26: 7th Annual Purse Bash - Tickets Now Available!**
 - [CLICK HERE](#) for details and to purchase tickets online.
 - For cash/check payment, please contact Amanda Formato amandabilak@gmail.com 412-980-8944.
 - We hope to see you there!
 - *For church members interested in volunteering for the Purse Bash event, please plan to stay for cake & coffee on Sunday, 2/1/26 for a brief meeting. Let Amanda know if unable to attend, but would still like to be included on volunteer communications.
- **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.
- **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."

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