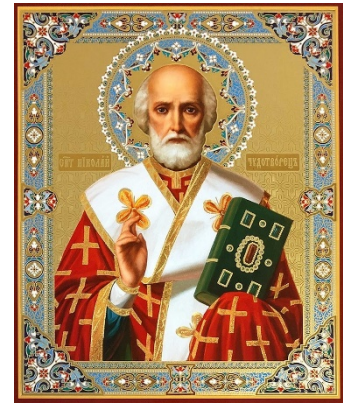


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Theophany

First Antiphon

When Israel went forth from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language, (Ps. 113:1)
Judah became His sanctuary, Israel His dominion. (Ps. 113:2)
The sea looked and fled; Jordan turned back. (Ps. 113:3)
What ailed thee, O sea, that thou fleddest? O Jordan, that thou didst turn back? (Ps. 113:5)
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.
Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

Second Antiphon

I love the Lord because He has heard my voice and my supplication. (Ps. 114:1)
Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live. (Ps. 114:2)
The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish, then I called on the Name of the Lord. (Ps. 114:3-4a)
Gracious and righteous is the Lord; our God is merciful. (Ps. 114:5)
Refrain: O Son of God, baptized in the Jordan, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

Third Antiphon

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever. (Ps. 117:1)
Let the house of Israel now confess that the Lord is good; for His mercy endures forever. (Ps. 117:2)
Let the house of Aaron now confess that the Lord is good; for His mercy endures forever. (Ps. 117:3)
Let those who fear the Lord now confess that the Lord is good; for His mercy endures forever. (Ps. 117:4)

Entrance Verse: Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord; God is the Lord and He has revealed Himself to us.

Troparia and Kontakia

Tone 1 Troparion (Theophany): When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest. For the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee, and called Thee His beloved Son; and the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truthfulness of His word. O Christ our God, Who hast revealed Thyself and hast enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

Tone 4 Kontakion (Theophany): Today Thou hast shone forth to the world, O Lord, and the light of Thy countenance has been marked on us. Knowing Thee, we sing Thy praises: “Thou hast come and revealed Thyself, O unapproachable Light.”

Instead of Holy God: As many as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. Alleluia!

Epistle - Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 , Gospel - Matthew 3:13-17

Alleluia Verses

v. Bring to the Lord, O sons of God, bring to the Lord young rams. (Ps. 28:1a)
v. The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord is upon many waters. (Ps. 28:3)

Magnificat - Tone 2 (Instead of It is Truly Meet)

Magnify, O my soul, the most pure Virgin Theotokos, more honorable than the heavenly hosts!
No tongue knows how to praise thee worthily, O Theotokos; even Angels are overcome with awe praising thee. But since thou art good, accept our faith; for thou knowest our love inspired by God! Thou art the defender of Christians, and we magnify thee.

Announcements

- **Upcoming Schedule** - Link here <https://www.stnicholasmonroeville.org/service-schedule/>
- **House Blessings** - Everyone is encouraged to participate in this sacred tradition, particularly those who have not had their house blessed in many years. For the house blessings, I have only one simple request: Please remove your pets while we are blessing the house. House blessings are not mandatory, so if you would like your house blessed, please contact me at fr.stefan@stnicholasmonroeville.org or 740 346 5737. For the house blessing, you need a bowl of water (tap water, not holy water), a candle (if you so desire), charcoal, incense, and a censer (optional). If you need to buy any of these things, I highly recommend that you use the link to our diocesan store: <https://www.theodulepress.org>
- **Saint Sava's Day Program Save the Date! : January 26th, 2025** - Please join us after Liturgy for the Saint Sava's Children's Day Program. Enjoy lunch and a performance from our youngest church members for this wonderful event! More details to follow! Parents, please contact your teachers now if you haven't received a speech yet. In addition, elementary students: please plan to attend weekly to practice our songs leading up to the program! Contact Amy Yurko (ashimonovich@gmail.com) for more information!
- **St. Nick Tammie's Super Bowl Fundraiser!** 2025 Super Bowl Block Pool, \$20 per square. Purchase online: <https://square.link/u/VwN64KR0> or see a member of the Tammies to pay with cash or check.
Prize Money: \$125 1st Quarter; \$250 Halftime; \$125 3rd Quarter; \$500 Final
- **Purse Bash - Tickets Now Available! - [CLICK HERE](#)** for details and to purchase tickets online. For cash/check payment, please contact Amanda Formato amandabilak@gmail.com 412-980-8944. We hope to see you there!
 - For church members interested in volunteering for the Purse Bash event, please plan to stay for cake & coffee on Sunday, 1/12/25 for a brief meeting. Let Amanda know if unable to attend, but would still like to be included on volunteer communications.