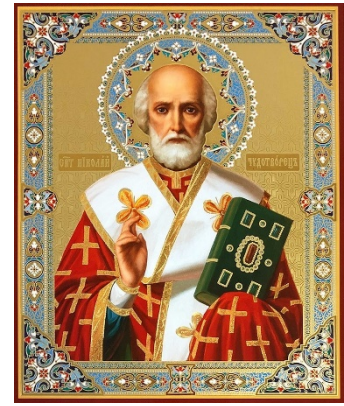


St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church Monroeville
Weekly Bulletin – December 1st, 2024



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Martyr Platon of Ancyra

Tone 6 Troparion (Resurrection)

The Angelic Powers were at Your tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Your grave, seeking Your most pure body. You captured hell, not being tempted by it. You came to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You.

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 (Platon)

Your holy martyrs Platon and Romanus, O Lord, through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from You, our God. For having Your strength, they laid low their adversaries, and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. Through their intercessions, save our souls!

Tone 6 Kontakion (Resurrection)

When Christ God, the Giver of Life, raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand, He bestowed resurrection on the human race. He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of 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 (Platon)

Your holy memory delights the universe, O Platon, bringing us together to honor you in our joy! With hymns we praise your great deeds crying out to you with faith: “Save our land from its enemies, O Holy one!”

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 - Ephesians 2:4-10, Gospel - Luke 8:26-39

Alleluia Verses

v. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God. (Ps. 90:1)
v. He will say to the Lord: “My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust.”(Ps. 90:2)

Announcements

- **Upcoming Schedule**
 - Dec 3 - Vespers 6PM
 - Dec 4 - Divine Liturgy 8AM - Entry into the Temple of the Theotokos
 - Dec 4 - Akathist and Bible Study 6:30PM
 - Dec 7 - Cookie Sale 9AM-12PM
 - Dec 7 - Vespers 6PM
 - Dec 8 - Divine Liturgy 9AM - Annual Parish Meeting
- **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!
- **It's Time for Noodles** - Homemade noodles are once again available. There are both fine and wide noodles in 16 ounce resealable bags. The only ingredients are flour and eggs. Call Pat at 412 372-4239 to order yours.
- **Scrumptious Meats and More!** - Please see any member of the church maintenance committee to pre-order now!
 - Kolbassi \$8.00/#
 - Kupus for sarma \$8.00/qt
 - Suvo meso spicy or sweet \$10.00/#
 - Sauerkraut \$7.00/qt
 - Smoked Ribs \$8.00/#
 - Breakfast sausage \$6.00/#
- **Holiday Fundraiser! Fresh Pine Holiday Wreaths!** - Don't forget to pick up your order 12/8!
- **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.

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- **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.
- **Great Opportunity to help the Sojourner House** - For the last seven years, Millicent Novic has been working with a group of friends helping the women in recovery at Sojourner House. Unfortunately, many women do not seek help for their addictions for fear they will lose their children. Sojourner House provides that safe environment. Annually, Sojourner House administrators let them know how they can help. This year they have asked for new coffee pots, cooking utensils, manual can openers, shower curtains and mats, and kitchen towels for all 14 apartments in the house. In addition, twin comforters, sheet sets, pillows, towels and washcloths are needed for the new women and children when they arrive. Her group has been able to fill those needs each year with the generous help of friends because they take advantage of the excellent upcoming holiday sales to cover the cost of their needs. If you would like to join their efforts this year, see her after church to make your donation... even a small amount will help! You can also call her for details and questions... 412-600-0619. With the opioid crisis in our area & America at an all-time high, our collective efforts can at least make a difference to this small group of women who are trying to pull their lives back together. Thank you so much for considering a donation to the families at Sojourner House in your end of year giving!
- **Purse Bash** - 6th Annual Purse Bash will be held Saturday, February 22, 2025.
- **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!!!