

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church Announcements 4/25/21

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Holy Friday / Holy Saturday Overnight Vigil

The 5 am – 6 am time slot has opened up! All other time slots are full. We started with 1-hour time slots, but if there are more people who would like to participate, we can expand the sign up and created 30-minute reading time blocks. If anyone would like to sign up to help with reading the Psalms and the Gospels during the vigil, or if you know someone who would, please speak with Bryce Kirk. You can call or text Bryce Kirk at 801-793-3050. Bryce is responsible for organizing the vigil and will be leading the event, pending Fr. John's final blessing on the vigil.

Bookstore Updates

Our Church bookstore will have a table set up with items that are all 50% off on it after church today. Be sure to stop by and see all of the great deals! We also still have a few copies left of *The Services of Great and Holy Week and Pascha* book. If you haven't purchased one yet, be sure to pick one up while they are in stock as Holy Week has just begun!



Attention Upcoming Graduates!

We would like to recognize and pray for all of our college graduates from our parish at our Agape Vespers and Lamb feast on Pascha! If you will be graduating from any level of schooling this year, or know someone who is, please contact Kh. Marilyn at maggielaverne@gmail.com or you can text/call her at (479) 530-3305

Going Away Party for Jesse

Jesse Irwin will be moving away and his last Sunday at St. Nicholas Church will be May 9th. We would all like to express our gratitude for what he has done for our church in the choir, on the Parish Council, and as a member our parish. We are planning a going away party for Jesse following the Divine Liturgy on 5/9. We will also pray for him, have a cake, and there will be a card that everyone can sign. We hope you will decide to join us to show Jesse how much we will miss him and how much we appreciate him!

Antiochian Men:

Our next Men's Breakfast fellowship will be on **Saturday 5/8 starting at 8:00 am**. We will be going back to meeting at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant in Springdale, AR. Our next AMEN Monthly Virtual Bible Study will be on **Thursday 5/20 starting at 6:00 pm**. The Zoom link is available in the AMEN GroupMe and Band groups. **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.

Community Garden Updates

We are planning another Community Garden work day today after the conclusion of The Divine Liturgy. Our last frost date has officially passed, and incoming weather is looking lovely. That being said, our garden is not yet complete. We are still needing donations for: (1) 8 cubic feet of soil to finish the garden beds, (2) heavy duty weed blocking fabric to finish laying the mulch, and (3) covering the cost of our garden fencing. **If you are able to help with purchasing supplies or donating funds to our Community Garden effort, please contact Ciera Nelson at (409) 256-5685.** All that being said, our Community Garden Team doesn't want to keep asking for money, and from the beginning the goal has been to have the Gardening Ministry to be fairly self-reliant. Therefore, with the blessing of Fr. John, **on Sunday, May 16th we will have a garden sale!** This will be open to everyone in the church and all earnings will go toward the church garden. If anybody else would like to add to things being sold such as more plants, seeds, baked goods, or maybe garden crafts, please contact Ciera at the phone number above!

Holy Communion Reminders

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. Also, 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 do invite any non-Orthodox, however, to approach the chalice for a blessing from Fr. John and to partake of the blessed bread, which is also distributed at the dismissal. Please see our Pastor for inquiries on how to become a member of St. Nicholas Orthodox Church.

St. Nicholas Church 2021 Holy Week Service Schedule

Month	Date	Day	Time	Service
April	24	Saturday	10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy - Raising of Lazarus
			6:00 PM	Great Vespers
	25	Sunday	9:00 AM	Orthros
			10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy - Palm Sunday
			6:00 PM	Bridegroom Service
	26	Monday	10:00 AM	Presanctified Divine Liturgy
			6:00 PM	Bridegroom Service
	27	Tuesday	10:00 AM	Presanctified Divine Liturgy
			6:00 PM	Bridegroom Service
	28	Wednesday	10:00 AM	Presanctified Divine Liturgy
			6:00 PM	Holy Unction Service
	29	Thursday	10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy of The Mystical Supper
			6:00 PM	The 12 Passion Gospels
	30	Friday	10:00 AM	The Royal Hours
5:00 PM			Taking Down from the Cross	
6:00 PM			The Lamentations	
May	1	Saturday	10:00 AM	Holy Saturday Divine Liturgy
			10:30 PM	Rush Procession & Orthros of Holy Pascha
	2	Sunday	12:01 AM	Paschal Divine Liturgy
			5:00 PM	Agape Vespers
			6:00 PM	Lamb Dinner Agape Feast