

# **St. Nicholas Orthodox Church Announcements 9/4/21**

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## **Fr. John Retirement/Anniversary Banquet Tonight!**

Don't forget to join us tonight for the Retirement/Anniversary Banquet for Fr. John and Kh. Marilyn! The banquet will go from **6:00 pm to 10:00 pm**. The location of the banquet is the **Home2 Suites Hotel in Springdale**. This is a new hotel located just down the street from the church. The address is: **1519 S 48th Street, Springdale, AR 72762**. We look forward to seeing you there!

## **COVID-19 Updates**

As you all know, cases of COVID-19 have been on the rise in our area due to the different variants and strains that have arisen. As we prepare to re-open St. Nicholas Church for services and activities tomorrow, we would like to remind everyone of Quarantine and Isolation guidelines according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Per the CDC, please follow the below guidelines when deciding to attend any services or activities at St. Nicholas Church.

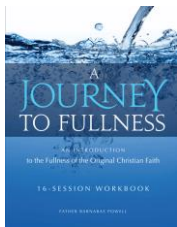
- Quarantine if you have been in close contact (within 6 feet of someone for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period) with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, unless you have been fully vaccinated.
- Please note that this may include people in your household, including children.
- People who are fully vaccinated do NOT need to quarantine after contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 unless they have symptoms.
- Fully vaccinated people should get tested 3-5 days after their exposure, even if they don't have symptoms and wear a mask indoors in public for 14 days following exposure or until their test result is negative

With the recent rise in cases across the US and particularly in Arkansas, we do recommend that masks be worn while indoors. This is our recommendation, not a requirement. As always, if anyone is experiencing symptoms, make sure you contact your physician.

## **New Church Phone Line**

We have installed a new phone line at St. Nicholas Church and the phone number for the church has now changed! The new church phone number is (479) 379-6220. A voice mail has been set up and Fr. Paul will be checking the messages on a regular basis. Please note that there is a 30 second time limit to voice mail messages left on this line.

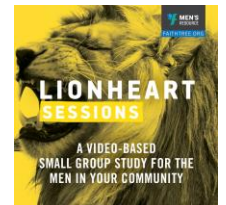
## **Community Groups**



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**. The next **South Group** meeting will take place on **Thursday September 30<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 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.

## **Antiochian Men**

Our next Men's Breakfast fellowship will be **Saturday 9/11 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. Our church bookstore has received 10 copies of this book, be sure to pick one up while supplies last!

## **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.