

# St. Nicholas Orthodox Church Announcements 8/22/21

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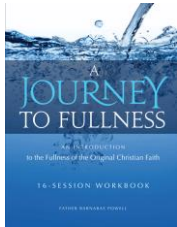
## Thank You from the Fullers

A message from the Fullers: "We greatly appreciate the hospitality as we've begun our new pastorate with this beautiful parish community. Many thanks to all who have financially contributed towards our Moving Fund, as well as those who have brought food and helped us unload our belongings. We look forward to getting to know you and your families - may God bless and keep you!"

## All-Parish Meeting Today

We are having an All-Parish Meeting today immediately following The Divine Liturgy. Please stay for the meeting if you can, it should only take about 20 minutes. 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 Fr. Paul Fuller assigned as our new priest effective at the beginning of this month.

## Community Groups



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**. The next **North Group** meeting will take place on **Monday September 20<sup>th</sup>, starting at 6:00 pm**. Tom and Kate Salem will be hosting this meeting at their home. The address is: **9 Windemere Street, Bentonville, AR 72712**. 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.

## Country Swing Partner Dancing Event Next Saturday

**We have an exciting opportunity coming up on August 28th at 4:00 pm at St. Nicholas Church!** We would love to invite you to learn to two-step, spin, and dip your way to a closer relationship with your partner! Some say it is the ultimate form of marriage counseling. The instructors, Derek and Gina Waters, have been attending St. Nicholas for about 3-4 months now and want to give back to the community that has welcomed them so graciously. They have been dancing together for over 5 years and have won many competitions. Derek says, "We focus on and trust each other as we dance. Both the lead and follow roles have their challenges, but through open communication and teamwork you can learn to help your partner excel. Men, get ready to be a solid leader that can use a soft touch to relay your message. Woman be ready to show the world your grace and beauty through the love and trust of your partner." Their goal is to get everyone on the dance floor for Father John's anniversary and retirement celebration. Plan on having a lot of fun in a whole new way and getting a little work out in! Don't forget shoes that have less traction if you have them (leather soles preferable), if not socks or any old shoes will do. This is social dancing so the rules will not be rigid, they are more of a guideline. Derek and Gina will help cultivate your special talents so that you and your partner have a unique style all your own!

## Antiochian Men

Our next Men's Breakfast fellowship will be **Saturday 8/28 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, and this will be the fourth and final session. These sessions are a video-based small group study for Orthodox Christian men. Additionally, our next AMEN Monthly Virtual Bible Study will be this coming **Thursday 9/16 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.



## Patristic Book Study for Young Adults

Fr. Paul is offering a Patristic Book Study this Fall for any young adults who are interested! These book studies will take place on Monday evenings – October 4, 11, & 18. They will start at 7:00 pm via ZOOM and will focus on the book "On the Human Condition" by St. Basil the Great. To sign up, send an email to Fr. Paul. Order your copy of the book through our Church Bookstore today! Speak with our Bookstore Director Gretchen Baclig (you can also call or text her at 479-372-7097) and she will add you to the list for her next order. Remember that you don't pay any shipping costs if you purchase through the bookstore and St. Nicholas Church makes money on each and every item sold through our bookstore!

## 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. Paul and to partake of the blessed bread, which is also distributed at the dismissal. Please speak with Fr. Paul for inquiries on how to become a member of St. Nicholas Orthodox Church.

## Pictures & Videos Needed of Fr. John and Kh. Marilyn

Do you have any pictures or videos of Fr. John and Kh. Marilyn over the last 20 years at St. Nicholas Church? If so, please send them to us! We are working on creating a short video to honor them and it will be played at the upcoming Retirement/Anniversary Banquet. Please send any digital pictures or videos that you have to [saintnicholasar@gmail.com](mailto:saintnicholasar@gmail.com). We will include some of these in the video, but we need your help to do this by sending us what you have. You can also give any physical photos or flash drives with large video files to Michael Baclig (who is creating the video). Any physical photos and/or flash drives with videos will be returned to you. If you have any questions or need assistance with this request, please call or text Michael at (479) 372-7097.

## Fr. John Retirement Banquet Reminder

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 is planning to visit 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 at the bottom left of the flyer below 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 QR code at the bottom right of the flyer below to donate via PayPal, or you can give a check to PC Treasurer Tom Salem with "Fr. John Banquet" written in the memo line.

# RETIREMENT BANQUET

FOR FR. JOHN ATCHISON

20 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF FR. JOHN AND KH. MARILYN SERVING THE PARISH OF ST. NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CHURCH  
50 YEAR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY FOR FR. JOHN AND KH. MARILYN

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2021 · 6:00-10:00PM  
HOME2 SUITES BY HILTON  
1519 S 48TH ST, SPRINGDALE, AR 72762



RSVP  
TODAY!

RSVP IS REQUIRED  
TO ATTEND. YOU CAN  
RSVP VIA THE QR CODE:



NO COST REQUIRED TO ATTEND, HOWEVER, DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED TO HELP COVER THE COST OF THE BANQUET.

ANY DONATIONS RECEIVED ABOVE AND BEYOND THE COST OF THE BANQUET WILL BE GIVEN TO FR. JOHN AND KH. MARILYN IN THE FORM OF A CHECK AS A GIFT FROM THE PARISH.

DONATE TODAY!

DONATIONS CAN BE SENT VIA  
PAYPAL USING THIS QR CODE:





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



# Fall Retreat

Hosted by St. Ignatius Orthodox Church  
Franklin, TN

OCTOBER 15 - 17, 2021

**REGISTER & PAY NOW  
TO SAVE!**

**PRICES INCREASE ON OCT. 4, 2021**

**Visit [DOMSE.ORG](http://DOMSE.ORG) for  
details and links to  
registration / hotel.**

**~IN-PERSON RETREAT~**

Due to the increasing numbers of COVID-19 cases and the concern for the safety of our parishioners, the Diocese Ministry Council (DMC) of DOMSE have decided to reschedule the Fall Retreat from September 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>.

In making this decision, we considered the trend of the infection rate of the Delta strain of COVID-19 in the UK. It increased significantly for one month before it rapidly declined. Therefore, by rescheduling the Fall Retreat to the October date, we are hoping that we will see a similar pattern here in the US.

**If you have already registered/paid for the September dates of the Fall Retreat –**

Your registration/payment will be applied to the October date of the Fall Retreat.

If you are not able to attend the Fall Retreat in October, you may cancel your registration and/or request a refund of your registration payment. To cancel or request a refund, please send an email to [dmcdomse@gmail.com](mailto:dmcdomse@gmail.com).

**If you have not registered/paid for the Fall Retreat –**

You can register here: <http://tiny.cc/Fall2021Registration>

The early registration and price has been extended until October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Pricing will increase on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

**If you HAVE made a room reservation at Hampton Inn & Suites Franklin Berry Farms –**

If you have already reserved a hotel room at Hampton Inn & Suites Franklin Berry Farms for the September dates, you **MUST** call the hotel to move your room reservation. They will NOT move it automatically. They will be able to assist you with moving the reservation at the same rate, pending availability.

**If you HAVE NOT made a room reservation -**

Here is a list of recommended hotels you can contact to reserve your room. Please let the hotel know you are calling for the “St. Ignatius Fall Retreat” so that you are getting the discounted rate.

<b>Hotel</b>	<b>Distance from St. Ignatius Church</b>	<b>HOTEL RESERVATION LINK</b>	<b>Bed Size</b>	<b>Rate per night</b>
<b>Hampton Inn Berry Farms</b> 7101 Berry Farms Crossing Franklin, TN 37064 (615) 599-3700	4.1 Miles	TBD	Queen	\$109.00
<b>Holiday Inn Berry Farms</b> 7100 Berry Farms Crossing Franklin, TN 3706 (615) 499-5292	4.1 Miles	TBD	Doubles	\$109.00
<b>Candlewood Suites</b> 1305 Murfreesboro Rd Franklin, TN 37064 615-265-0550	7.6 Miles	TBD	Doubles	\$109.00

We are working on adding additional hotels to this list, so stay tuned.

We will update the list and provide direct links for reservations.

If you are having difficulty securing a hotel room, please email [dmcdomse@gmail.com](mailto:dmcdomse@gmail.com) and we can provide you with additional hotels to contact.