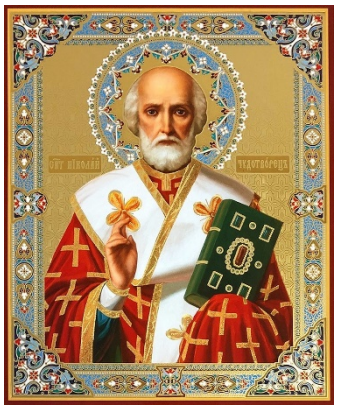
St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church Monroeville
Weekly Bulletin – November 15th, 2026



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Martyrs Acindynus, Pegasius, Aphthonius, Elpidephorus, Anempodistus, and 7,000 with them, of Persia

Tone 7 Tropar (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 2 Tropar (Saint)
Blessed is the earth that received your blood, Passion-bearers of the Lord, / and holy is the dwelling place which received your spirits. / You triumphed over the enemy in the stadium / and you preached Christ with boldness. / Since He is good, we pray that you beseech Him to save our souls.

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 2 Kondak (Saint)
You have received into the enjoyment of Your goodness and repose, O only Good One, / the pious and God-bearing martyrs, who abandoned all earthly things: / Acindynus, Pegasias, and Anempodistus, / together with Aphthonius and Elpidephorus.

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 - Ephesians 2:14-22, Ephesians 6:10-17, **Gospel -** Luke 8:41-56, Matthew 10:16-22

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
- **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.
- **Sunday School change for this week** - There will be no Sunday School this upcoming Sunday (Nov 15) for the middle school and high school students.
- **TODAY - 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! Limited space for those who did not RSVP.
    - $20 per Adult, Children 12 and under are free
- 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!
- **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
- **St. Nicholas Annual Meeting - 12/6 -** Please join us for our annual meeting 12/6 immediately after liturgy for important updates and information about our church. Lunch will be provided.
- **Annual Meeting Childcare** - During our annual meeting after lunch, we will be holding singing practice for our St Sava's day program upstairs in the church. After we complete practice, we will have some activities/snacks/games in the multipurpose room for the kids. We would appreciate a few volunteers to help watch the kids while one parent attends the meeting. Thank you! - Your Sunday School Teachers
- **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
- **Church Maintenance Group** - The church maintenance group has sauerkraut for your holiday's specialty meals. $5 quart. Place your orders for smoked kielbasa $8/lb. See any church maintenance group member
- **Annual Holiday Cookie Sale** - SAVE THE DATE - Saturday December 5, 2026 - 9:00am - 1:00pm - More information in flyer below.
- **Grandview Cemetery** - Grave Lot Sale - November 15, 2026 – December 31, 2026

If you purchase a grave lot you will receive 10% discount and if you add your pre need opening/closing, you will receive an additional 5% off the original price. The 5% discount on opening and closing does not apply to a previously purchased grave lot.

For this sale, no payment plans are available. Purchases must be paid in full.

For more information, please call Grandview Cemetery at telephone number 412-823-7070. Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday 10 am. – 3 pm. Thursday | Friday 9 am – 2 pm.

- **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.

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Holiday Cookie Sale

Sat. Dec. 5th 9-12:00

2110 Haymaker Road Monroeville, PA

To preorder nut rolls ($20), apricot rolls ($20), nut horns ($12/doz), lady locks ($12 doz), and apricot horns ($12/doz):
call Sandy at 412-616-2699

All other cookies are available on a first come, first serve basis the day of the sale. Cookies are pre-packaged by the 1/2 dozen.

Doors will open at 9am sharp!

