HOME FOR THE SLAVIDAYS

KOLACHI CONTEST

Entry Form

Friday, December 18, 2026 | Penguin City Brewing Company

Please complete and return this form with the entry fee by Wednesday, December 16, 2026.

Name: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Business or bakery name (Market Bakers only): _____

Category (Select One):
This year, both categories welcome traditional fillings and creative variations. Occasional informal sales to family or friends do not automatically make someone a Market Baker.
☐ **Home Baker:** Individuals who bake kolachi primarily for family, friends, holidays, and personal enjoyment, rather than regularly offering baked goods for sale.
☐ **Market Baker:** Individuals who bake kolachi for sale, including independent bakers, home-based businesses, market vendors, church-sale vendors, and bakeries.

Describe Your Entry (75 words or fewer): Highlight aspects such as its Slavic roots, holidays at which it might be used, and where you first enjoyed it.

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Agreement
By signing below, I confirm that:

- I agree to abide by the official contest rules.
- I confirm that the category I have selected accurately reflects my baking activities, and I understand that the contest committee may reassign an entry to the appropriate category.
- I understand that Simply Slavic reserves the right to use my name, likeness, and entry for promotional purposes.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Entry Fee: A $5 non-refundable entry fee is required for participants aged 18 and older (free for participants under 18). Payment options: Check payable to “Simply Slavic” or online at simplyslavic.org/donate
Mail the completed form and payment: Home for the SLAVidays Kolachi Contest % Luke Politsky, Simply Slavic, P.O. Box 1372, Youngstown, OH 44501

For questions, contact Luke Politsky at 330-519-7997 or email info@simplyslavic.org

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What is Kolachi?

Kolachi is a traditional Slavic pastry made from sweet, yeast-leavened dough and typically filled with ingredients like poppy seeds, nuts, or fruit preserves. It is often enjoyed during holidays and special occasions and celebrated for its rich cultural and historical roots in Slavic heritage.

Contest Details

- **Location:** Penguin City Brewing Company, 460 E Federal St, Youngstown, OH
- **Baker Arrival Date and Time:** Friday, December 18, 2026, 5:00 - 5:45 PM
- **Judging Begins:** 6:00 PM
- **Announcement of Winners:** 8:00 PM

Important Notes

- Maximum of 10 participants in each category on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Kolachi must be presented at room temperature.
- Bakers must be present during judging at 6:00 PM and announcement of winners at 8:00 PM.
- Each baker will receive one (1) complimentary ticket to the Home for the SLAVidays event. Any additional individuals accompanying the baker will pay for admission to the event at the door.
- One (1) whole roll is sufficient for judging. If bakers wish to share their remaining kolachi with family, friends, and attendees after judging concludes, they should bring their own plates/ napkins, as Penguin City does not have a kitchen.
- Rolls should remain whole until time to judge. Since Penguin City does not have a kitchen, bakers are encouraged to bring their own knives to cut pieces for each of the three (3) judges.

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Official Rules

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Submit an entry form, a description of your kolachi and its Slavic roots (75 words or fewer), and a $5 non-refundable entry fee (payable to Simply Slavic) by Wednesday, December 16, 2026.
- Each participant may submit one entry in one division. Market-based businesses may submit one entry per business.

PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY

- Open to both home bakers and individuals who regularly bake for sale. All participants must enter the division appropriate to their baking activities.
- There are no restrictions on age, gender, or nationality.

SUBMISSION DETAILS

- Deliver baked goods to **Penguin City Brewing Company (460 E Federal St, Youngstown, OH 44503)** on **Friday, December 18, 2026**, between **5:00 - 5:45 PM**.
- Entries not present by judging time will forfeit participation.
- Portions of each roll will be used for judging, and the remainder may be shared with family, friends, and attendees after judging concludes.

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JUDGING CRITERIA

- Judging begins at **6 PM** on **December 18, 2026**.
- Judges include professional bakers, community leaders, and business representatives.
- Entries will be judged on the following criteria:
    - **Taste:** Flavor, balance, and overall enjoyment
    - **Authenticity:** Connection to Slavic baking traditions, heritage, or a thoughtful adaptation of traditional recipes
    - **Presentation:** Visual appeal, traditional swirl, and appearance
    - **Texture:** Consistency and structure of the baked good
    - **Look & Smell:** First impressions from appearance and aroma
- The judges' decisions are final.

PRIZES

- **First, Second, and Third place** winners in each category will be announced at the Home for the SLAVidays event on **Friday, December 18, 2026, at 8 PM.**
- Simply Slavic reserves the right to substitute prizes of equal or greater value.

RESTRICTIONS

- Entries must be presented at room temperature (no freezing, refrigeration, or heating allowed).
- Participation is limited to 10 contestants in each category, accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Contestants must remain at the event through the announcement of winners.

ADDITIONAL TERMS

- Simply Slavic is not responsible for errors, delays, or lost entries.
- Participants grant Simply Slavic permission to use their names, likenesses, and submissions for promotional purposes by entering.
- All baked goods become the property of Simply Slavic and will not be returned.
- Simply Slavic reserves the right to modify, cancel, or disqualify entries that do not comply with these rules.

RELEASE

By participating, entrants agree to release Simply Slavic, its sponsors, volunteers, and affiliates from any liability related to participation, prizes, or the contest process.

Let’s keep the traditions going – TOGETHER!