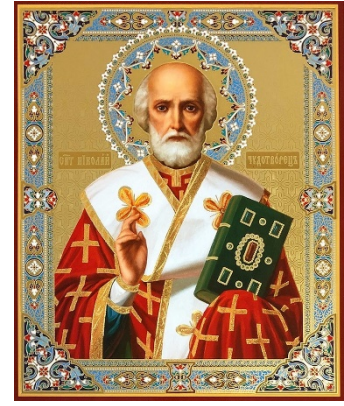


St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church Monroeville
Weekly Bulletin – December 8th, 2024



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Leavetaking of the Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple - Martyr Clement of Rome

Tone 7 Troparion (Resurrection)

By Your Cross You destroyed death. To the thief You opened Paradise. For the Myrrhbearers You changed weeping into joy. And You commanded Your disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that You are risen, granting the world great mercy.

Tone 4 Troparion (Entrance)

Today is the prelude of the good will of God, of the preaching of the salvation of mankind. The Virgin appears in the temple of God, in anticipation proclaiming Christ to all. Let us rejoice and sing to her: Rejoice, O Divine Fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation!

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 (Clement)

O God of our Fathers, always act with kindness towards us; take not Your mercy from us, but guide our lives in peace through the prayers of the hierarchs Clement and Peter.

Tone 7 Kontakion (Resurrection)

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: "The Savior has come to those in faith; enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!"

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 (Clement)

Unshakeable and godlike towers of the Church, truly inspired and mighty pillars of the Faith, all-praised Clement and Peter, protect us all by your prayers.

Tone 4 Kontakion (Entrance)

The most pure Temple of the Savior: The precious Chamber and Virgin; the sacred Treasure of the glory of God, is presented today to the House of the Lord. She brings with her the grace of the Spirit, which the angels of God do praise. Truly this woman is the abode of Heaven!

Epistle - Ephesians 2:14-22, Gospel - Luke 8:41-56

Alleluia Verses

v. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your Name, O Most High. (*Ps. 91:1*)
v. To declare Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth by night. (*Ps. 91:2a*)

Magnificat - Tone 4

The angels beheld the entrance of the Pure One and were amazed. How has the Virgin entered into the Holy of Holies? Since she is a living Ark of God let no profane hand touch the Theotokos. But let the lips of believers unceasingly sing to her, praising her in joy with the angel's song: "Truly, thou art more exalted than all, O pure Virgin!"

Announcements

• Upcoming Schedule

- Dec 11 - Akathist and Bible Study - 6:30PM
- Dec 14 - Vespers - 6PM
- Dec 15 - Divine Liturgy - 10AM
- Dec 18 - Vespers and Bible Study - 6PM
- Dec 19 - Divine Liturgy - 8AM - St. Nicholas

- **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!

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| ○ Kolbassi \$8.00/# | Sauerkraut \$7.00/qt |
| ○ Kupus for sarma \$8.00/qt | Smoked Ribs \$8.00/# |
| ○ Suvo meso spicy or sweet \$10.00/# | Breakfast sausage \$6.00/# |

• All Sunday School Children

- 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.

- **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!!!