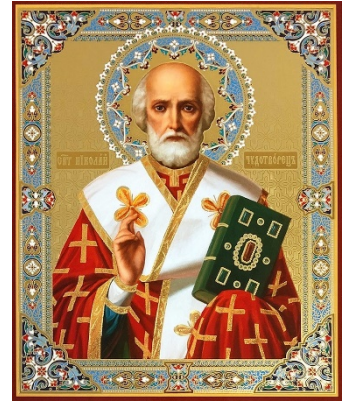


St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church Monroeville
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Sts. Peter and Paul

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 4 Troparion (Saint)

O first-enthroned of the Apostles, and teachers of the universe: entreat the Master of all to grant peace to the world, and to our souls great mercy!

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 2 Kondak (Saint)

O Lord, Thou hast taken up to eternal rest and to the enjoyment of Thy blessings the two divinely inspired preachers, the leaders of the Apostles, for Thou hast accepted their labors and deaths as a sweet-smelling sacrifice, for Thou alone knowest what lies in the hearts of men.

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 - 2 Corinthians 11:21-12:9, **Gospel** - Matthew 16:13-19

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/>
- **Next Sunday** - July 19 - Bishop Irinej visiting as well as Fr. Nebojša and the Holy Trinity Parish - Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at **10AM**
- **Fr. Stefan Vacation** - July 13-31 - There will still be liturgy next two Sundays. If you have need of a priest during the week, please contact Fr. Nebojša Varagić 330-780-4890
- **Emulating the Saints** - St. Nicholas Sunday School Day Camp - August 15th 10AM-1PM - See flyer below
- **Church Maintenance Committee** - The church maintenance committee group will be making a trip to Focus which is the Orthodox mission located in Pittsburgh. Donations are appreciated. Place items to be donated on the stage. A shipment to Focus will be scheduled during the third week of July. To find out what you can donate, please see Denny or any member of the maintenance committee.
- **Tutoring Available** - Having been a primary teacher for 28 years I would like to offer my services to any child needing remedial reading skills. Tutoring sessions can take place at Monroeville Public Library. Any compensation a parent wishes to make to me can be made instead to St. Nicholas Church. Please contact Nikki Schlonski @ 412-245-8324.
- **Now Open! Enrollment for the 2026-2027 St. Nicholas Tamburitza Season-** We are looking forward to new & returning performers to join us for the 2026-2027 season! Open to incoming 1st-12th Graders. As a part of the St. Nicholas Church Community, our group strives to preserve and perpetuate our faith, the heritage and traditions of the Serbian (and the Balkans) folk culture through tamburitza music, song, and dance.
 - [CLICK HERE](#) to read more about the 2026-2027 schedule, tuition rates and other information, including the link to the ENROLLMENT FORM.
 - We kindly ask that sign-ups be completed by July 31st.
 - Please contact Amanda Formato with any questions. amandabilak@gmail.com 412-980-8944
 - We're looking forward to another exciting year with you all!
- **St. Petka Kolo Christmas Project in Partnership with Lifeline Chicago** - For the seventh consecutive year, the St. Petka Kolo is partnering with Lifeline Chicago to deliver Christmas gifts to children and young adults of the Vasa Stajic Home in Serbia. The message from Lifeline: "We sincerely appreciate you and your church members once again for assisting with this very special Christmas project. Your generosity brings great joy to so many children, especially those at the Vasa Stajic Shelter. These children come from throughout Serbia, Republika Srpska, and Kosovo and Metohija. Many have been rescued by the Serbian police from situations of abuse, neglect, or exploitation and placed in the shelter, where they receive care, counseling, and rehabilitation while every effort is made to reunite them with their families whenever possible. The Christmas season is one of the most difficult times of the year for these children and young adults. Your kindness and support remind them that they are loved, valued, and not forgotten. On behalf of Lifeline Chicago and those whose lives you will touch, thank you for helping make Christmas a little brighter."
 - The items requested for each child are as follows:
 - sweatshirt
 - pair of sweatpants
 - short-sleeved t-shirt
 - pair of shorts
 - All teenagers wear adult sizes. And like any teenager, they like the popular brands that allow them to fit in and feel like their peers. If you'd like to purchase the above items for a teenager, contact Pam Matejevich for the name, age and size.
 - We will also gladly accept monetary donations which we will use toward the purchase of clothes, backpacks and other items (such as socks, underwear, etc.).
 - Clothes and/or donations should be received by August 9th so that we can prepare them for delivery to Chicago and can be given to Pam Matejevich or Christine Guskiewicz.
 - Email: pam.matejevich@icloud.com
 - Call or text: 724.454.4451

Church Summer Picnic – Sunday August 9th - Under a month until we host the BEST picnic of the summer!! Check out the important updates which include Volunteer Opportunities, Bar Donations, and Lamb Pre Orders which are now being accepted! Don't just scroll to the lamb section!!

Things to Know

Picnic Date: Sunday August 9th

Picnic Start time: 1pm

Kids Games: 1:30pm

Face Painting by Creative Face Painting: 2:30pm until 5:30pm

Live Music: 3pm until 7pm by Srpski Sinovi

Volunteer Opportunities - We need YOUR help to make it all a success! Thank you to those that have committed thus far, it is much appreciated! Remaining areas and time frames to join the fun during the picnic are as follows:

Admission/Tickets - Need 2 volunteers for the time frame of 3pm-5pm and 3 volunteers for the time frame of 5pm-7pm.

Kitchen - Need 1 volunteer for the time frame of 3pm-5pm and 5 volunteers for the time frame of 5pm-7pm.

Bussers - Need 2 volunteers for each of the time frames: 3pm-5pm, and 5pm-7pm.

High School Students - This is a GREAT opportunity to earn Community Service Hours!! We'll happily complete any school forms to receive credit!

Please contact Dushan Markoff at 724-493-9084 to sign up!

Lamb - If you would like to assist with lamb prep and/or day of the picnic, please contact Nick Jokola at 814-241-4929. Pre Orders for lamb are being accepted through July 31st using the following link:

<https://www.stnicholasmonroeville.org/events/2026-summer-picnic/>

To guarantee your lamb, place your order today! Please note that all lamb will be available for pick up between 1pm and 2pm on the day of the picnic.

Baked Goods - The Bake Table Coordinators for the annual picnic are requesting our able bakers to assist by providing their favorite baked good. Especially appreciated will be ethnic items such as baklava, strudel, gibanica, nut and apricot horns, apple pita, palachinke, torta, and so forth. Cakes, fruit pies, bar and regular cookies are also appreciated. Please contact Sheryl Lovett (724 331-2770) or Pat Kolar (412 372-4239) if you can bake and let us know what your baked goods will be so that we can avoid too many duplicates. Volunteers will also be needed to assist with the bake table on the day of the picnic. Let us know if you can help. Shifts will be from 1-3 pm, 3-5 pm, 5-7 pm. Baked goods can be dropped off on Saturday, August 8 from 11 am-2 pm or Sunday, August 9 after Liturgy. Just remember "Life is sweeter with a sweet!" And we hope our picnic guests will be desiring to sweeten their day with your sweet.



Family First Essentials Donation Drive

What is it?

IRMC's Family Medicine Residency is starting a Family First Essentials closet for parents in need to get items they may not be able to afford but are needed to care for their new baby/toddler.

Where is it?

The clinic is located at the Mahoning Medical Center in Marion Center, PA.

What items are needed?

Baby blankets	Infants Tylenol
Books	Infants Zyrtec
Baby wash	Baby lotion/Vaseline
Bibs	Milk storage bags
Bottles	Nipple cream
Breast feeding covers	Nystatin
Infant First aid kit	Onesies (up to 2T)
Breast pads	Pacifier
Hand breast pump	Footie pajamas (up to 2T)
Diaper bag	Socks
Baby hats	Swaddles
Thermometer	Wash cloths
Baby wipes	



Who can you contact?

Cayla Lyle at CaylaLyleDO@gmail.com

Emulating the Saints

St. Nicholas Sunday School

Summer Day Camp

August 15: 10:30AM-1PM

**Volunteers
needed! —>**



**Please contact
Amy Yurko at
ashimonovich@
gmail.com if you
are interested
in helping.**

Ages 3-18

Posni lunch included

Including Talk with Fr. Stefan for the Parents!

Sign up here by Aug. 1st

<https://forms.gle/aEfYtQAGd4dp95u9A>