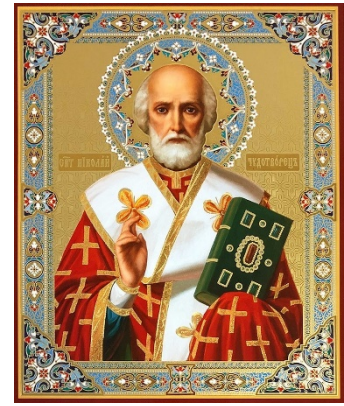


St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church Monroeville
Weekly Bulletin – November 24th, 2024



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St Stefan of Dečani

Tone 5 Troparion (Resurrection)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

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 (Stefan)

In accomplishing your heroic deeds, you suffered manifold wounds, and upon the end of your life, you received the crown from God and joined the ranks of the Martyrs, and were settled with honor in the dwellings of the meek. O blessed one, pray to Christ our God for us, to grant His great mercy on our souls.

Tone 5 Kontakion (Resurrection)

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior, shattering its gates as Almighty, resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death. Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man, and we cry to Thee: “O Lord, save us!”

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 (Stefan)

Because of your piety, meekness, righteousness and generosity, the Church has in you another Constantine, O blessed one, yet also a great martyr and true sufferer, and for that reason the Church, taking pride in you, sings hymns to you: Stefan is my praise and my strength.

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 - Galatians 6:11-18, Gospel - Luke 16:19-31

Alleluia Verses

v. I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation. (Ps. 88:1-2)

v. For Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever; Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens. (Ps. 88:3)

Announcements

• Upcoming Schedule

Nov 24 - 4-9PM - Pan Orthodox Choir Concert

See attached flyer

Nov 25 - 6PM - Vespers

Nov 26 - 8AM - Divine Liturgy - St. John

Chrysostom

Nov 27 - NO Bible Study

Nov 28 - Nativity Fast Begins

Nov 30 - 6PM - Vespers

Dec 1 - 10AM - Divine Liturgy

- **Bible Study - Wednesdays at 6:30PM** - *Check calendar for any exceptions* - An Akathist to St. Nicholas begins at 6:30pm with Bible Study to follow led by Fr. Stefan. We are continuing with Volume Two of St. Nikolai's letters. No book? No preparation? No problem! Don't let that stop you from joining. Really. Come. We would love to have you! New faces welcome anytime!
- **Holiday Fundraiser! Fresh Pine Holiday Wreaths!** - Sale dates are 11/4-25. Orders can be picked up Sunday, 12/8 after church. (Unless you've coordinated your order delivery directly with a member of the Tammies.) Click [HERE](#) to see a flier with more details: Fresh Pine Holiday Wreaths! Orders may be placed directly [HERE](#) or in person with a member of our group. Please contact Carla Williamson 412-780-3373 with any questions.
- **Holiday Cookie Sale - Saturday, December 7, 2024 - 9AM-12PM** - Our lovely baking ladies have been working very hard to prepare for our upcoming Holiday Cookie Sale. To preorder nut rolls, apricot rolls, nut horns, lady locks, and apricot horns, call Sandy at 412-616-2699. All other cookies are available on a first come, first serve basis the day of the sale. Doors open at 9am sharp! Nut Rolls and Apricot Rolls are \$18 each. Nut horns, lady locks and apricot horns are \$11/dozen. Most other cookies are \$10/dozen (pre-packaged by the 1/2 dozen). This is always a wonderful fundraiser for our Parish. Please plan to support the event.
- **Annual Meeting - Dec 8th** - Most importantly, Liturgy will begin at 9:00 am on Sunday, December 8. Please plan to attend our annual meeting on Sunday, December 8, immediately following liturgy. The meeting will begin promptly at 11:00 am (ok...11:15 at very latest depending on liturgy ending time). The annual meeting is an invite for every parishioner to attend and participate. We recognize we have several young families; one parent is welcome to stay with your child(ren) in the multi-purpose room, while another attends the meeting. We will have snacks for the children. An agenda will be provided shortly. We look forward to seeing you!
- **All Sunday School Children**
- **Dec 8th:** Please join us in the multipurpose room after Communion (all grades). We will be planting wheat and working on crafts as a large group. This project will take place instead of Sunday School and will continue as the adults attend the annual meeting in the church hall. This is a great opportunity for the children of all ages to work together to plant wheat to take home in honor of St. Nicholas and Christ's birth, as well as to make crafts and Christmas cards for our older parishioners! We look forward to seeing you there! All children are welcome to participate! (Food will be provided!)
- **Dec 15th:** Please plan for your children to attend Sunday School, following Holy Communion. We will do a Sunday School-wide celebration with our own "Sveti Nikola", a service project to support the upcoming Toy Drive, and other activities.
- **Food Drive - By Dec 8th** - Our St. Nicholas holiday season food drive this year will help our neighbors in need through the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank. More than 142,000 children, seniors, and families in Allegheny County are food insecure. Don't let them go hungry. Beginning this Sunday, November 10 through Sunday, December 8 bring your non-perishable donations and paper products (no glass jars, please) to church. Place your donations on the stage in the Social Hall. If you have any questions, contact Renée Milkovich Pekor Pekor.renee@gmail.com 412-443-6185 or Dan Markoff at Daniel.markoff@yahoo.com Thank you.
- **Toy Drive - By Dec 15th** - We're collecting gently used or new toys for those less fortunate in the local area. Toys will be delivered to Garden City United Methodist Church in Monroeville. They have partnered with Allegheny County Camp Cadet which is affiliated with the Pennsylvania State Police, to host a Breakfast with Santa on December 21st. When donating, please bring the toy(s) in a bag and place on the stage (do not wrap the toy). If gently used, please be sure to clean and confirm that the toy(s) are in good condition before donating. Collection will go through Sunday December 15th. If you have any questions, please contact Dushan Markoff at 724-493-9084.
- **Instruments Needed** - Are you an alumni, parent, or grandparent of a St Nicholas Tammie? Do you have a tambura still in your possession from those days? OR do you have a tambura you'd consider donating to the group? With enrollment up, the group is looking to get more instruments within their bank. You may return instruments by leaving on the stage with a note saying "St Nicholas Tammies". If interested in donating, please talk with either Danny Vucelich 412-738-6142 or Steve Capuzzi 412-901-8359. Your return or donation is most appreciated!!!

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Returns!**



**FEATURING: CHOIRS FROM MULTIPLE
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AND
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Sunday, November 24, 2024, 4:00 pm

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