

# St. Nicholas Orthodox Church Announcements 5/9/21

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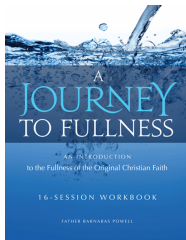
## Going Away Party for Jesse

Jesse Irwin will be moving away and today is his last Sunday at St. Nicholas Church. 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 of our parish. We are planning a going away party for Jesse following today's Divine Liturgy. 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 everything he has done for our church!

## Fr. Elias Khouri Will Serve Vespers & Liturgy Next Weekend

Since Fr. John will be on vacation next weekend, we are planning to have a visiting priest with us from a neighboring parish. With the blessing of His Grace Bishop NICHOLAS, we are making arrangements for Fr. Elias Khouri, the assistant priest from St. Elijah Antiochian Orthodox Church in Oklahoma City, OK, to serve Great Vespers and Divine Liturgy with us next weekend 5/15-5/16.

## North & South Community Groups



The next **North Group** meeting will take place on **Monday May 10<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00 pm** at the Baclig family's home. This is a new date from what was communicated originally. The address is: **13815 Eastgate Drive, Rogers, AR 72756.**

The next **South Group** meeting will take place on **Tuesday May 18<sup>th</sup> 3/22/21 starting at 6:00 pm** at the Strickland family's home. The address is: **122 Northaven Street, Farmington, AR 72730.**

## Antiochian Men

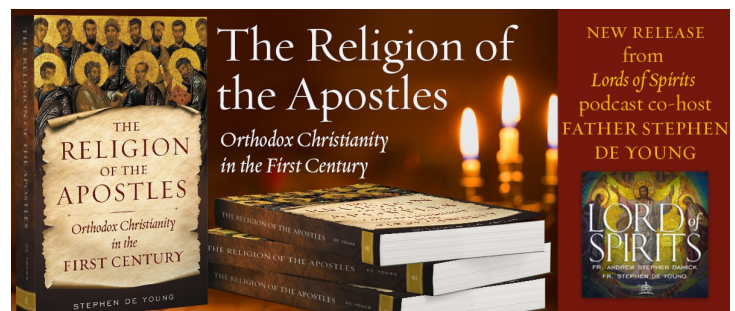
Our next Men's Breakfast fellowship will be next **Saturday 5/22 starting at 9:00 am.** We will be meeting at **St. Nicholas Church and it will be a potluck breakfast.** Our next AMEN Monthly Virtual Bible Study will be on **Thursday 5/20 starting at 6:00 pm.** The Zoom link is available in the AMEN GroupMe and Band groups.

## Community Garden Reminder

With the blessing of Fr. John, **on Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> 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 Nelson at (409) 256-5685**

## Bookstore Update

Our St. Nicholas Church Bookstore now has the new book *The Religion of the Apostles* by Fr. Stephen De Young in stock! Fr. Stephen De Young is the host of the Monthly AMEN Virtual Bible Studies for the past 2 years and is the host of the very popular Ancient Faith Radio Podcast, *The Lord of Spirits!* This book has also been selected as the next book that The Antiochian Men will be reading together as an organization. The AMEN Book Club will be having discussions about this book in the coming months! Also, be sure to check out the many icons in our bookstore, including St. Joseph the Betrothed, patron saint of The Antiochian Men!



## 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.