

<p>SUNDAY September 6, 2020</p>	<p>SAINT NICHOLAS SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH Very Rev. Fr. George Veselinovic, Parish Priest 412-622-4714 (cell) 412-856-8166 (office) dj.veselinovic@yahoo.com www.stnicholasmonroeville.org stnicholasmonroeville@gmail.com</p>
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13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

TROPARION - TONE IV (RESURRECTION)

When the women Disciples of the Lord learned from the Angel the joyous message of the Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the Apostles: "Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, granting 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 (HIEROMARTYR EUTYCHIUS)

By sharing in the ways of the Apostles, you became a successor to their throne. Through the practice of virtue, you found the way to divine contemplation, O inspired one of God; by teaching the word of truth without error, you defended the Faith, even to the shedding of your blood. Hieromartyr Eutychius, entreat Christ God to save our souls!

KONTAKION - TONE IV (RESURRECTION)

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master, He has risen on the third day!

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 III (HIEROMARTYR EUTYCHIUS)

A successor of the Apostles and an excellent example to bishops, Eutychius, you were glorified as a martyr. You shone forth like the sun enlightening all, dispelling the dark night of godlessness. Therefore, we honor you as truly a godly celebrant of the Mysteries of Christ.

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 16:13-24

Brethren, be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. Now, brethren, you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; I urge you to be subject to such men and to every fellow worker and laborer. I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicos, because they have made up for your absence; for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such men. The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. All the brethren send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. If any one has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-42

The Lord said this parable, "There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them, saying 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?'"

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.***

Commemorated Today: Hieromartyr Eutychius (1st c.), disciple of St. John the Theologian; Virgin-martyr Syra of Persia (558)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **THANK YOU** – Thank you to all the hard workers who made our “Sausage Sizzle” to-go lunch a success! If you are interested in purchasing chevapi or burek/pita, please see Fr. George. All proceeds go towards our new HVAC.
- **CONGRATULATIONS** – To Mr. and Mrs. Charlie and Krista Allen who were married yesterday! May God grant you both many years! Mnogaja Ljeta!
- **HVAC** – Please see the letter from Fr. George for an update on our HVAC. To all of those who have donated towards this campaign, thank you!
- **AT-HOME RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** – Although we completed spring/summer Sunday School via Zoom virtual classes – *thank you to the hard-working individuals involved with that* – we will not offer virtual classes when the academic school year resumes in September. (*God willing, when we are permitted to continue with in-person Sunday School, this will be communicated*). As an alternative, Fr. George has compiled a guide for religious education at home. He strongly encourages it be used as a family (or individually for your own personal and spiritual growth). If you did not receive the email with the At-Home Religious Education guide, please contact Fr. George.
- **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.
- **Friday, September 11th – DIVINE LITURGY** for the **Beheading of the Glorious Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John at 10:00 a.m.** – 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.
- **Friday, September 11, and Sunday, September 13** – The sisters of Saint Elisabeth Convent have been rendering spiritual, social and financial assistance to the sick and the suffering who stay at the National Psychiatric Clinic, the boarding home for children with special needs, the boarding home for mentally challenged adults, the rehabilitation center for mentally challenged children, the municipal hospital No.2, a TB clinic and shelters for homeless, ex-prisoners, drugs and alcohol addicted men and women for twenty years in Minsk, Belarus. To support and develop those ministries, the sisters all give their talent to produce beautiful religious crafts. Sister Larisa will be visiting our church on **September 11th** and will be selling the beautiful crafts. They will also be available to purchase on **Sunday, September**

13th. Your donations are greatly appreciated as they will help continue the wonderful and Christ-loving efforts of the sisters of Belarus. *Please see the attached flyers.*

- **SAVE THE DATE – Saturday, September 12th** – Golf Outing hosted by Men’s Klub Karadjordje at the Madison Club, 519 Yukon Road, Madison, PA 15663. Modified Shotgun Start beginning at 8:00 a.m. Registration and Tee Sponsorship forms can be found on our church website at www.stnicholasmonroeville.org/golfouting. For more information, contact Steve Popovich, Mark Markoff, Nick Jokola, or Sam Bilak.
- **SAVE THE DATE – Sunday, September 13th** – Lunch following Divine Liturgy. Proceeds benefit the Maintenance Committee projects. 1/2 chicken grilled over wood fire; farm fresh corn; homemade applesauce; garden fresh salad, Serbian style.
- **LIFELINE - Vasa Stajic Home** – Our St. Petka Kolo is partnering with Lifeline Chicago again this year to deliver Christmas gifts to the 25 children and young adults living in the Vasa Stajic Home in Belgrade, Serbia. We hope that you will again help support this beautiful cause. We pray that through this effort, those less fortunate will have a blessed and joyous Christmas. *See the flyer for more details or contact Pam Matejevich at pam.matejevich@icloud.com or (724) 454-4451.*
- **SAVE THE DATE – St. Nicholas Christmas Cookie Sale on Saturday, December 4th** 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.*

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Hieromartyr Eutychius

The Hieromartyr Eutychius, a disciple of the holy Apostles John the Theologian and Paul, lived from the first century into the beginning of the second century, and was from the Palestinian city of Sebastia. Although Saint Eutychius is not one of the 70 Apostles, he is called an Apostle because of his labors with the older Apostles, by whom he was made bishop. After hearing about Christ the Savior, Saint Eutyches first became a disciple of the Apostle John the Theologian. Later he met the Apostle Paul, and preached together with him on the early journeys. Saint Eutychius underwent many sufferings: they starved him with hunger, beat him with iron rods, they threw him into the fire, and then to be devoured by wild beasts. Once, a lion was let loose upon the saint, which astonished everyone because it praised the Creator with a human voice. The hieromartyr Eutychius completed his labors in his native city, where he was beheaded with a sword at the beginning of the second century.

Virgin-martyr Syra of Persia

Syra was a Persian from Al-Mada'in, an ancient metropolis on the Tigris River, present day Iraq. She was the daughter of an eminent fire-worshipping pagan priest (Zoroastrians). Reared in paganism, the virgin Syra learned of Christ after speaking with some Christian beggars. She became inflamed with love for the Lord and began to live as a Christian. During an illness and while she was yet unbaptized, Syra sought dust from the church of a Christian priest but the priest refused for she was yet unbaptized. Then, with great faith, she

touched the vestments of the priest and was healed just as the woman with the issue of blood once touched the robe of the Savior (Mt. 9: 20-22). She immediately received healing and returned home. That miraculous healing confirmed her even more in the Faith of Christ. But her soul-less father handed her over to harsh tortures during which she received courage and comfort from heavenly visions. She was strangled with a rope by force and then drowned in the year 558 A.D. during the time of the Persian Emperor Chozroesi I at the age of eighteen. And so this holy virgin gloriously finished her earthly journey and took up habitation in the heavenly angelic habitation.



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St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church
Monroeville, PA

Tee Sponsorships Available!

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SEPTEMBER 12
SATURDAY | 2020

MADISON CLUB
519 Yukon Road, Madison, PA 15663

CHECK-IN 7:00AM
MODIFIED SHOTGUN START 8:00AM

\$100 PP

INCLUDES: Green Fees • Cart • Team Prize for Winning Team • Skill Prizes
• Fairway Lunch • 6 Pack per Cart • Steak Dinner at St. Nicholas Church Hall Patio,
2110 Haymaker Road, Monroeville, PA (which will adhere to social distancing
practices and all health and safety guidelines) • Beverages • Door Prizes

 **Steve Popovich**
(412) 327-9197

 **Register**
www.stnicholasmonroeville.org/golfouting



DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS!



We will have a visiting sister from the Convent of St. Elisabeth (Minsk, Belarus) on

Friday, September 11 from 11:00 a.m. and Sunday, September 13 from 11:30 a.m.



Sisters of St Elisabeth take care of children and adults with mental and physical disabilities and work hard to improve their living conditions.



They also help ex-prisoners, drug and alcohol addicts at rehabilitation center.



PLEASE TAKE THIS SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY to support beautiful work and mission of the sisters by purchasing the items of devotion.

www.obitel-minsk.by stelisabethconvent@gmail.com



Sisters brought with them beautiful religious handcrafts made in the workshops of the Convent.



Handcrafts are available after Divine Liturgy in our church. The goods at display:

- church vestments;
- icons;
- crosses;
- prayer ropes;
- religious items;
- souvenirs;
- Cds.



PADEZAN BROTHERS BBQ GRILLED CHICKEN

Sunday, September 13 - from 11:30 a.m.

Half chicken, grilled over a fruit wood fire. Farm fresh ear of corn. Homemade applesauce. Garden fresh salad, Serbian style.

\$15

Proceeds benefit the St. Nicholas Church Maintenance Committee projects.

Pre-Orders: Toots Harvey (412) 372 - 8064
2110 Haymaker Road, Monroeville, PA

St. Petka Kolo Christmas Project

In partnership with Lifeline Chicago

The St. Petka Kolo is partnering with Lifeline Chicago to deliver Christmas gifts to 25 children and young adults of the Vasa Stajic Home in Belgrade, Serbia.

The Home is for children and young adults who have been rescued off the streets, have problems at home or have no help receiving needed medicines.

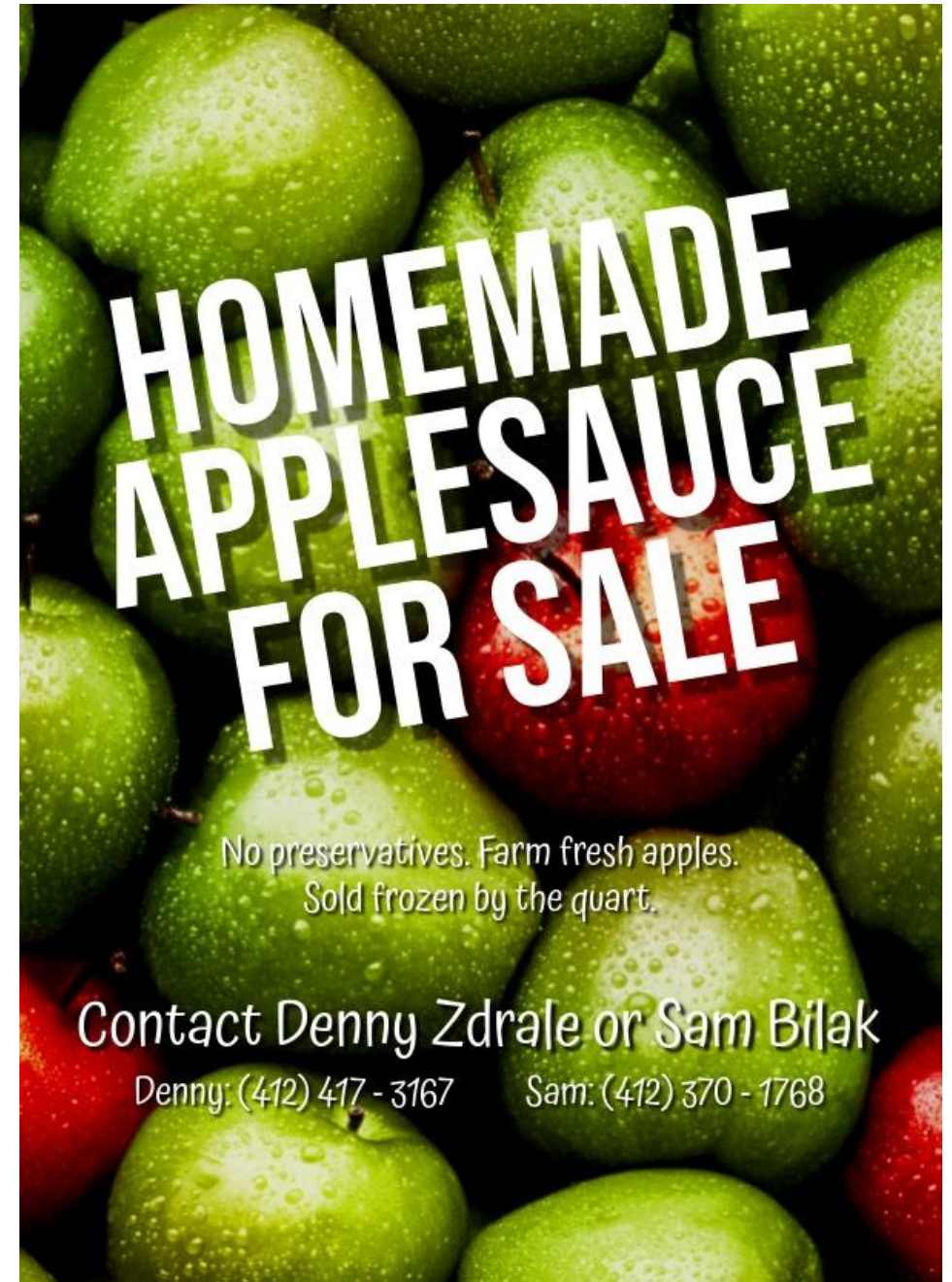
Join us in the effort to ensure those less fortunate have a blessed and joyous Christmas.

Contact Pam Matejevich by September 10th for the name of a child or to donate monetarily.

pam.matejevich@icloud.com
724.454.4451 (call or text)



2019 Lifeline Christmas Packing, Lifeline Warehouse, Gary, Indiana
Monroeville Kolo members and parishioners in attendance



HOMEMADE APPLE SAUCE FOR SALE

No preservatives. Farm fresh apples.
Sold frozen by the quart.

Contact Denny Zdrale or Sam Bilak
Denny: (412) 417 - 3167 Sam: (412) 370 - 1768

ST. NICHOLAS SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

2110 Haymaker Road
Monroeville, PA 15146

Dear Parishioners:

It is time to get ready for the **St. Nicholas Christmas Cookie Sale on Saturday, December 4th 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