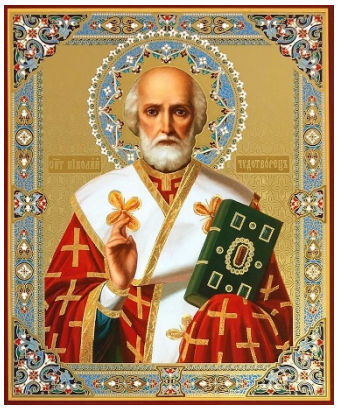
St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church Monroeville
Weekly Bulletin – October 25th, 2026



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Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council

Tone 4 Tropar (Resurrection)
When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: "Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!"

Tone 8 Tropar (Fathers)
Most glorious art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast established the Holy Fathers as luminaries on the earth. By them Thou hast guided us on the path of the True Faith. O Most Merciful One, glory to Thee!

Tone 4 Kondak (Resurrection)
My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master, He has risen on the third day!

Tone 6 Kondak (Haritina)
The Son, Who shone forth ineffably from the Father, was born of a woman, in two natures. Beholding Him, we do not deny the image of His form, but depicting it piously, we revere it with faith. Therefore, the Church, holding the True Faith, venerates the Icon of Christ's Incarnation.

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 - Galatians 2:16-20, Hebrews 13:7-16, **Gospel -** Luke 8:5-15, John 17:1-13

Alleluia Verses
v. Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth! *(Ps. 44:3b)*
v. For You love righteousness, and hate iniquity. *(Ps. 44:6)*

Announcements

- **Upcoming Schedule** - Link here https://www.stnicholasmonroeville.org/service-schedule
- **Bible Study Resumes** - The next Bible study will be Wednesday October 28th. 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.
- **St. Petka Kolo Slava** - TODAY - 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. Reservations will get priority, but all are welcome.

- **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 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 Tamburitzans 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 Tamburitzans 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
- **Save the Date and Reserve NOW - Upcoming Church Anniversary Celebration! - St. Nicholas 121st Anniversary Celebration Brunch - Sunday, November 15, 2026**
- Immediately following liturgy. Join us for a delicious brunch, featuring the Pribanic Brothers' Omelet station, Cevapi, and many other delicious selections!
    - $20 per Adult, Children 12 and under are free
- Reservations must be made by November 12 via the website Anniversary Reservation or by contacting Evonne, Office@stnicholasmonroeville.org
- Celebrating these milestones together, as a parish family, is important. It gives us the opportunity to reflect on the richness of our history, and the many blessings we have been given.
- We sincerely hope you will make every effort to attend our 121st Anniversary celebration!



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)