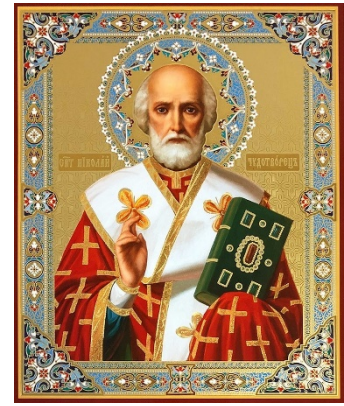


**St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church Monroeville**  
**Weekly Bulletin – July 28th, 2024**



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**Sts. Kirikos and Julita - Holy Great Prince Vladimir, Enlightener of Rus'**

**Tone 4 Troparion (Resurrection)**

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Your Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: “Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, granting 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 (Kirikos and Julita)**

The glorious Martyr Julita, Christ's rational lamb, stood with her three-year-old child Kirikos at the judgment seat, and proclaimed the true Faith of the Christians with authority and great boldness, nor were they intimidated by the threats of the tyrants; now in Heaven, wearing precious crowns, they rejoice as they stand before Christ.

**Tone 4 Troparion (Vladimir)**

Holy Prince Vladimir, you were like a merchant in search of fine pearls. By sending servants to Constantinople for the Orthodox Faith, you found Christ, the priceless pearl. He appointed you to be another Paul, washing away in baptism your physical and spiritual blindness. We celebrate your memory, asking you to pray for all Orthodox Christians and for us, your spiritual children.

**Tone 8 Kontakion (Vladimir)**

Most glorious Vladimir, in your old age you imitated the great apostle Paul: He abandoned childish things, while you forsook the idolatry of your youth. Together with him you reached the fullness of divine wisdom: You were adorned with the purity of holy baptism. Now as you stand before Christ our Savior, pray that all Orthodox Christians may be saved.

**Tone 4 Kontakion (Kirikos and Julita)**

Christ's Martyr Julita, holding Kirikos in her arms, rejoices courageously in her martyric contest crying out: “Christ is the boast of the martyrs.”

**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 4 Kontakion (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!

**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 10:1-10, Gospel - Matthew 8:28-9:3**

**Alleluia Verses**

v. Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth! (*Ps. 44:3b*)  
v. For You love righteousness, and hate iniquity. (*Ps. 44:6*)

### 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.
- **Attention Sunday School Parents** - Sunday School Parents: Please fill out this form to help us with planning for the 2024-2025 school year! <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdYoVeNyRoq7ewPKT0p7q0bl-WHGKZjtAbco4Y87SHW-OT8IQ/viewform>
- **Church Picnic Info Next Page...**

- **Church Picnic - August 11th** - We are 3 weeks away from our Annual Summer Picnic! As your excitement builds, 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! Be sure to check out our website for the full listing of the day's activities and menu items to be sure that you don't miss out!
- (<https://www.stnicholasmonroeville.org/events/2024-summer-picnic/>)
- **Lamb Pre-Orders**
  - We're happy to announce the 1-2pm time slot is officially SOLD OUT and the 2-3pm is quickly selling out too! We've now sold over 100 lbs of lamb out of the 200 lbs that will be available. If you haven't ordered yet, place it today before it's too late!!
  - Reminder: Lamb is pre-sold only, and orders must be submitted by July 31st. 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**
  - We're proud to report that our volunteer positions have been filled!! BIG THANK YOU to all that have committed to help make our picnic a SUCCESS! If you did not sign up and still want to volunteer, just let us know; we won't turn you away! We could always use more help, especially on Saturday August 10th and for clean up after the picnic.
  - \*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**
  - Quite a few items have been promised thus far for the bake goods table: palachinke, gibanica, carrot cake, strudel, ho-ho cake, baklava and chocolate cake. We hope our amazing St. Nicholas bakers will continue to add to this assortment of delicacies! Please reach out to Pat Kolar and let her know what you'd like to bake. We're trying hard this year to avoid duplicates...except for the most popular items, of course! Contact Pat today so we can update our list and plan accordingly. Pat can be reached at 412-372-4239 or [patkolar@verizon.net](mailto:patkolar@verizon.net) to lock in your delicious efforts!
- **Bar Donation Update**
  - Again, 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 brought in the donated items yet, please bring them to church this Sunday and give to Danica as Dush will not be in church this week. If you are unable to bring your item(s) on Sunday, 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!