

**SUNDAY**  
**October 18, 2020**

**SAINT NICHOLAS SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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**19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**TROPARION - TONE II (RESURRECTION)**

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal, You destroyed hell with the splendor of Your Godhead. And when from the depths You raised the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!

**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 (HOLY MARTYR CHARITINA)**

Your lamb Charitina, calls out to You, O Jesus, in a loud voice: "I love You, my Bridegroom, and in seeking You, I endure suffering. In baptism I was crucified so that I might reign in You, / and I died so that I might live with You. Accept me as a pure sacrifice, for I have offered myself in love." Through her prayers save our souls, since You are merciful.

**KONTAKION - TONE I (RESURRECTION)**

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior, seeing the miracle of Your Resurrection from the tomb! The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with You, and the world, my Savior, praises You forever.

**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 (HOLY MARTYR CHARITINA)**

Having fortified your soul with faith and strengthened it by understanding you openly put the enemy to shame, O Charitina; you stood before Christ wearing a robe empurpled by your blood, All-Blessed One, and now you rejoice with the angels, praying for us, O passion-bearer.

**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: 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9**

Brethren, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed forever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands. I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven -- whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise --whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows -- and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

**Gospel: Luke 6:31-36**

The Lord said, "As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

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**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.**

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**Commemorated Today:** Holy Martyr Charitina of Amisus; Holy Hieromartyr Dionysius, Bishop of Alexandria

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **WELCOME Fr. Stefan and Popadija Marina Djoric and baby Saveta!**
- **Sunday, October 25 – St. Petka Kolo Slava – Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.** with blessing of the feastal bread/kolach and luncheon to follow. RSVP appreciated to Vesna Baer, Kolo President, at (412) 443-0465.
- **Tuesday, October 27 – DIVINE LITURGY for Venerable Mother Paraskeva the Serbian - Petka at 10:00 a.m.**
- **Saturday, October 31 – St. Peter, the Wonderworker of Cetinje, and Holy Apostle Luke the Evangelist.** For those who observe this day as their Slava, please contact Fr. Stefan at (740) 346-5737 or [fr.stefandjoric@gmail.com](mailto:fr.stefandjoric@gmail.com)
- **Message to all church organizations** – The containers with decorations in various areas of the church social hall and boiler room have been sorted and consolidated. There are items that may or may not be of further use on a table in the back of the church social hall. Each church group should look through the items and decide if they should be kept or otherwise disposed of by **November 15**. After that time, items that remain will be donated or placed in the trash.
- **NOODLE-MAKING** begins this week. The noodles are either fine or wide, and are in 14 ounce bags; \$8.00 a bag. Call (412) 372-4239 to place an order. Your support is appreciated!
- **NUT ROLLS – We need YOUR help!** Do you love nut rolls? We know you do! Please – your help is needed so we can offer this delicious treat for Christmas! Even if you can only commit to an hour, or a few hours, contact Rose Cheran at (412) 824-7609 or (724) 953-4123. Helpers meet on Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. (but that doesn't mean you can only help at that time!). Don't be a stranger – call Rose and have a great time baking while supporting your church.
- **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](mailto:jovanovich23@yahoo.com) or visit our webpage at [www.stnicholasmonroeville.org/onlinecontribution](http://www.stnicholasmonroeville.org/onlinecontribution) to safely and securely make an electronic donation.
- **SAVE THE DATE – St. Nicholas Christmas Cookie Sale on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (pre-orders only). *See the flyer for more details or contact Sandy Tarbuck at (724) 744-2075.*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2020

Divine Liturgy - 10:00 a.m.  
Blessing of Feastal Bread and  
Luncheon to follow.

Please join us as our parish celebrates  
the Feast Day of St. Petka,  
Patron Saint of our Kolo  
(Circle of Serbian Sisters)

St. Petka Slava  
St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church - Monroeville, PA



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Dear Parishioners:

It is time to get ready for the **St. Nicholas Christmas Cookie Sale on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (pre-orders only)**. It will be totally different this year due to the Covid 19 pandemic. People will not be able to choose the cookies they want, but will buy them already packaged in three sizes.

The nut rolls, apricot rolls, nut horns and lady locks will be prepared at the church by the committee and pre-packaged in one dozen containers and the remainder of the cookies will be prepared by you, our St. Nicholas parishioners. We will have a list of names, phone numbers and what kind of cookie you will be preparing (10 dozen of the same cookie please). In that way, we won't have duplicates and we know how many people will be baking, what kind of cookie they are making, and how many people we can accommodate. We ask that you not make "drop" cookies.

Please think about this now, so that you can call the committee person with your choice of cookie. You may freeze the cookies and drop them off at the church hall at 9:00 a.m. December 2, 2020.

We will have them packaged in containers and have their name and amount they owe on it. Then, we will have a cashier who will collect the checks, credit cards or cash. The buyers will not have to enter the building at all.

The committee person to call is **SANDY TARBUCK at (724-744-2075)**.

Please help us out so that we can help our St. Nicholas church. Thank you.

Rose Marie Cheran and  
Sandy Mereles,  
Co-Chairpersons