St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church Monroeville
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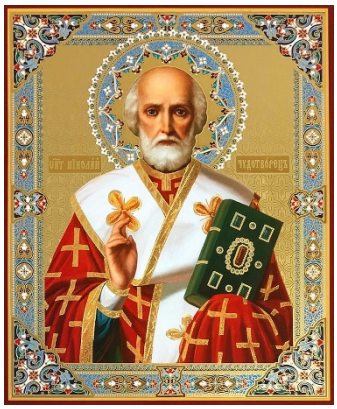

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St. Demetrios; Commemoration of the Great Earthquake at Constantinople

Tone 6 Tropar (Resurrection)
The Angelic Powers were at Your tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Your grave, seeking Your most pure body. You captured hell, not being tempted by it. You came to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You.

Tone 8 Tropar (Earthquake)
Christ our God, You look upon the earth and it trembles; / deliver us from the terrible threat of earthquakes; / and through the prayers of the Theotokos, send down upon us / Your abundant mercy and save us.

Tone 3 Tropar (Saint)
The entire world has found you to be a great champion in times of peril; / for you put the heathen to flight, O victorious one. / As you brought to naught the boasts of Lyaeus, and gave courage to Nestor in the stadium, / in the same way, O Holy Great Martyr Demetrios, / entreat Christ God, that He grant us great mercy.

Tone 6 Kondak (Resurrection)
When Christ God, the Giver of Life, raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand, He bestowed resurrection on the human race. He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

Tone 2 Kondak (Saint)
God, Who has given you invincible strength, Demetrios, / has adorned the Church with the royal purple of the streams of your blood, / and has kept your city unharmed, / for you are its support.

Tone 6 Kondak (Earthquake)
Deliver us all from upheavals, and from terrible afflictions caused by our sins, O Lord, / and spare Your people people whom You have purchased with Your blood, O Master. / Do not deliver Your city to destruction by terrible earthquakes, / for we know no other God than You; / and to those who cry out You respond: / "I am with you and no one will be against you."

Epistle - Ephesians 2:4-10, **Gospel -** Luke 8:26-39

Alleluia Verses
v. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God. *(Ps. 90:1)*
v. He will say to the Lord: "My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust."*(Ps. 90:2)*

Announcements

- **Upcoming Schedule** - Link here https://www.stnicholasmonroeville.org/service-schedule
- **Bible Study Resumes** - The next Bible study will be Wednesday. 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.
- **Fr. Stefan and Family Slava Celebration - 11/21/26** - Please join us to celebrate our slava! Starting with Divine Liturgy at 10AM, followed by a BBQ lunch in the hall. Please RSVP for an approximate head count -
  - https://forms.gle/v2MNNVDKFALZUHfD9
- **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!
- **Volunteers needed-Nut Roll baking** - The Holiday Cookie Sale is a successful fundraiser for our St Nicholas Parish. The baking committee is looking for volunteers to help bake nut rolls on Saturday morning, October 31st (St Luke) and Nov 14th (Sts Cosmos and Damian). These sessions will begin after Liturgy - approximately 11am. They are currently short-handed and desperately need more volunteers to help meet the baking goals. Whether you are a master baker or just want to help pitch in, your hands and your time are greatly appreciated. If you are available to come and help, please contact Elaine or Sandy so they can plan accordingly. Thank you!

- **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!