



***Transfer of the Relics of St. Nicholas  
1087AD***

***113<sup>th</sup> ST. NICHOLAS SERBIAN ORTHODOX  
CHURCH ANNIVERSARY - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER  
18, 2018***

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***CELEBRATIONS BEGIN WITH DIVINE LITURGY  
AT 10:00 A.M. AND A MEMORIAL SERVICE  
REMEMBERING THOSE WHO DEDICATED THEIR  
LIVES TO BUILD OUR PARISH.***

***A BEAUTIFUL BANQUET AND PROGRAM  
CONSISTING OF ALL AUXILIARY***

***ORGANIZATIONS WILL BEGIN AT 1:00 P.M.***

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Dear parish family and friends,

You are **ALL** invited to attend! Let us worship and give thanks to God for the many blessings that He has bestowed upon us and our parish. On this our 113<sup>th</sup> anniversary, let us remember our fallen founding clergy, family, members, parishioners, and benefactors so that all of their work is not forgotten! Spend the day breaking bread as a family and watching and listening to the God-given talents of our auxiliary organizations, especially from our future – our youth!

***Remember:***

The history of the St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church of Monroeville, PA began in the fall of 1904. A group of pioneers met in a home of Theodore Uzelac on Watkins Avenue in Wilmerding. At this first meeting, they agreed to adopt St. Nicholas as their Patron. They bought a wooden frame building from a Protestant group, adopted it to their needs, and celebrated their first Divine on April 17, 1905.

***Our history is rich!*** The church was consecrated on May 22, 1905, by Holy Archbishop Tikhon of New York (Russian Orthodox Church). A two-story auditorium was built in 1947 with Holy Bishop Nikolaj of Zhicha officiating the blessing of the corner stone. In the 1950's the upper auditorium was converted into the house of worship, and the original church was used for classrooms. Thus, the parish was twice blessed by Holy men: Saint Tikhon and Holy Nikolaj. Our present church, church hall, and the parish home were built and consecrated in 1971.

***Our anniversary gifts to our church*** – *“For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required.” Luke 12:48*

It is true that our church needs donations. Orthodox Christian Stewardship is a way of life which acknowledges accountability, reverence, and responsibility before God. God gives it all and then calls us to share. Everything we have, and everything we are is a gift from God. Becoming a Steward begins when we believe in God, to whom we give our love, loyalty and trust and act on those beliefs.

Stewardship calls on the faithful to cheerfully offer back to God a portion of the gifts with which they have been blessed. An Orthodox Christian Steward is an active participant in the life of the Church. The parish encourages all who accept the Orthodox Faith to become practicing Stewards. Each year the Steward is expected to carefully review his or her personal circumstances and make a commitment of time, talent, and treasure to support the Parish and her Ministries. We give to Christ and His Church our first fruits, not only according to our means, but according to our love for Him, offering not only our financial support, but our talents, skills and experience.