

ST. NICHOLAS ANNUAL CHURCH EVENTS

Parishioners and friends gather together for many annual events held throughout the year at St. Nicholas. Among them are:

- In late January, the life of St. Sava is celebrated with a banquet and program following Divine Liturgy. Joining the church school children and parishioners are our St. Sava Kumovi (Kum and Kuma), a couple within the parish who are chosen by Father to be the guests of honor for the day.
- A Valentine's Day Dance in mid-February is sponsored by the St. Nicholas Men's Klub Karadjordje.
- During Lent, Klub Karadjordje sponsors a fish fry every Friday between the hours of 4 – 7 p.m.
- On the fourth Sunday of the Lenten season, vesper services are conducted by our parish priest and visiting clergy, followed by a Lenten dinner prepared by the St. Petka Kolo.
- In the spring, the Tamburitzans present a concert, followed by a dinner & dance reception.
- In mid-May, our Church celebrates our Slava (Church Feast Day) with Divine Liturgy and a procession around the church, followed by a banquet in our church hall. Our Slava commemorates the Transfer of the relics of St. Nicholas to Bari. Graduating high school seniors and the Kum and Kuma for the Church Slava are honored on this day. The Church Slava also serves as a fundraiser for the church; therefore, generous Slava donations are requested.
- During the summer, a Church sponsored picnic brings parishioners and friends together on the church grounds with music, dance, children activities, lamb, picnic food and baked goods.
- A Church School Day Camp is held each summer for all interested church school students.
- In late summer, Church School students enjoy a swim party at a local Monroeville pool.
- Around the start of the new school year, the Outreach Committee sponsors a Potluck Family Picnic. Parishioners gather for fun, food, and relaxation on the church patio. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and soft drink beverages are provided by the church while participants bring either a side dish or a dessert.
- At the beginning and closing of the Church School year, students are treated to a picnic or a pizza party. At the picnic the students enjoy lunch, play games and are entertained by a Serbian disc jockey.
- A golf outing, sponsored by Klub Karadjordje is held in the fall.
- Usually in October, the St. Nicholas Choir presents a concert in the church hall while hosting other choirs and honoring a guest choir. A dinner and dance reception follow the concert.
- Late October, on a Sunday after Divine Liturgy, the St. Petka Kolo celebrates their Slava with a turkey dinner.
- In November, a Church Anniversary Banquet is held to reflect and to give thanks for the insight of our forefathers and to celebrate the consecration of our new Church in Monroeville on August 29, 1971. This event also serves as a special fund raiser for the church.
- In December, there is an annual church assembly to receive and approve reports for the church organizations, adopt a budget for the coming year, discuss and make decisions on the agenda items, and to elect Church Board Officers.