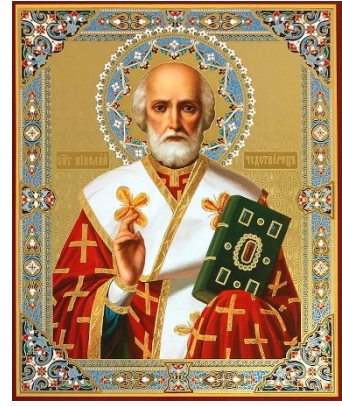


St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church Monroeville
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Sunday of the Prodigal Son - Afterfeast of the Meeting of the Lord in the Temple

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 1 Troparion (Feast)

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace! From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, enlightening those who sat in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder, you accepted in your arms the Redeemer of our souls, Who grants us the Resurrection!

Tone 3 Kontakion (Triodion)

I have recklessly forgotten Your glory, O Father; and among sinners I have scattered the riches which You had given me. Therefore I cry to You like the Prodigal: “I have sinned before You, O compassionate Father; receive me a penitent, and make me as one of Your hired servants!”

Tone 1 Kontakion (Feast)

By Your Nativity You sanctified the Virgin’s womb and blessed Simeon’s hands, O Christ God. Now You have come and saved us through love. Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians, O only Lover of Man!

Epistle - 1 Corinthians 6:12-20, Gospel - Luke 15:11-32

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*)

Magnificat (Instead of It is Truly Meet)

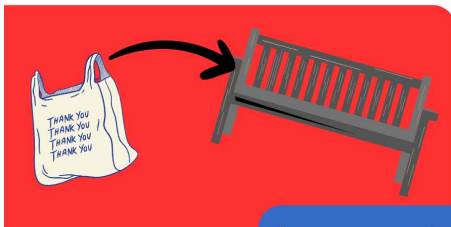
O Virgin Theotokos, hope of all Christians, protect, preserve, and save those who hope in you!

In the shadow and letter of the Law, let us the faithful discern a figure: every male [child] that opens the womb is holy to God. Therefore we magnify the firstborn Word of the Father Who has no beginning, the Son firstborn of a Mother who had not known man.

Announcements

- **Upcoming Schedule** - Link here <https://www.stnicholasmonroeville.org/service-schedule/>
- **Breakfast Available TODAY Once Again!** - Our Maintenance group will have Serbian Toast {French Toast} along with homemade breakfast sausage for sale this Sunday after church! Come down and support our hard-working Maintenance group.
- **Altar Boys** - This Sunday after Liturgy, Fr. Stefan will meet briefly with the altar boys. If your child was never an altar boy but is interested, you are more than welcome to join us!
- **Purse Bash - Help Needed 2/16/25** - The Purse Bash Committee is asking for a few strong, able-bodied folks to please help pull the black stage risers out of garage, and set them on the hall patio this Sunday, 2/16 after church. Please see Amanda Formato if you are able to assist. Thank you
- **Guest Speaker Mother Christophora Coming Meatfare Sunday - 2/23** - We are honored to welcome Mother Christophora, abbess of the Monastery of the Transfiguration in Ellwood City to be our guest on Sunday, February 23rd. She will be presenting a Pre-Lenten lecture downstairs after Liturgy. All are warmly invited.
- **Homemade Sauerkraut** - Homemade sauerkraut is available. Quart size in a zip lock bag. The spice used is sea salt, absolutely no chemical preservatives. Organic locally grown cabbage. Can be frozen for future use. The texture is crispy, not the mushy product you purchase from markets. Medically it's a natural probiotic. Its European style. Cost is only \$6.00/quart. See a member of the church's maintenance group.
- **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!
- **Bags to Benches Benefiting Shadeland** - Bring your plastic film (bags, overwrap, bubble wrap, etc.) to the collection bin in the church hall and help us turn that recycling into benches for Shadeland. NexTrex is a company that recycles this plastic film into benches. See the flyers below for more information. Thank you for your help in reaching our goal of 1,000 pounds!

SHADELAND PLASTIC FILM COLLECTION



Questions?
Contact Maria Stone
724.989.3088
bellich.maria@gmail.com

Bring your plastic bags and film to your church's Drop Box. Collected plastic will be recycled in exchange for a bench to be placed at Shadeland.

**See NexTrex poster for guidelines

BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE!



Bring your can tabs and help us help our friends at the Springboro Volunteer Fire Department in their efforts to support Shiner's Children's Hospital



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- **Storage Space** - The storage spaces under the stage in the church social hall and under the steps in the stairway leading to the multipurpose room have been cleaned. As you know, there is limited space available for storage at the church. Items that have not been used in recent years or are of questionable future use have been placed on tables in the back of the social hall. Please review these items and make a note on the tablet that is there if you wish to have these items. Items not claimed will be donated or discarded by Feb. 17. In the future, parishioners are requested to not place left over event items or personal item they do not want under the stage. Everyone is free to use the decorative items, but they should be returned to the appropriate containers after the event for which they have been used. Maintaining an organized storage space is everyone's responsibility. We thank you for participating in this effort.
- **Fellow Parishioners!!!** - Are you a fan of the music you hear in church every week? Do you want to be more involved in our church services, and looking for a way to do so? A new year means a new adventure and the St. Nicholas Church Choir wants YOU to join our ranks! We are hosting a Choir Open House on Sunday, Feb. 16 to welcome any potential new members to the choir. If you have any interest, please join us in the loft for Liturgy that Sunday and stay after church for cake and coffee to chat with our directors and members about what it means to be in the choir. Attached you will see more information and details about our choir and what we do. If you have any questions or want to know more, please reach out to Danielle Kochka at daniellekochka@gmail.com or 412-715-2992. We hope to see (and hear) you there! The St. Nicholas Church Choir"
 - [Click Here for More Information](#)
- **St Nick Tammie's - Cevaps for Sale!** - \$18 / dozen. Orders due by March 10, 2025. Frozen & ready for pickup any Sunday after church starting April 6, 2025. Contact: Amanda Formato amandabilak@gmail.com 412-980-8944
- **Noodles Available** - The Noodle Ladies are at it again! They hope to entice you to order some of those delicious fine or wide 16-ounce bags of noodles they make with TLC. Call Pat at 412 372-4239 to place an order. Noodles will also be on sale at the Fish Fry Bake Table.
- **St Nick Tammie's Concert AD BOOK** - Here is your opportunity to place a business ad and/or well wishes for our St. Nicholas Tamburitians! The program & ad book will be made available digitally and in-print for our upcoming concert on April 26th. Order Deadline is March 31st Online: stnicktams.com, In Person: ORDER FORM with cash or check payment can be submitted to Milana Popovic. Questions or request for ad design assistance can be sent to tammieadbook@gmail.com
- **Concert Opportunity** - Come and celebrate International Women's Day on Saturday, March 8 with Carica Milica. Carica Milica is performing a unique and entertaining concert with Otets Paissii, the Bulgarian ensemble at BMNECC 449 West 8th Avenue W in Homestead. These two spectacular ensembles will blend their artistry and take you on a journey through the rich cultural tapestry of the Balkans. Contact Snezana Lazich for more details. 412-874-7514.
- **6th Annual Purse Bash - Feb 22** - 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!
- **Purse Bash Donations** - We are thrilled to announce that thanks to your incredible generosity, we have successfully met our Raffle Basket goal for this year's Purse Bash! We know your contributions will delight our guests and we can't wait to share the photos with you afterwards! However, we are still in need of THREE, just three, more \$50 gift cards to complete our wish list. Can you help us fulfill these?!
 - 1. Abruzzi's (OPEN to other local restaurant)
 - 2. Persichetti's (OPEN to other local restaurant)
 - 3. Shop N Save OR Wal-Mart
- We are still, of course, accepting monetary donations which would be greatly appreciated to help offset our event expenses! Please reach out to Pat (412-372-4239, patkolar@verizon.net) or Danica (412-607-7528, popovich.danica@gmail.com) with questions.
- REMINDER - ALL donations are due by Sunday February 16th. After church, Pat and Danica will be collecting the donations by the mobile bar in the back of the Social Hall.
- THANK YOU, again, and we can't wait to see you at the Purse Bash! - Your Purse Bash Committee