

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church Announcements

Please send any NEW announcements to Bulletin@StNicholasAR.org

North Community Group

The next **North Group** meeting will be meeting on **Monday 4/5/21 starting at 6:00 pm** at the Baclig family's home. The address is: **13815 Eastgate Drive, Rogers, AR 72756.**

Antiochian Men:

Our next Men's Breakfast fellowship will be on 4/17. It will take place at the church and will be a pot luck. Please only bring Lenten food options (Bagels with hummus, fruit, Keurig Coffee pods, etc.). **April is Antiochian Men month in the Diocese of Miami and the Southeast!** If any men in the church would like to volunteer to help with the collection plate, ushering, or reading the Epistle, please speak to Fr. John or Subdeacon Tom Salem.

Teen SOYO

Attention Teens! There will be a Teen SOYO (Society of Orthodox Youth Organization) Cyber Spring Retreat on Saturday April 10th, 2021. Go to <http://tiny.cc/TeenSOYO2021> to register. You MUST register to receive the Zoom meeting link!

Antiochian Women

The Antiochian Women will also be having a Lenten Virtual Retreat. It is scheduled for Saturday April 17th, 2021. Go to <http://tiny.cc/AWLenten2021> to register. You MUST register to receive the Zoom meeting link!

POTMEF Update

Through the generous donations of our St. Nicholas Church faithful, we have already raised over \$2,000 towards our Pay Off The Mortgage Early Fund (POTMEF)! Thank you to all who have contributed thus far! This fund will help us to reach our goal of paying off the mortgage in 5 years (or less!) instead of the 8 years that is left on the loan. This is a critical step towards planning for our future growth as a parish with an eye on expanding our building or building a new one! Any donations made to this fund should be separate from weekly tithes and all donations to this fund will be used to make extra payments on our church's mortgage. As we continue our focus on almsgiving during Great Lent, please consider making a donation to this fund if possible!

Symphony Dental Care Offer

Steven G. Kolokithas, D.D.S. at Symphony Dental Care would like to make a special offering to the community of St. Nicholas. Starting on March 15th not only will parishioners of St. Nicholas receive a 15% discount on all services (should they not have insurance – cannot be combined with other discounts), but Dr. Kolokithas will also donate \$15 dollars to the church's "Pay Off the Mortgage Early Fund" for each person who becomes a New Patient (Comprehensive Exam, X-rays and Cleaning) by referral from the church and/or its members. Call their office at 479-636-0777 or email them at FrontOffice@SymphonyDentalCare.com. Their website is www.SymphonyDentalCare.com and they're located at 300 S. 20th Street in Rogers.

Bookstore Reminder

Attention St. Nicholas Church Gardeners! Our bookstore is preparing to place an order for the icon of St. Fiacre, the Patron Saint of Gardens! If you would like to place an order for your home, they can be ordered in 2 sizes, small (4x6 at \$25.95) or large (8x10 at \$39.95). Please speak with our Bookstore Director, Gretchen Baclig, if you are interested in ordering one of these icons! She can also assist with any other special order requests that you may have! Gretchen can be reached at (479) 426-0970 or by sending an e-mail to bookstore@stnicholasar.org.

Holy Communion Reminder

Please remember to state your name when you approach the chalice for Holy Communion. Be sure to say your name loud enough for Fr. John to hear it.

A Note Regarding Holy Communion

Since we understand Communion to mean that we have all things in common, sharing an identical Faith, *only* those who are members of the Orthodox Church and who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and recent Confession may participate in Holy Communion. (We invite all, however, to partake of the blessed bread which is distributed at the dismissal.) Please see the Pastor for inquiries on how to become a member.