### St. Nicholas Orthodox Church Announcements 8/8/21

Please send any NEW announcements to Bulletin@StNicholasAR.org

#### Fr. John Retirement Banquet RSVP

We are having 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. Everyone in our parish is invited to attend this event! His Grace Bishop NICHOLAS will be visiting our parish over that weekend (Labor Day weekend) and he plans to attend the banquet as well. Please fill out the RSVP online for this event! RSVPs are required to attend! Simply go to: https://tiny.cc/FrJohnBanquet or scan to QR code to the left to reserve a seat for everyone in your family! There will be no cost required to attend the banquet, however, any donations are welcomed and appreciated to cover the costs associated with the Banquet. Any funds received above and beyond the total cost of the banquet will be presented to Fr. John and Kh. Marilyn in the form of a check as a gift from our parish. Scan the OR code to the right to donate!

#### **All-Parish Meeting**

Our St. Nicholas Church Parish Council has scheduled an All-Parish Meeting. The focus of the meeting will be to review and vote on a revised church budget for the remainder of this year. The needs of our parish have evolved greatly since the beginning of the year due to our rapid growth and due to the transition of having a new priest assigned as our pastor effective today. The All-Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, August 22, 2021, and it will begin immediately following The Divine Liturgy that day. We hope that you will be able to join us!

#### Antiochian Men

Our next Men's Breakfast fellowship will be Saturday 8/14 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**

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 (men - let's not make this a burden on our wives!) for this event. An online signup sheet has been set up! Use the QR code to the left to sign up to bring an entrée, side dish, dessert, or beverage.

#### **Community Groups**

The next North Group 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. The next South Group meeting will take place on Thursday August 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. 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.

#### **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. Paul 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!













# Fall Retreat

Hosted by St. Ignatius Orthodox Church Franklin, TN SEPTEMBER 17 – 19, 2021

# **IN-PERSON RETREAT**

## "I will restore health to you and heal you of your wounds," says the Lord." (Jeremiah 30:17)

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