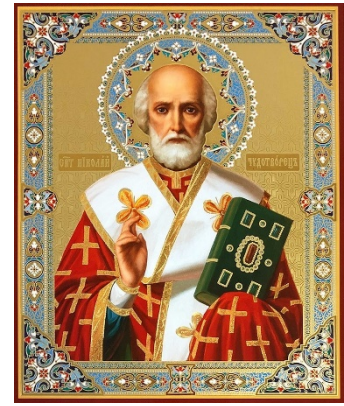


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Conception of the Most Holy Theotokos by Saint Anna

Tone 1 Troparion (Resurrection)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure body, You rose on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to You, O Giver of Life: “Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your Kingdom! Glory to Your dispensation, O Lover of mankind!”

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 (Conception)

Today the bonds of childlessness are loosed, for having heard Joachim and Anna, God clearly assures them of the birth of the Mother of God, from whom He Himself, the Uncircumscribed One, was born, becoming man when He commanded the Angel to cry out: “Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you.”

Tone 1 Kontakion (Resurrection)

As God, You rose from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Yourself. Human nature praises You as God, for death has vanished. Adam exults, O Master! Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to You: “You are the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

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 (Conception)

Today, the inhabited earth celebrates Anna's conception, which was from God, / for she gave birth to her who, beyond understanding, I gave birth to the Word.

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 5:8-19, Gospel - Luke 12:16-21

Alleluia Verses

v. God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me. (*Ps. 17:48*)

v. He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever. (*Ps. 17:51*)

Announcements

- **Upcoming Schedule** - Link here <https://www.stnicholasmonroeville.org/service-schedule/>
- **Christmas Evening Dinner - Please reserve now!** - Christmas Eve Dinner will be served immediately following Services on January 6, 2025. Dinner will be via donation. The bar will be open, and tickets are available for purchase of beverages. We look forward to sharing the evening together! Kindly RSVP your attendance numbers to Evonne at Office@stnicholasmonroeville.org or text 724-599-0927.
- **Slava Celebration** - Choir and Tammie Slava this Sunday December 22. There will be a kolac and koljivo blessing during liturgy, followed by a "beefed up" (yet Posno) cake and coffee in the hall. Please join us in our celebration downstairs after liturgy!
- **Choir Carol Sing January 4th** - If you are interested in the choir coming to your house anytime after 4pm to sing a few carols to ring in Bozic, please let Danielle Kochka us know as soon as possible at daniellekochka@gmail.com
- **A Tammie Thank You** - The Tammies would like to thank you all for your wreath fundraiser purchases! Our group is growing, and your support helps us to provide instruments & costumes for our young performers! We hope to see you at their Annual Concert on April 26th. Mark your calendars!
- **Tammie Soups** - Posno Soup Still Available! If you missed our recent Posno Soup Sale, we still have some quarts available! Frozen - \$8/quart: Kale & Bean, Split Pea, Mexican Bean, Tomato, Cabbage & Potato. Please see Amanda Formato or Carla Williamson on Sundays to purchase.
- **Scrumptious Meats and more available** - Please see any member of the church maintenance committee to pre-order now! 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/#
- **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!!!