

# St. Nicholas Orthodox Church Announcements 6/20/21

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## Chrismations Today

We are overjoyed to announce that today we will welcome Elizabeth Bullard and Mark & Denise King into the Holy Orthodox Church with the Sacrament of Christmation! May God grant them many years!

## Baby Aidan Wilson's Baptism

With the blessing of Fr. John, the Baptism date for Baby Aidan Wilson has been scheduled! Aidan's Baptism will take place during Great Vespers at St. Nicholas Church on **Saturday 7/10/21**. We hope you will plan to join us for the service!

## Antiochian Women

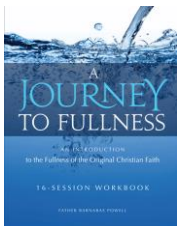


A new group has been created for the Antiochian Women at St. Nicholas Church in the GroupMe App. All of the ladies in our church are invited to join this group including church members, catechumens, and inquirers to Orthodoxy! Just scan the QR code to the left to join this group in the GroupMe App! The Ladies of St. Nicholas will also be having a fellowship event at the church on **June 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm**. Light snacks will be provided. Please plan to join if you can!

## Antiochian Men

Our next Men's Breakfast fellowship will be next **Saturday 6/26 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 **Tuesday 6/22 starting at 6:00 pm**. The Zoom link for the Bible Study is available in our AMEN Group in the GroupMe App and in the DOMSE AMEN "Band of Brothers" group in the Band App. If you are not in these groups and would like to join, please send a text message to AMEN President Michael Baclig at (479) 372-7097 and he will get you added!

## Community Groups



The next **North Group** meeting will take place on **Monday July 17<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00 pm**. We will be meeting at a different location this time! Tom and Kate Salem will be hosting this meeting at their home. The address is: **9 Windemere Street, Bentonville, AR 72712**.

The next **South Group** meeting is TBD. It will continue to take place at the Strickland family's home. The address is: **122 Northaven Street, Farmington, AR 72730**.

Both groups will be continuing to go through the *A Journey to Fullness* series. Remember to bring your workbook with you! If you don't have a workbook and would like to purchase one, they can be purchased through our St. Nicholas Church Bookstore for \$10 each.

## Retirement/Anniversary Banquet for Fr. John & Marilyn

Our parish has been very blessed to have Fr. John Atchison as our pastor for the last 20 years and we are eternally grateful for all he has done in that capacity. We are organizing a retirement banquet to honor him and Kh. Marilyn and we are tentatively planning this for Sunday September 5th of this year. September 4th, 2021 will mark the 20th anniversary of when Fr. John and Marilyn first came to St. Nicholas Church and they also happen to be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary, so we plan to celebrate these important milestones along with Fr. John's retirement at a banquet in their honor! Fr. John and Marilyn have asked Michael and Elizabeth Baclig to be responsible for taking the lead on planning this event. There will be more to come on this very soon!

## 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.

## Meet Our New Priest!

As many already know, Fr. John made a special announcement at the end of The Divine Liturgy last Sunday 6/13. Fr. John shared that his request for retirement, which he submitted in the spring of last year, has been granted by Metropolitan JOSEPH. Additionally, His Eminence sent a letter to our Parish Council last Friday to inform us of the assignment of Fr. Paul Fuller as the new pastor of St. Nicholas Church effective 8/1/21.

We are all very excited to welcome Fr. Paul Fuller, Kh. Ramia, and their 3-year-old Daughter Rebekah to our parish. They are planning to visit us next week for a couple of days to get to know the area before moving to Northwest Arkansas. They are planning to be in town on Tues 6/22 and Wed 6/23 and will be attending Great Vespers with us at St. Nicholas Church on the evening of 6/23. We will do a brief meet & greet following Vespers that evening. If you would like to come and meet Fr. Paul and his family, you are welcome to join us!

The Rev. Fr. Paul Fuller is originally from Louisville, Kentucky. Fr. Paul was baptized and raised in the Orthodox Faith at St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church under the pastorate of the late V. Rev. Fr. Alexander D. Atty, of blessed memory. Fr. Paul grew up extremely active in the Life of the Church, especially serving as an Altar Server as a youth and participating in the Antiochian Village summer camp and Teen SOYO on a local, regional, and national level. As a teenager, he served as Midwest SOYO Vice President and NAC SOYO Vice President. After high school, he attended the University of Kentucky and received a B.A. in History with a Minor in Classical Civilizations in 2007. While in college, he was active in OCF (Orthodox Christian Fellowship), a campus ministry for college students, serving as local chapter President and National Student Advisory Board member.



Fr. Paul moved to Houston, Texas in the Summer of 2008 to work as the Youth and Young Adult Director of St. George Orthodox Church. He worked for five years ministering and organizing youth and young adult outreach programs for the parish of St. George Houston. While in Houston, Fr. Paul met his future beautiful bride, Ramia Foteh. Khouria Ramia's family immigrated to the United States from Ramallah, Palestine. Ramia graduated from the University of Houston in 2005 with a B.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies.



Fr. Paul moved to Yonkers, NY to attend St. Vladimir Orthodox Theological Seminary as an Antiochian seminarian in the Fall of 2013. Fr. Paul and Kh. Ramia were married in Houston on January 11, 2015, at which time Kh. Ramia joined Fr. Paul at Seminary. He was ordained to the Holy Diaconate by His Grace, Bishop ANTHONY of Toledo on November 8, 2015 at his home parish of St Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church in Louisville. He was ordained to the Holy Priesthood by His Grace, Bishop NICHOLAS of Brooklyn (now the Bishop of our Diocese) on February 7, 2016 at his parish assignment of St George Orthodox Church in Danbury, Connecticut.

After graduating from (May 2016) St. Vladimir Orthodox Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity (M.Div.), Fr. Paul Fuller was appointed as the Pastor/Parish Priest of St. George Orthodox Church

in Terre Haute, Indiana on July 1, 2016. Fr. Paul was appointed as the Spiritual Advisor for the Young Adult Ministry (YAM) of the Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest by His Grace, Bishop ANTHONY in the summer of 2017. Fr. Paul and Kh. Ramia were blessed with the birth of their daughter, Rebekah, on November 4, 2018. His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH informed our parish of the transfer of Fr. Paul Fuller to be the new Pastor of St. Nicholas Orthodox Church in Springdale, AR on Friday June 11, 2021. He will be effective as our new pastor on August 1st and will be moving to Northwest Arkansas between now and then! May God Grant Fr. Paul and his family many years in the service of our Parish as our new pastor!

