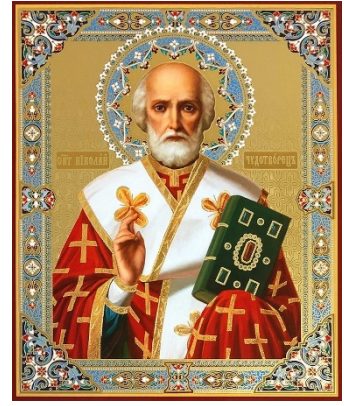


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Elevation of the Cross

The First Antiphon *Refrain:* Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!
God, my God, attend to me! Why have You forsaken me? (Ps. 21:1a) *(Refrain)*
Why are You so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning? (Ps. 21:1b) *(Refrain)*
O my God, I cry by day, but You do not answer; and by night, but find no rest. (Ps. 21:2) *(Refrain)*
You dwell in the sanctuary, the praise of Israel. (Ps. 21:3) *(Refrain)*
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. *(Refrain)*

The Second Antiphon *Refrain:* O Son of God, crucified in the flesh, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!
O God, why do You cast us off forever? (Ps. 73:1a) *(Refrain)*
Remember Your congregation, which You have gotten of old! (Ps. 73:2) *(Refrain)*
Remember Mount Zion, where You have dwelt! (Ps. 73:3b) *(Refrain)*
God is our King before the ages; He has worked salvation in the midst of the earth. (Ps. 73:13) *(Refrain)*
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.
(“Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God...”)

The Third Antiphon

The Lord reigns, let the people tremble! (Ps. 98:1a)
The Lord reigns, let the people tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! (Ps. 98:1)
The Lord is great in Zion; He is exalted over all the people. (Ps. 98:2)
Bow down in worship to the Lord in His holy court! (Ps. 98:10)

Entrance Verse - Extol the Lord our God: worship at His footstool for He is holy! (Ps. 98:5)

Tone 1 Tropar (Feast)

O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance. Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries.
And by virtue of Your Cross, preserve Your habitation.

Tone 7 Kondak (Feast)

As You were voluntarily raised upon the cross for our sake, / grant mercy to those who are called by Your Name, O Christ God; / make all Orthodox Christians glad by Your power, / granting them victories over their adversaries, / by bestowing on them the Invincible trophy, Your weapon of Peace.

Instead of Holy God Before Your Cross, we bow down in worship, O Master, and Your holy Resurrection we glorify.

Epistle - 1 Corinthians 1:18-24, **Gospel** - John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30-35

Alleluia Verses

v. Remember Your congregation, which You have gotten of old! (Ps. 73:2)
v. God is our King before the ages; He has worked salvation in the midst of the earth! (Ps. 73:13)

Instead of It is Truly Meet - Tone 8 Magnify, O my soul, the most precious Cross of the Lord!

You are a mystical Paradise, O Theotokos, who, though untitled, have brought forth Christ; through Him the life-bearing wood of the Cross was planted on earth. Now at its Exaltation, as we bow in worship before it, we magnify you.

Announcements

- **Upcoming Schedule** - Link here <https://www.stnicholasmonroeville.org/service-schedule>
- **Bible Study Resumes** - The next Bible study will be Thursday, October 1st. 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.
- **Altar Servers and Epistle Readers** - Please fill out the form below if your child has interest in serving in the Altar or reading the Epistle for the 2026-2027 school year. Each week, an email will be sent to parents listing the names of the boys expected to serve during Liturgy that coming Sunday. Those not listed are also welcome to serve; we will not turn anyone away. Please note that girls are always welcome to read the Epistle. If your child has not read before, we will coordinate with Father Stefan to pick a date so that your child has plenty of time to practice. [CLICK HERE FOR FORM](#)
- **Banquet Tables** - Two of our parishioners have generously agreed to purchase new banquet tables for our hall. As a result, we are offering the current tables for sale to our parishioners for \$20 each. If you are interested, please contact Sam Bilak @ 412-370-1768 or Nick Jokola @ 814-241-4929 to arrange pick up. Pick up will occur in the near future as we acquire new tables.
- **NUT ROLL BAKING - Volunteers needed** - The Holiday Cookie baking committee is looking for volunteers to come and help make nut rolls on Saturday October 10th beginning at 9:00am. The jobs do not require experience. Every pair of hands makes a huge impact! If you are not available in the morning, wrappers are needed in the afternoon around 1:00pm. Please reach out to Elaine V or Sandy M to let them know if you're coming and they will plan accordingly. The more volunteers - the more nut rolls!! Thank you
- **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 AdmissionWe look forward to welcoming you!
- **The Annual Scrapbook Crop** - The Annual Scrapbook Crop will be held on Saturday, November 7 this year in memory of Tootsie Harvey who initiated this event to be held at St. Nicholas Social Hall a decade ago. The Planning Committee is requesting support from our parish community in the following ways:
 - **Wish List for Gift Baskets** (There are several baskets already promised, but the following ones have not been.)
 - Children's Craft Basket, Chocolate Basket, Taco Basket, Movie Night with Snacks
 - We are also in need of some card and board games to fill a basket for a Family Game Night
 - Gift cards from local restaurants and merchants are also appreciated .
 - Bonnie Ferrone is coordinating the Gift Baskets and Gift Cards. Please see her or call her at 412 241-5213.
 - Baked Goods are especially attractive to our scrappers. We are hoping that our famous bakers will help with this again this year. This WISH LIST for BAKED Goods includes the following:
 - Apple Strudel, pie, apple-nut cake, Buck-eye brownies, chocolate chip brownies, Specialty cookies such as lady locks, thumbprints, pizzelles, chocolate chip cheesecake bars,, choco-caramel cookies, Pumpkin roll, pumpkin bread, Carrot cake, Ho-ho cake, Baklava, Pineapple Upside Down Cake, Your specialty!
 - Coordinating the baked goods will be Sheryl Lovett and Anna Drakulic. Please see one of them after church or call/text Sheryl at 724 331-2770. Goods can be dropped off on Friday between 1-5 PM early Saturday morning, preferably before 9 AM. The Baked table opens at 9 AM.
 - Volunteers will be needed during the event and after. There are many moving parts to this all day event and some extra hands will make a big difference for our efforts. All volunteers are invited to have a meal while they are there.
 - Arrival:- 7:30-9:30AM- a sturdy person who can assist the registrants with their carts of materials and machines.
 - Baked Table: from 9AM-11 AM-1 Volunteer; from 12:30 PM-3PM -1 Volunteer
 - Kitchen: from 11:30 AM-1 PM -1 Volunteer, from 4:30PM -6 PM-2 Volunteers
 - Gift Baskets and Tickets: from 11AM-3 PM -1 Volunteer; from 6PM-6PM- 1 Volunteer
 - Clean-up: 7-9PM- 2 Volunteers to help with resetting the tables, taking down the electrical connections and floor tape; taking out the trash
 - Anyone who hasn't volunteered before is encouraged to take one of these shifts. Volunteering is a perfect way to get to know more people in the parish and to see how people make events like this actually work. If you can volunteer for a few hours, please see Pat K or call or text at 412 445-0536.
- **Annual Holiday Cookie Sale - SAVE THE DATE** - Saturday December 5, 2026 - 9:00am - 1:00pm - More information coming soon!

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



[Click here to REGISTER and view the SCHEDULE OF EVENTS for the weekend!](#)