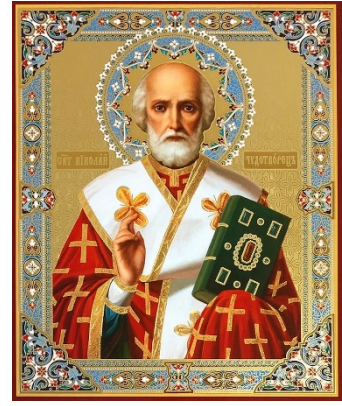


St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church Monroeville
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Martyr Haritina

Tone 3 Tropar (Resurrection)

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world great mercy.

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 Tropar (Haritina)

Strengthened by Divine grace you put to shame the power of ungodliness, and contended beyond the limits of nature; now you pour forth an unending stream of grace upon those who cry to you, O glorious Haritina.

Tone 3 Kondak (Resurrection)

On this day You rose from the tomb, O Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death. On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; with the Prophets and Patriarchs they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Your power.

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 (Haritina)

Reddened with the blood of martyrdom, you were arrayed splendidly in the beauty of the heavens, O Martyr Haritina, and you cried: "You are the joy of the Martyrs, O Christ."

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 - Galations 1:11-19, **Gospel** - Luke 7:11-16

Alleluia Verses

v. In You, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame! (*Ps. 30:1a*)
v. Be a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me! (*Ps. 30:2b*)

Announcements

- **Upcoming Schedule** - Link here <https://www.stnicholasmonroeville.org/service-schedule>
- **Bible Study Resumes** - The next Bible study will be Wednesday October 21st. 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.
- **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!
- **St. Petka Kolo Slava** - It's that time of year for our St. Petka Kolo Slava. We welcome everyone to join us Sunday, Oct 25, 2026 for our traditional celebration after Divine Liturgy. Please make your reservations by Oct 21st. See flyer below
- **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.
- As always, parishioners are invited to come and see what Scrappers do. There will be 3 consultants this year, each of whom will have a "Make and Take" item that you can actually make while visiting with us.
- **Annual Holiday Cookie Sale - SAVE THE DATE** - Saturday December 5, 2026 - 9:00am - 1:00pm - More information coming soon!

- **St. Nick Tammies: The 2026 Holiday Wreath Fundraiser is now accepting orders through November 17th -**
Looking for a Fresh Pine Wreath for the holidays? Our St. Nicholas Tamburitizens are here to help!
- We have 2 Options Available:
 - Hanging Fresh Pine Wreath – \$30 each
 - Wreath size: 18" -20" .
 - Includes a Red Velvet Bow with Pinecones.
 - Fresh Pine Wreath w/ Stand – \$40 each
 - Wreath size: between 18" -20" .
 - Includes a Red Velvet Bow, Pinecones & Stand.
- Great option for cemetery/graveside too!
- ORDER THROUGH NOVEMBER 17 >>> [Link: 2026 Holiday Wreath Fundraiser](#)
- Or Contact Amanda Formato at 412-980-8944 or amandabilak@gmail.com for
- Cash/Check Payment orders.
- PICK UP at St. Nicholas Church Hall on:
 - Sunday, 12/6/26 following Divine Liturgy
 - Monday, 12/7/26 from 6-8pm
- Each purchase helps the St. Nicholas Serbian Tamburitizens preserve our rich cultural heritage through live tamburitza music, folk dance, and youth education.
- Your order directly supports costumes, instruments, and programs that keep these traditions alive for the next generation. Thank you for standing with our community.
- **Pleasant Valley Rescue Ranch Christmas Market**
- Join us for our 1st Annual Christmas Market on Saturday, November 14, 2026, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM for a festive afternoon supporting the senior rescue horses of Pleasant Valley Rescue Ranch!
- Enjoy local vendors, holiday shopping, delicious baked goods, hot dogs, live music, photos with Santa, and more!
 - Admission: \$10 per person (children 2 and under are free)
 - Santa Photos: \$10 cash
 - Horse Feeding: Available for purchase
- Interested in being a vendor? We're also welcoming local businesses, crafters, and makers! Please see the attached vendor flyer for additional information.
- Bring your family, invite your friends, and help us spread a little holiday magic while supporting these incredible rescue horses! . . .
- Thank you so much for helping us share this special event with our church community. It truly means so much!
 - [CLICK HERE FOR FLYER](#)
 - [CLICK HERE FOR VENDOR INFORMATION](#)



LET'S CELEBRATE TOGETHER

ST. PETKA KOLO SLAVA

Following Divine Liturgy
Traditional Turkey dinner
with delicious sides and desserts

SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 25TH, 2026

DONATIONS WELCOMED

Please RSVP by October 21st
to Mila Prpa at (412) 860-9022
(Text or call between the hours of 9am-
7pm to make your
reservation)

