



August 27, 2021

Dear Parishioners of St. Nicholas Church,

At the direction of His Grace, Bishop Nicholas, and out of an abundance of caution, we will be cancelling all services and activities at St. Nicholas Church this weekend and early next week due to concerns regarding COVID-19 that have arisen in our parish. Yesterday, our parish council was made aware of the fact that one of our church members recently tested positive for COVID-19 and members of that person's family were at church last weekend. To our knowledge, none of those family members have shown symptoms and have not tested positive for COVID-19 to date. That said, we are still cancelling all services this weekend and rescheduling the church activities scheduled for Saturday 8/28, including the Men's Breakfast (re-scheduled for 9/11) and the Country Swing Partner Dancing event (re-scheduled for 9/4).

Our biggest concern is the health and safety of everyone in our parish, which is why this decision was made in consultation with Fr. Paul Fuller and Bishop Nicholas. We are all looking forward to the Retirement/Anniversary Banquet for Fr. John and Kh. Marilyn on 9/5 and this was taken into consideration as well. We don't want to be in a position where we would have to cancel the banquet and it is much less likely that we would need to by cancelling our services and activities this weekend. As of right now, we will resume services beginning with Great Vespers on Saturday 9/4 starting at 6:00 pm. Feel free to reach out to Fr. Paul Fuller with any questions.

When we do resume services and activities at St. Nicholas, with the recent rise in cases across the US and particularly in Arkansas, we do recommend that masks be worn while indoors. As always, if anyone is experiencing symptoms, make sure you contact your physician. Thanks in advance for everyone's understanding in this matter.

In Christ,

The St. Nicholas Church Parish Council

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