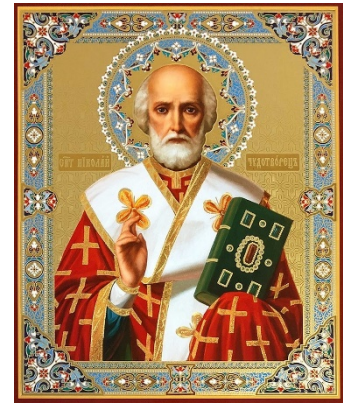


St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church Monroeville
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Greatmartyr Procopius of Caesarea, in Palestine

Tone 3 Troparion (Resurrection)

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world great mercy.

Tone 4 Troparion (Translation of the Relics)

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!”

Tone 4 Troparion (Procopius)

Your holy martyr Procopius, O Lord, through his suffering has received an incorruptible crown from You, our God. For having Your strength, he laid low his adversaries, and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. Through his intercessions save our souls!

Tone 2 Kontakion (Procopius)

Set ablaze by divine zeal for Christ and protected by the might of the Cross, you cast down the insolence and boldness of the enemy, Procopius. You exalted the honorable Church, excelling in faith and giving light to us all!

Tone 3 Kontakion (Translation of the Relics)

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.

Tone 3 Kontakion (Resurrection)

On this day You rose from the tomb, O Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death. On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; with the Prophets and Patriarchs they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Your power.

Tone 6 Theotokion

Steadfast protectress of Christians, constant advocat before the Creator, do not despise the cry of us sinners, but in thy 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 - Romans 6:18-23

Alleluia Verses

v. In You, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame! (*Ps. 30:1a*)
v. Be a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me! (*Ps. 30:2b*)

Gospel - Matthew 8:5-13

Announcements

- **Sunday Liturgy 9am Reminder** - Until the end of August, Sunday Liturgies will start at 9:00 am.
- **Sunday July 28th - Tipika** - Fr. Stefan will be out of town. Instead of Divine Liturgy, there will be Tipika at 9am lead by Dn Mark.
- **Fr. Stefan Vacation - July 26-29** - If you need anything urgent, please reach out to Fr. Stevo.
- **Church Security** - Please note, that effective immediately, the hall doors will no longer be open before church on Sunday mornings. This change is being made for security reasons for all parishioners. Please enter the upstairs church doors for liturgy. If you are bringing food for cake/ coffee hour, please enter upstairs then open the kitchen door from the inside for your drop off, and make certain it is closed and locked before going upstairs for liturgy. Thank you!
- **St. Petka Kolo Project in Partnership with Lifeline Chicago** - For the sixth consecutive year, the St. Petka Kolo is partnering with Lifeline Chicago to deliver Christmas gifts to 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 for the name and clothing size of a child/young adult. The items requested for each child are one sweatshirt, a pair of sweatpants and a short-sleeved t-shirt. All of the children/ young adults wear adult sizes. To ensure the items arrive in time for Christmas, clothes need to be given to Pam by July 28th. You can also donate monetarily. We will use the money to buy needed clothing items and/or provide money to the Home for a Christmas meal for the children.
 - Email: pam.matejevich@icloud.com; Call or text: 724.454.4451
- **95th Anniversary Concert - Oct 4-6** - Your St Nicholas Choir is celebrating its 95th anniversary with a celebratory concert and weekend October 4-6 2024. We are asking all parishioners to mark your calendars and be sure to support us as we will have a fun weekend planned for all! We have invited 8 participating choirs, including St George Choir from Kansas City as our honored guests, who will sing for liturgy that Sunday. If any of you have any old photos from choir trips, concerts, events, or memories, please give them to Mary Ann Tomich as we are creating a commemorative ad book. Can't wait to celebrate with you!
- **Dormition - Slava of the Federation Circle of Serbian Sisters - Aug 28** - The St. Petka will be hosting the Federation Circle of Serbian Sisters Slava on Wednesday, August 28, 2024. Everyone is welcome. Please mark your calendar. There will be liturgy presided by His Grace Bishop Irinej, followed by lunch. Liturgy start time TBD.
- **Annual Church Picnic!! - August 11 - UPDATED** - We are LESS than a month away!! Help us spread the word about this awesome event! Be sure to invite your family and friends. Go onto our Facebook page and share our event on your social channel!
- We know you've heard about our pre-order lamb, but have you seen the other items that will be available!? Check out our website to view an "All Your Favorites" type of menu that will be offered the day of the picnic. <https://www.stnicholasmonroeville.org/events/2024-summer-picnic/>
- **Lamb Pre-Orders -Reminder: Lamb is pre-sold only and orders must be submitted by July 31st.** The 1pm-2pm time slot is almost full! If you cannot place an order online, via the link above, please reach out to Dush (724-493-9084) or Danica (412-607-7528) for assistance.
- **Volunteer Opportunities** - Positions are ALMOST full; take a look to see what is left to join the fun to help make our picnic a success!!
- Admission & Tickets – Looking for 2 people for the 5-7p shift. The other time slots have been filled – thank you!
- Kitchen – Looking for 2 more people for the 3-5p shift. The other time slots are filled - thank you!
- Bussers – Looking for 1 more person for the 1-3p shift. The other time slots are filled - thank you!
- Kitchen prep, Lamb prep and set up will be on Saturday August 10th at 9am!! Will need volunteers to help prep...AND clean up! Let us know you're interested, and we'll add you to our growing list!!
- *High School Students* - This is a GREAT opportunity to earn Community Service Hours!! We'll happily complete any school forms to receive credit!
- Please contact Dush (724-493-9084) or Danica (412-607-7528) to sign up.

- Baked Goods - Calling all bakers! We hope that our awesome bakers from St. Nicholas will contribute their favorite baked good for the Baked Goods table at the annual picnic August 11! Please confirm what you're interested in baking with Pat Kolar at 412-372-4239 or via email patkolar@verizon.net.
- Bar Donation Update - We are happy to report we've covered ALL of our bar needs!! Thank you to all that contributed or have committed to contribute!
 - Reminder for those that have committed but have not donated yet, Dush is accepting items the next two Sunday's, July 21st and July 28th. If you are unable to bring your item(s) on one of those days, please contact Dush at 724-493-9084 to make alternate arrangements.
- Monetary Donations - If you were unable to donate an item for the bar because the commitment was filled but would still like to contribute, we are accepting cash donations or you can make a check payable to St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church (include in the memo that it is for the church picnic). Please submit to Danica. These donations will go towards reducing our operating costs which will increase our profit for the picnic and ultimately benefit our church!
- Thank you! - Your Church Picnic Committe