

SUNDAY
August 16, 2020

SAINT NICHOLAS SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

TROPARION - TONE VIII (RESURRECTION)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure body, You rose on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to You, O Giver of Life: "Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your Kingdom! Glory to Your dispensation, O Lover of mankind!"

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 (VENERABLE ISAAC)

O God of our Fathers, always act with kindness towards us; take not Your mercy from us, but guide our lives in peace through the prayers of Venerable Isaac, Dalmatus, and Faustus.

KONTAKION - TONE I (RESURRECTION)

As God, You rose from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Yourself. Human nature praises You as God, for death has vanished. Adam exults, O Master! Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to You: "You are the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!"

KONTAKION - TONE III (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.

KONTAKION - TONE II (VENERABLE ISAAC)

Through asceticism you shone like lights in the world and by your faith you overthrew heresies. We praise you with hymns, Isaac, Dalmatus, and Faustus, as servants of Christ who are praying for us all.

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 4:9-16

Brethren, God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off-scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

Gospel: Matthew 17:14-23

At that time, a man came up to Jesus and kneeling before him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to your disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move hence to yonder place,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. But this kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting." As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day."

Petition to Our Lord and Savior for His Help and Mercy during the COVID-19 pandemic

For our salvation during the time of this pandemic; for protection and deliverance from the Coronavirus; for the health and recovery of those suffering from this virus; and for the guidance of physicians and those who minister to the afflicted, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord have mercy.**

Eternal Lord, God Almighty, in Your ineffable goodness and love for humankind, look upon us who have gathered in Your Holy Name and those who could not be present; be our constant helper and defender at the time of this pandemic and hear our prayer offered with contrition of heart: Compassionate Lord, save, protect and deliver us from the impending threat of the Coronavirus; grant health and recovery to those suffering from this virus; and guide the hands of physicians and preserve those who minister to the afflicted, let us all say with all our heart and mind Lord have mercy: **Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.**

Saints Commemorated Today: Venerables Isaac, Dalmatus, and Faustus, ascetics of the Dalmatian Monastery, Constantinople (5th c.).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **THANK YOU** – Thank you to all the beautiful, hardworking individuals who made the fundraiser for our dear Meigan and Maggie a success! And thank you to all the friends, family, neighbors, and parishioners who showed their support with their purchase and generous donations! *“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me” Matthew 25:40*
- **HVAC** – Please see the letter from Fr. George attached for an update on our HVAC.
- **DONATIONS** – Thank you, beloved parishioners, for your continued love and support during the pandemic! If you have any questions on how to become an EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer) Donor, please contact Jovi Jovanovich at jovanovich23@yahoo.com or visit our webpage at www.stnicholasmonroeville.org/onlinecontribution to safely and securely make an electronic donation.
- **DORMITION FAST** – We have entered into the Fast of the Dormition which ends on Friday, August 28th with the Feast of the Dormition of Our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary. During this fast, through pray and fasting, we prepare ourselves for Her Great Feast. One of the 12 Great Feasts of the Orthodox Church, the Dormition celebrates a fundamental teaching of our faith – the Resurrection of the body and life eternal. Each day we must strive to emulate the live of the Mother of Our God, and prepare ourselves to one day be received into the new life of the age to come. Through this fast, we ask that our heavenly Mother intercedes for us, as she has become the mother of all of the children of God, embracing us with divine love.
- **Wednesday, August 19th** – **DIVINE LITURGY** for the **Holy Transfiguration of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ** at **10:00 a.m.** One of the Twelve Great Feasts of the Orthodox Church, this great feast commemorates the transfiguration or metamorphosis of Christ on Mount Tabor, when our Lord appeared in His divine glory before the Apostles Peter, James, and John. His face shone like the sun, and His garments became glistening white. Moses and Elijah appeared with Christ, talking to Him. Saint John Chrysostom explains the presence of these two fathers of the faith from the Old Testament in three ways. He states that they represent the Law and the Prophets (Moses received the Law from God, and Elijah was a great prophet); they both experienced visions of God (Moses on Mount Sinai and Elijah on Mount Carmel); and they represent the living and the dead (Elijah, the living, because he was taken up into heaven by a chariot of fire, and Moses, the dead, because he did experience death). While Peter was speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them. A voice came from the cloud saying, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him.” When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces filled with awe. Jesus came to them and told them to not be afraid. When the three looked up they saw only Jesus. As Jesus and His disciples came down the mountain, He told them not to speak of what they had seen until He had risen from the dead. The icon of the feast directs our attention toward the event of the Transfiguration and specifically to the glory of God as revealed in Christ. This event came at a critical point in the ministry of our Lord, just as He was setting out on His journey to Jerusalem. He would soon experience the humiliation,

suffering, and death of the Cross. However, the glorious light of the Resurrection was revealed to strengthen His disciples for the trials that they would soon experience. The feast also points to the great and glorious Second Coming of our Lord and the fulfillment of the Kingdom of God when all of creation will be transfigured and filled with light.

- **SAVE THE DATE** – **Friday, August 28th** – Fish Fry from 4-6 p.m. Choice of battered fish, baked fish, or shrimp. All meals include bun, fries, and coleslaw.
- **SAVE THE DATE** – **Sunday, August 30th** “Sausage Sizzle” to-go lunch hosted by the Church Board following Divine Liturgy. Choice of traditional Serbian sausages - mild or spicy - handmade by the renown Alex Lazic of Chicago. Sides: Serbian potato salad, Serbian baked beans, and fresh bread. Cheese pita and chevapi also available for purchase.
- **SAVE THE DATE** – **Saturday, September 12th** – Klub Karadjordje Men’s Club Golf Outing at the Madison Club, 519 Yukon Road, Madison, PA 15663. Modified Shotgun Start beginning at 8:00 a.m. Registration and Tee Sponsorship forms are attached to this bulletin; they can also be found on our church website www.stnicholasmonroeville.org under the Men’s Club Golf Outing tab. For more information, contact Steve Popovich, Mark Markoff, Nicky Jokola or Sam Bilak.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Venerable Isaac, Dalmatius, and Faustus, ascetics of the Dalmatian Monastery

Saint Isaac, who is also commemorated on June 12th, was a soldier before he became a monk. After he was tonsured, he attained such a degree of spiritual perfection that he was accounted worthy of beholding divine visions. When Saint Isaac heard about how the Emperor Valens had fallen into the Arian heresy and was persecuting the Orthodox Christians, he left his monastery and traveled to Constantinople to confront the emperor. At that time Valens was planning a campaign against the Goths. Saint Isaac tried to change the emperor’s mind several times, but was unable to convince him. He prophesied that Valens would die in flames because of his actions. The emperor ordered that Saint Isaac be thrown into prison, and promised to deal with him when he returned from his expedition. On August 9, 378 Valens was defeated at Adrianople and died in a fire after hiding in a barn, just as the saint had predicted. Emperor Theodosius the Great, who had a great love for the saint, released him from prison and banned Arianism. Saint Isaac attended the Second Ecumenical Council (381), where he defended the Orthodox Faith against the Arian heresy. Saint Isaac hoped to return to his monastic life in the wilderness, but a wealthy man built a monastery for him at Constantinople, and he became its first igumen (abbot). The monastery was later named for his disciple Dalmatius. When Saint Isaac was approaching the end of his earthly life, he named Saint Dalmatius to succeed him as igumen. He lived to a ripe old age and reposed in the year 383.

Saint Dalmatius served in the army of the holy emperor Theodosius the Great (379-395) and attracted his notice. The saint was soon filled with the desire to dedicate himself to his Lord and Creator. Therefore, sometime between the years 381-383, he left the service of an earthly ruler in order to serve the King of Heaven. He went with his son Faustus to Saint Isaac’s monastery near Constantinople in order to speak with him. Saint Isaac tonsured both father and son into

monasticism, and they both began to lead a strict ascetic life. Saint Dalmatius excelled all the other monks in virtue. Once, during Great Lent, Saint Dalmatius did not eat any food for the forty days. Later he regained his strength and was found worthy of a divine vision. The holy ascetic was chosen to be the igumen after the death of the most devout Isaac. At the Third Ecumenical Council, which met in Ephesus in 431 A. D., condemned the heresy of Nestorius, and Saint Dalmatius was honored for his defense of the Orthodox Faith. After the Council, the holy Fathers elevated Saint Dalmatius to be the archimandrite of his monastery, where he died peacefully at the age of ninety. He was succeeded by his son Faustus, who proved to be a worthy successor of his father. Saint Faustus, like his father, had attained the heights of monasticism, and excelled at fasting.



A poster for a Fish Fry event. It features a green fish illustration at the top. The text is on a light brown background with a green and white checkered border on the sides. The event is on Friday, August 28, from 4 to 6 p.m. The menu includes battered fish, baked fish, and shrimp. All meals include a bun, fries, and coleslaw. The price is \$15. The event is at St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church, 2110 Haymaker Road, Monroeville, PA 15146. Contact information for Toots Harvey is (412) 372-8064.

FISH FRY
Friday, August 28
4 - 6 p.m.

- Battered Fish
- Baked Fish
- Shrimp

All meals include bun, fries, & coleslaw

Meals are packed to go, adhering to all health and safety directives. Credit card/check payment greatly appreciated.
For pre-orders, call Toots Harvey
(412) 372 - 8064

\$15

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

ST. NICHOLAS SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sausage Sizzle

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30 - FROM 11:30 A.M.

Choice of traditional Serbian sausages - mild or spicy - handmade by the renown Alex Lazic of Chicago.

Sides: Serbian potato salad, Serbian baked beans, and fresh bread.

Cheese pita and chevapi also available for purchase.

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August 11, 2020

Dear beloved St. Nicholas parish family,

It is my prayer that this letter finds you and all your loved ones well!

It has been quite a year, but glory be to Our Merciful God, our parish remains healthy and strong. Over the past 114 years, our parish has overcome many hurdles and has continued to be His fruitful vineyard (Matthew 22). St. Paul illustrates how God tends to us in that He keeps a hedge around us, protecting us from temptations beyond what we can bare (I Corinthians 10:13). Like the vineyard in the Book of Isaiah, God has tended to us, has protected us, and has showered us with blessings. In the First Epistle of John, we are reminded that God is greater than anything in this world (I John 4:4). His blessings, His care, His protection – these things are more substantial than anything this world can throw at us.

I thank each and every one of you who have continued to show your support for our beautiful parish, especially during this time of uncertainty. May God bless you! Truly, our forefathers and mothers sacrificed immensely to bless us with our beautiful church, and at each and every service, we pray: *“Again we pray for the blessed and ever-memorable founders of this holy church, and for all our fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters and children who have fallen asleep before us,”* and then we continue with the next Litany: *“Again we pray for those who bear fruit and do good works in this holy and all-venerable church, for those who labour and those who sing, and for the people here present who await Your great and rich mercy.”*

As we all know, we were informed last year that our HVAC system would soon need to be replaced. Our Merciful Lord blessed us, and our system did not fail for the first several months in use this year. However, this past week, the HVAC finally gave out. We therefore need to replace it if we wish to continue to attend a nicely cooled church and hall. But let us not forget, we must replace our HVAC, not solely for our comfort, but for our future generations. Just as our forefathers and mothers sacrificed greatly for us, let us follow their example and provide for our future.

The cost of the new HVAC is \$200,000. Through our HVAC capital campaign, we have raised approximately \$125,000. You, beloved parishioner, are humbly asked to contribute toward the HVAC capital campaign separate from your stewardship pledge if you have not already contributed. Only you can measure the abundance of blessings you have received from God and are able to return in time, talent and treasure.

Thank you for your love and support. Please continue to keep our parish, our Holy Orthodox Church, our hierarchs and clergy, and me in your prayers.

Your father and intercessor before the Lord during these times, with love and pastoral blessings,

Fr. George Veselinovic

St. Nicholas Men's Club Golf Outing
September 12, 2020 – Modified Shotgun Start Beginning at 8:00 AM
(Please Arrive 1 Hour in Advance for Check-in)

The Madison Club

519 Yukon Road, Madison, PA 15663

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\$100.00 Per Person includes:

- Green Fees
- Cart
- Team Prize for Winning Team
- Skill Prizes
- Fairway Lunch
- 6 Pack per Cart
- Steak Dinner (Dinner at: St. Nicholas Hall..2010 Haymaker Road, Monroeville, PA.....Meal will be served on outside patio with each table appropriately socially distanced from the next)
- Beverages
- Door Prizes

Money must be in by September 4, 2020

Checks Payable to: **St. Nicholas Men's Club**

St. Nicholas Men's Club Golf Outing

September 12, 2020 – The Madison Club

**Tee Sponsorship – Fee \$100 Per Hole
(Make checks payable to: St. Nicholas Men's Club)**

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