

<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>September 8, 2019</b>	<b>SAINT NICHOLAS SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH</b> <b>V. Rev. Fr. George Veselinovic</b> , Parish Priest 412-622-4714 (cell) 412-856-8166 (office) <a href="mailto:dj.veselinovic@yahoo.com">dj.veselinovic@yahoo.com</a> <a href="http://www.stnicholasmonroeville.org">www.stnicholasmonroeville.org</a> <a href="mailto:stnicholasmonroeville@gmail.com">stnicholasmonroeville@gmail.com</a>
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**12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**TROPARION - TONE III (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.

**TROPARION - TONE IV (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!"

**TROPARION - TONE IV (MARTYRS ADRIAN AND NATALIA)**

Your holy martyrs Adrian and Natalia, O Lord, through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from You, our God. For having Your strength, they laid low their adversaries, and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. Through their intercessions, save our souls!

**KONTAKION – TONE III (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.

**KONTAKION - TONE III (TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS OF ST. NICHOLAS)**

Your relics, O Saint Nicholas, came out as a start 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.

**KONTAKION – TONE II (MARTYRS ADRIAN AND NATALIA)**

Martyr of Christ, Adrian, you kept the words of your godly and devoted wife Natalia in your heart. With her you accepted every kind of suffering and obtained the crown of victory!

**THEOTOKION – STEADFAST PROTECTRESS - TONE VI**

Steadfast protectress of Christians, constant advocate before the Creator: do not despise the cry of us sinners, but in your 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: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

Brethren, I would remind you in what terms I preached to you the gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast -- unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God which is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

**Gospel: Matthew 19:16-26**

At that time, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, "Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" And he said to him, "Why do you call me good? One there is who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." He said to him, "Which?" And Jesus said, "You shall not kill, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother, and You shall love your neighbor as yourself." The young man said to him, "All these I have observed; what do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

**Preserve, O Lord, our Master and Hierarch. Many years to you, Master! *Eis Polla Eti Despota*** - What a blessing to have His Grace Bishop IRINEJ visit our parish again this summer and bless our new playground!

Our dear altar boy, **Dominic Fairbaugh**, was awarded with the Webelos Scout religion badge. By completing the Religious Emblems Program, a Boy Scout is reminded that he is reverent towards God, faithful in his religious duties and respects the convictions of others in matters of custom and religion. **Congratulations, Dom!**

**REMINDERS**

- **Confession** – Every Saturday at 6:30 p.m. after Vespers, and Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. before Divine Liturgy.

● **Evening Akathist** –We will continue to serve an Akathist to the Mother of God service every **Thursday at 6:00 p.m.** An Akathist is a hymn dedicated to a saint, holy event, or one of the persons of the Holy Trinity, and so during this service, we offer up our prayers accordingly. Prayer is the way to renewal and spiritual life. Prayer is aliveness to God. Prayer is strength, refreshment, and joy. Through the grace of God and our disciplined efforts, prayer lifts us up from our isolation to a conscious, loving communion with God in which everything is experienced in a new light. Prayer becomes a personal dialogue with God, a spiritual breathing of the soul, a foretaste of the bliss of God’s kingdom.

● **Bible Study** – We have resumed Bible Study. Join us every **Thursday at 6:30 p.m.**

● **Sunday School** – Our first Sunday School class will be next Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. As a reminder, following partaking of Holy Communion, all children are asked to proceed downstairs to their corresponding classes and not before. All children under the age of 7 should come forward for Communion (for questions please see **Fr. George**). If your child is of age and able to abstain from breakfast, please bring them forward for Communion (unless they are able to come forward independently). Each of us have been taught various things about “fasting” and preparation for Holy Communion. We have been told so many things that we tend to neglect everything we have been taught completely. The Orthodox Church has always held that we are united to Him in faith and love, and through Him, to one another through Holy Communion. It is in love and faith and worship that we are truly members of the Church.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

● **Construction of Equipment Shed** – Please see the insert to learn about this project. We could use YOUR help to lighten the load! How? Contact Denny Zdrade at (412) 417-3167. Unable to commit to manual labor? No problem! Commit to helping feed our dedicated workers. Contact Nick Jokola at (814) 241-4929.

● **Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> – DIVINE LITURGY 10 a.m.** for the **Beheading of the Glorious Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John** – the divine Prophet, John, preached the baptism of repentance according to God’s command; taught people of all ranks how they must order their lives; filled all with the fear of God, teaching that no one is able to escape the wrath to come if he does not seek repentance; prepared the hearts of people to receive the evangelical teachings of the Savior; and finally, pointed out to the people the very Savior, and said, “Behold the Lamb of God, Which taketh away the sin of the world” (Luke 3:2-18; John 1: 29-36). After all this, John sealed with his own blood the truth of his words and was made a sacred victim for the divine Law at the hands of Herod. That is why this day is always commemorated with a strict fast no matter what day of the week it falls.

● **Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> – NO SERVICES – Fr. George will be out of town.** In case of an emergency, please call Fr. George at 412-622-4714.

● **Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> – DIVINE LITURGY 10 a.m.** for the **Exaltation of the Precious and Life-giving Cross** – this Feast commemorates the finding of the True Cross of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by Saint Helen, the mother of the Emperor Constantine. The Feast is an

opportunity outside of the observances of Holy Week to celebrate the full significance of the victory of the Cross over the powers of the world, and the triumph of the wisdom of God through the Cross over the wisdom of this world. This Feast also gives the Church an opportunity to relish the full glory of the Cross as a source of light, hope and victory for Christ’s people. It is also a time to celebrate the universality of the work of redemption accomplished through the Cross: the entire universe is seen through the light of the Cross, the new Tree of Life which provides nourishment for those who have been redeemed in Christ.

● **Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> – DOO-WOP DINNER AND DANCE – 6:00 p.m.** and show at 6:30 p.m. *See the flyer for reservations and details!*

● **Doo-Wop Silent Auction** – if you would like to donate or contribute to a basket, please contact Sondra Deaunovich at 412-374-0991 or [sondra7890@comcast.net](mailto:sondra7890@comcast.net) or Pat Kolar at 412-371-4239 or [patkolar@verizon.net](mailto:patkolar@verizon.net)

● **Thursday, November 14 - Sunday, November 17 – ANCIENT FAITH WOMEN’S RETREAT** at Antiochian Village Conference Center in Bolivar, PA. This retreat is a peaceful, loving, and reflective gathering of Pan-Orthodox women who come together to learn, worship, make friends, and rest at the entrance into the holy Nativity season. Women of all ages are welcome. For more information see Protinica Karen.

#### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

#### *Saints Commemorated today*

#### **Martyrs Adrian and Natalia and 23 companions of Nicomedia**

The Martyrs Adrian and Natalia were married in their youth for one year prior to their martyrdom, and lived in Nicomedia during the time of the emperor Maximian (305-311). The emperor promised a reward to whomever would inform on Christians. From this, twenty-three Christians were captured in a cave near Nicomedia. They were tortured, urged to worship idols, and then brought before the Praetor, in order to record their names and responses. Adrian, the head of the praetorium, watched as these people suffered with such courage for their faith. Seeing how firmly and fearlessly they confessed Christ, he asked: “What rewards do you expect from your God for your suffering?” The martyrs replied: “Such rewards as we are not able to describe, nor can your mind comprehend.” Adrian told the scribes, “Write my name down also, for I am a Christian and I die gladly for Christ God.” Astonished, the scribes reported this to the emperor, who ordered Adrian be thrown into prison. Adrian’s wife, Natalie, who was secretly a Christian, visited him in prison and encouraged him in his sufferings, saying: “You are blessed, dear husband, because you have believed in Christ. You have obtained a great treasure. Do not regret anything earthly, neither beauty, nor youth (Adrian was then 28 years of age), nor riches. Everything worldly is dust and ashes. Only faith and good deeds are pleasing to God.” Saint Adrian was cruelly tortured. His hands and feet were placed on an anvil and broken off with a hammer; he died in his torments. His blessed wife recovered part of his holy relics and took it to Argypopolis near Byzantium, and reposed in peace soon after.

### Construction of new Church Grounds Equipment Building

**Purpose** – the building will house groundskeeping equipment (presently stored in one of 2 metal storage boxes behind the hall); select items used by the various church organization (currently stored within rooms in the basement level of the Church); and the snow removal truck. When the new building is completed, the 2 metal storage boxes will be removed from the church grounds.

**General specifications** – Footprint 24-foot-wide by 30 foot. The “front” entrance is 10-foot-wide to accommodate the snow removal truck. A 12-foot-wide loft will extend the full length of the building accessed by a set of wide fixed stairs with double hand railings. The sides of the building will be of metal facing painted in a pre-selected color. The building will **not** have gutters/downspouts. The building will **not** be equipped with electricity or water.

**Funding** – Funding has been provided by Srbo Slav (Zip) Drakulic and “Friends of St. Nicholas Church.” Not only have these individuals funded this project – which we desperately needed – they have dedicated their time and knowledge to see to it through to completion. We are incredibly grateful! May God grant you many years!



### ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH TAMBURITZANS

Enroll your children today in our St. Nicholas Church Tamburitza so they may be immersed in the music, dance, culture, and costumes of traditional Serbian folklore! Your children are sure to make lasting friendships as they dance, play, sing, and travel with this loving and vibrant group! With over 50 years in its existence, our group of talented individuals have continued to perpetuate the Serbian culture within our community, and we look forward to inviting your children to our group this year!

Rehearsals will begin **tomorrow, Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>** in the church hall. All rehearsals are Monday evenings in the church hall unless announced otherwise.

Please contact [Sonja Capuzzi](mailto:sonjacapuzzi@gmail.com) if your child is **2 to 5-6 years of age** at (412) 334-0267 or at [sonjacapuzzi@gmail.com](mailto:sonjacapuzzi@gmail.com). Our youngest group of dancers “Tiny Tammies” rehearse from 5:45 until 6:15 p.m.

Please contact [Bati Bajich](mailto:borisbajich@gmail.com) if your child is in the **1<sup>st</sup> grade or older** at (816) 678-6251 or at [borisbajich@gmail.com](mailto:borisbajich@gmail.com). Rehearsal start times vary based on your children’s age.

**WELCOME! DOBRODOSLI!**

# DOO WOP DINNER DANCE

## October 26, 2019

6PM till 11PM

Stage Shows at 6:30 & 8:30

**St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church**  
2110 Haymaker Road, Monroeville, PA 15146



## THE PITTSBURGH BELAIRS

The Pittsburgh Belairs are a singing group that specializes in Doo-Wop harmony & Motown. The group sings the hits of the 50s and 60s. The group strives to keep this era of great music alive by performing the best Doo-Wop & Motown songs in the same manner the original performers intended the music to be heard.

**COST ONLY: \$25 per person in advance or \$30 at the door**

Reservations Required: Price includes dance and dinner ticket

**WOOD-FIRED GRILLED STEAK or CHICKEN and SHRIMP**

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**Oldies DJ with Dancing ALL NIGHT LONG!**