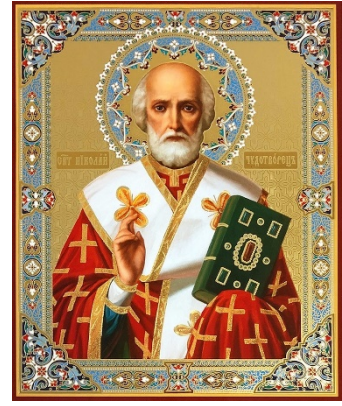


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**Prophet Habakkuk - St Stefan Uroš, King of Serbia - Venerable Joanikije of Devič**

**Tone 8 Troparion (Resurrection)**

You descended from on high, O Merciful One! You accepted the three day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, 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 2 Troparion (Habakkuk)**

We celebrate the memory of Your prophet Habakkuk, O Lord; through him we entreat You, save our souls.

**Tone 8 Kontakion (Resurrection)**

By rising from the tomb, You raised the dead and resurrected Adam. Eve exults in Your Resurrection, and the world celebrates Your rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

**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 8 Kontakion (Habakkuk)**

Divinely eloquent Habakkuk, you announced to the world the coming forth of God from the south, from the Virgin. Standing on the divine watch, you received a report from the radiant angel: “You proclaimed the Resurrection of Christ to the world!” Therefore in gladness we cry out to you: “Rejoice, splendid adornment of the prophets!”

**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 4:1-6, Gospel - Luke 10:25-37**

**Alleluia Verses**

v. Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior! (*Ps. 94:1*)

v. Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! (*Ps. 94:2*)

## Announcements

- **Upcoming Schedule**
  - Dec 18 - Vespers - 6PM (NO Bible Study - Srećna slava!)
  - Dec 19 - Divine Liturgy - 8AM - St. Nicholas
  - Dec 21 - Vespers - 6PM
  - Dec 22 - Divine Liturgy - 10AM
  - Dec 24 - Vespers - 6PM
  - Dec 25 - Divine Liturgy - 8AM - St. Spyridon
- **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.
- **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!!!