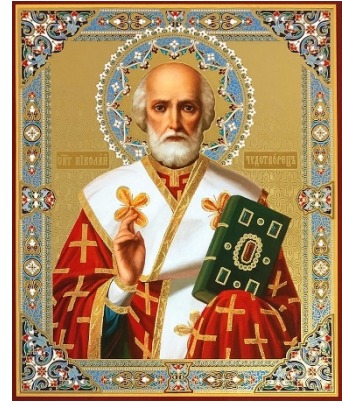


St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church Monroeville
Weekly Bulletin – February 1st, 2026

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Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee

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 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 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 (Triodion)

Let us flee from the pride of the Pharisee! Let us learn humility from the Publican's tears! Let us cry to our Savior: “Have mercy on us, O only merciful One!”

Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15, **Gospel:** Luke 18:10-14

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*)

Announcements

- **Upcoming Schedule** - Link here <https://www.stnicholasmonroeville.org/service-schedule/>
- **Bible Study** - Bible Study will be Wednesday, January 28th at 6:30. It will start with an Akathist to St. Nicholas.
- **It's PIEROGI time!** - Lent is fast approaching and it's time to start preparing for the annual Fish Fry season. With that comes PIEROGIES! The team will be making pierogies on Saturday February 28th and Saturday March 7th beginning at 9AM on both days. Please come out and help. There is a great need for rollers, cutters, scoopers and pinchers. If you're not available on Saturdays, please offer to help package them on Sundays. These are the only 2 days scheduled. The more volunteers the faster and more productive they can be. If you would like to donate ingredients, please see Elaine V or Sandy M for more information. Thank you
- **House Blessings** - January 26th marks the start of our house blessing season. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this sacred tradition, particularly those who have not had their house blessed in many years. For the house blessings, I have only one simple request: Please remove your pets while we are blessing the house. House blessings are not mandatory, so if you would like your house blessed, please contact me at fr.stefan@stnicholasmonroeville.org or 740 346 5737. For the house blessing, you need a bowl of water (tap water, not holy water), a candle (if you so desire), charcoal, incense, and a censer (optional). If you need to buy any of these things, I highly recommend that you use the link to our diocesan store: <https://www.theodulepress.org>
- **Saint Sava's Day Program- POSTPONED - 2/1** - We will be moving the Saint Sava Day Program to February 1st due to the predicted snowfall for this Sunday! Please continue to practice the songs and speeches with your children. Thank you for your understanding in this matter! Stay safe everyone! Also, if you need to change or add your RSVP for the Saint Sava Day luncheon, given this new date, contact Pam Matejevich via text or call (724.454.4451) or email (pam.matejevich@icloud.com) If you have questions or if your child can no longer participate, please contact: Amy Shimonovich-Yurko via email at (ashimonovich@gmail.com).
- **Choir Krofne Fundraiser 2/15** - Come enjoy some Valentines donuts! See flyer below
- **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.
 - This fundraiser directly supports our programs, and every square sold makes a difference. Thank you for helping spread the word and for your continued support of the Tammies!
- **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.

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.

SPONSORSHIPS - Last call for anyone interested in being a Sponsor for this year's Purse Bash. Please contact Millicent today at 412-600-0619!

VOLUNTEERS - We are in need of volunteers to help in the areas listed below for the entire event - Please reach out to Amanda to sign up!

(4 people) Admission/Tickets

(2 people) Gift Basket Table (during event)

(2-4 people) 50/50 Raffle Ticket Sales (walking room)

(1 person) Photo Taker [no professional skills required!]

DONATIONS - With just under one month until our much-awaited Annual Purse Bash, we're asking for donations to help make the event even bigger success than last year! Your support will help our cause and bring extra excitement and joy to everyone attending!

Our goal is to have the following for our raffles this year: 15 Gift Baskets (\$100+ Value), 4-5 Frames of Gift Cards

Below is a curated wish list of suggested ideas for basket themes, gift cards, and beverages, including wine. Any basket theme or gift card marked with an "X" has already been committed. Additionally, we would love to show support to our local "Mom & Pop" restaurants, so thinking locally for restaurant gift cards is encouraged. If you have an interesting idea for a gift basket theme not mentioned, please let us know.

QTY Gift Basket Themes Committed (X = Yes)

1	Arts & Crafts - Kids	
1	Breakfast/Brunch	
1	Charcuterie Board w/ Wine, Cheese & Meats	
1	Chocolate Lovers	
1	Coffee Lovers	
1	Entertaining/Bar Serveware	X
1	Golf	X
1	Grilling	
1	Italian Dinner (Delallo's items)	
1	Money/Lottery Ticket Tree	
1	Pet Theme	
1	Spa/Pamper Me	X
1	Spring Break	X
1	Taco Lovers	X
1	Tea Lovers	X

QTY Beverage Donations Committed (X = Yes)

3	Prosecco - Case	1 of 3
1	Cabernet Sauvignon - 5L Box	
1	Sauvignon Blanc - 5L Box	
4	Orange Juice	X
2	Sprite (case)	
1	Coke (case)	
2	Diet Coke (case)	
1	Diet Dr. Pepper (case)	
4	Water (Case)	

QTY Other Supplies (for 200) Committed (X = Yes)

Disposable Dinner Plates
Disposable Dessert Plates
Disposable Utensils
Drinkware
Cocktail Napkins
Lunch Napkins

QTY Gift Cards (4-5 Frames) Committed (X = Yes)

---Shopping Spree (\$25 each)---

1	TJX Multi-Brand (for TJ Maxx/Marshalls/Home Goods/etc.)
1	Macy's
1	Target
1	Ulta or Sephora

Other Suggestions: Jonathan Michaels, Local Boutique or Visa GC

---Dinner out at Mom & Pop's (\$50 each)---

1	Olives & Peppers
1	Abruzzi's
1	Cenacolo
1	Persichetti's
1	DeNunzio's
1	Rodney's

Other local restaurants welcome!

---Grocery (\$50 each - will be split into 2 groups)---

1	Aldi
1	Giant Eagle
1	Shop N Save
1	Walmart
1	Visa Gift Card
1	Costco
1	Sam's Club
1	Labriola's

Other ideas welcome!

---Fuel on the Go (\$25 each)---

1	Starbucks
1	Dunkin'
1	Moio's
1	Get-Go (for Gas)

Other suggestions: Aroma Joe's, Parkside Perk, Sweet Buzz Bean & Bistro, etc.

Any donations must be confirmed by February 12th and physically delivered no later than Sunday, February 15th, to Pat or Danica as listed below. Please, no last-minute drop-offs! This will help us to ensure, especially on the baskets, coordinating signage can be made in advance and final items can be purchased...and not the day before.

For BASKET OR GIFT CARD donation, please contact Pat Kolar via phone or email by February 12th: Phone: 412-372-4239 (Home phone), Email: patkolar@verizon.net

For BEVERAGE OR OTHER SUPPLY donations, please contact Danica Popovich via text or email by February 12th: Phone: 412-607-7528 (Cell), Email: popovich.danica@gmail.com.

Your support in advance is greatly appreciated! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Pat or Danica.

Thank you for your generosity and support! Warm regards - The Purse Bash Committee

HELP US RAISE SOME **DOUGH**



KROFNE ON A SKEWER!

MADE WARM
TO GO BY THE
CHOIR!

MENU

3 VARIETIES:

SUGAR.
CINNAMON SUGAR.
&
POWDERED SUGAR
**ALL WITH FRUIT*

FOR DIPPING:

PINK CREAM
CHEESE ICING,
JELLY, &
NUTELLA

When?
Sunday,

FEBRUARY

15TH

PRICE: 2 SKEWERS FOR \$10