# St. Nicholas Orthodox Church Announcements 7/25/21

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## Last Call For Fr. Paul Fuller Moving Fund Donations

Fr. Paul Fuller and his family are moving this week! If you haven't contributed yet to the Fr. Paul Fuller moving fund, please consider making a donation to help with covering the costs associated with moving the Fuller family to Northwest Arkansas. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please scan the QR code to the left. You can also mail a check to: **St. Nicholas Church, P.O. Box 6522, Springdale, AR 72766.** Thanks in advance for your generosity and in helping to ensure that Fr. Paul's move and transition goes smoothly!

## **Church Contact Cards**

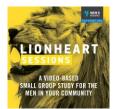
In preparation for our new priest, Fr. Paul Fuller, we are updating our church directory. Our church directory will be a critical resource for Fr. Paul so that he knows how he can reach out to everyone in the parish. Please take the time to fill out a contact card, even if you think we may already have your information on file. Contact information changes frequently and we want to take this opportunity to make sure it is all accurate. **Everyone that fills out a church contact card will be entered into a drawing for a FREE ICON** from our church bookstore! We will have a drawing on 8/1 and the winner will win an icon of their choice.

## Fr. John Retirement Banquet Reminder

**SAVE THE DATE!** Preparations are being made for a retirement/anniversary banquet for Fr. John and Kh. Marilyn and it will take place from **6:00 pm to 10:00 pm on Sunday September 5, 2021**. Michael and Elizabeth Baclig are in charge of planning this event and more details will be coming soon. His Grace Bishop NICHOLAS will be visiting our parish over that weekend (Labor Day weekend) and he plans to attend the banquet as well. We will start the RSVP process next Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

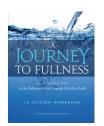
### Antiochian Men

Our next Men's Breakfast fellowship will be this **Saturday 7/31 starting at 9:00 am.** We will be meeting at St. Nicholas Church and it will be a potluck breakfast. We will continue to go through the "Lionheart Sessions" together as a men's group. These sessions are a video-based small group study for Orthodox Christian men. Our next AMEN Monthly Virtual Bible Study will be on **Thursday 8/19 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. Text Michael Baclig at (479) 372-7097 to be added to these groups!



#### **Agape Feast Church Picnic**

With the blessing of Fr. John and the approval of our Parish Council, we are planning to have an Agape Feast in the form of a Church Picnic on Sunday 8/15 hosted by The Antiochian Men. This means that the men will be responsible for bringing the food (lets not make this a burden on our wives!) for this event. An online signup sheet is forthcoming, the men should look for this in an e-mail and in the AMEN group in the GroupMe app in the next few days.



## **Community Groups**

The next <u>South Group</u> meeting will take place on Monday July 26<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00 pm. It will continue to take place at the Strickland family's home. The address is: 122 Northaven Street, Farmington, AR 72730. The next <u>North Group</u> meeting will take place on Monday August 16<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00 pm. We will once again meet at the Baclig family's home. The address is: 13815 Eastgate Drive, Rogers, AR 72756. 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.

## **Bookstore Update**

The bookstore has added 6 new items in the children/teen section. For our younger readers, we have *Anthony the Great*, "H" is for *Holy*, and *The Littlest Altar Boy*. For preteen and teen readers, we have *The nightmare Tree*, *The Edge of Mysterion*, and *The Dome-Singer of Falenda*. The last 3 books mentioned are in the same fantasy literature genre as the Narnia tales. Come and check them out!

## **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.

#### **2021 DOMSE In-Person Fall Retreat**

At long last, we are planning to have our next DOMSE Spiritual Retreat IN-PERSON at St. Ignatius Church in Franklin, TN! It will take place from 9/17-9/19. You won't want to miss this opportunity for fellowship, edification, and education. No Zoom meetings, no recorded sessions, just a good old fashioned face-to-face Orthodox In-Person Spiritual Retreat and everyone in our diocese is invited to attend! See below for the "Save the Date" flyer for the Fall Retreat!

