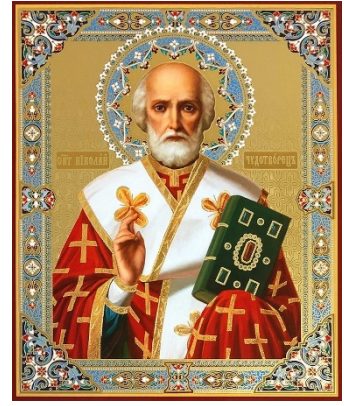


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Forefeast of the Birth of the Mother of God - Sunday before the Elevation of the Cross - St. Sozon

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 Tropar (Forefeast)

From the root of Jesse, and from the loins of David, / the godly Mary is born to us today, / for which the universe rejoices and is renewed, / heaven and earth rejoice together. / Praise her, you Fathers of the nations, / Joachim rejoices and Anna celebrates shouting / “The barren woman has conceived the Theotokos, the nourisher of our lives.”

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 4 Tropar (Saint)

O Martyr Sozon, you pledged your life to God, / Enduring the contest and becoming a sharer in Christ’s passion. / Save from temptation those who cry to you: / “Glory to him who strengthened you! / Glory to him who crowned you! / Glory to him who through you works healing for all!”

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 2 Kondak (Saint)

As we come together on this day, / let us, with loud voices, remember the true and God-bearing martyr, and athlete of piety, Sozon, / the divine initiate of grace, / the most bountiful giver of healings, / for he intercedes with God for us all.

Tone 3 Kondak (Forefeast)

Today the Virgin Theotokos Mary / the bridal chamber of the Heavenly Bridegroom / by the will of God is born of a barren woman, / being prepared as the chariot of God the Word. / She was fore-ordained for this, since she is the divine gate and the true Mother of Life.

Epistle- 2 Corinthians 6:1-10, Galatians 6:11-18 (Before Elevation), **Gospel**- Matthew 25:14-30, John 3:13-17 (Before Elevation)

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>
- **Reminder of Divine Liturgy Time Change - TODAY** - Starting Sunday, September 6th we will return to our regular fall/winter Divine Liturgy schedule of 10:00 am. Mark your calendars.
- **Bible Study Resumes** - The next Bible study will be Thursday, September 24th. An Akathist will begin upstairs at 6:30, followed by bible study downstairs. All are welcome.
- **Sunday School** - Downstairs in multi-purpose area or the hall, after communion. Preschool through highschool seniors. Didn't sign up? No problem drop-ins welcome.
- **CIDER & SONG - 10/18** - You are warmly invited to a special afternoon of music and community hosted by the Saint Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Choir. Join us on Sunday, October 18, 2026 beginning with Divine Liturgy, followed by an optional luncheon, and an afternoon concert with welcomed guest choirs.
 - Schedule
 - 10:00 AM — Divine Liturgy
 - 12:30 PM — Doors Open
 - 1:00 PM — Luncheon | \$20 adults, \$10 kids meal
 - 2:00 PM — Concert | Free Admission
 - We look forward to welcoming you!
- **Annual Holiday Cookie Sale** - Save the Date - Saturday Dec. 5, 2026, 9AM-1PM - More info coming soon
- **Women's Retreat Service Project** - As part of the Women's Retreat, this year's service project will be collecting and donating school supplies to a rural, low income elementary school, Conneaut Valley Elementary School, which is located not far from Shadeland. If you would like to donate supplies to aide our effort, please place your school supplies in the boxes on the stage. Now is the time to pick up your supplies because all school supplies are currently on sale since it is "Back to School" season. The following are the items the school is requesting:
- 24 pack of crayons - Crayola only, Dry erase markers (broad and fine tip), Pencils, Pencil cap erasers, Glue sticks, Highlighters, Colored Pencils, Markers (broad and fine tip), Kid scissors, Pencil boxes, Bookbags, Tissues
- **Third annual Women's Retreat - October 9-11 at Shadeland** - The Federation of Circles of Serbian Sisters are planning our 3rd annual Women's Retreat. We would love to have you join us this year for another memorable weekend. If you have any questions, please reach out to Alexis. See flyer below.
 - [CLICK HERE to REGISTER and view the SCHEDULE OF EVENTS for the weekend!](#)

With the Blessing of His Grace Bishop Irinej, the Eastern Region Federation of Circles of Serbian Sisters would like to invite you on a journey of self-discovery, connection and renewal.

3rd Annual Women's RETREAT 2026

"Embracing God's Plan for Every Season"

Proverbs 16:9 In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps."

October 9-11
St. Sava Shadeland Camp



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