

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church Announcements 9/26/21

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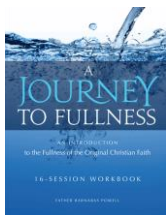
Orthodox Christians For Life (A Pro-Life Ministry)

A new ministry has been established at St. Nicholas Church! It is called "Orthodox Christians For Life: A Life Affirming Ministry," or "OC For Life" for short, under the leadership of Nancy Brown. OC For Life is a non-profit organization dedicated to equipping the Orthodox Christian community to strengthen its commitment to the sacredness of human life from conception to death, illuminating the Church's teaching on life issues through education and engagement. We are starting a donation campaign and will have a container in the Parish Hall to gather donations for Compassion House, a home for unwed pregnant teens. We are focused on 5 items which Compassion House has said they need. We will be doing the collection between now and the beginning of the Nativity fast. Nancy has been in contact with Compassion House to communicate our intention and will hope to meet with them in person in the near future. The items selected are: gas cards, paper towels, toilet paper, canned good (corn, green beans, refried beans, tomato sauce, spaghetti sauce, alfredo sauce, marinades), and diapers sized 1-5. We are also accepting monetary donations for this collection. You donate cash, write a check with "OC For Life" in the memo line, or use the QR code to the right to donate via PayPal. Thanks in advance for your support of this important ministry!

Donate to our OC For Life Ministry!



Community Groups



The next **South Group** meeting will take place this coming **Thursday September 30th, starting at 6:00 pm**. It will 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 20th, starting at 6:00 pm**. Tom & Kate Salem will be hosting this meeting at their home. The address is: **9 Windemere St, 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.

New Church Phone Line Reminder

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 on this line 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.

Antiochian Men

We have taken a few weeks off from our regular bi-weekly men's breakfast. Our next men's breakfast has been re-scheduled for **Saturday 10/2 starting at 9:00 am**. We will be meeting at St. Nicholas Church and it will be a potluck breakfast. We will be concluding the "Lionheart Sessions" during our next men's breakfast. These sessions are a video-based small group study for Orthodox Christian men. On 10/2, we will go through the fourth and final session together during our men's breakfast. Our next Monthly AMEN Virtual Bible Study will be on 10/21. Join our AMEN group in the GroupMe app for the zoom meeting link and to stay up to date with upcoming events for our men's group! Contact Michael Baclig at 479-372-7097 to join if you haven't already!



Antiochian Women

Our next Ladies' Fellowship meeting will be on Saturday 10/23 starting at 4:00 pm. It will take place at the church just prior to Great Vespers. The NAB has selected the next suggested book for the Antiochian Women to read together as an organization. It is *Mary as the Early Christians Knew Her: The Mother of God in Three Ancient Texts*, by Frederica Matthews Green. Our business meeting in August was cancelled due to scheduling issues. We will communicate when next meeting scheduled.

Patristic Book Study for Young Adults

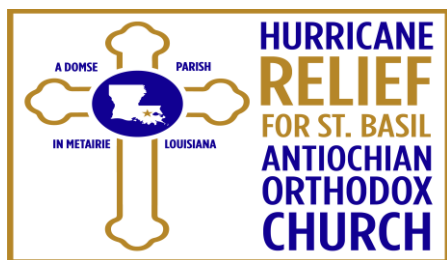
Fr. Paul is offering a Patristic Book Study this Fall for any young adults who are interested! These book studies will take place on Monday evenings – October 4, 11, & 18. They will start at 7:00 pm via ZOOM and will focus on the book "On the Human Condition" by St. Basil the Great. To sign up, send an email to Fr. Paul. Our church bookstore has received 10 copies of this book, be sure to pick one up while supplies last!

Bookstore Updates

We have placed a re-order for the book *On the Human Condition*. This is the book that Fr. Paul will be going through with the young adults starting on 10/4. You can reserve a copy of this book for yourself if you haven't already purchased one and would like to. We are also taking pre-orders on the book *Mary as the Early Christians Knew Her* which is the new Antiochian Women book selection. Stop by the bookstore and speak to Gretchen Baclig if you are interested in either of these books!

Hurricane Ida Relief

His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH is calling upon all parishes to take a special collection for St. Basil Orthodox Church in Metairie (New Orleans) which sustained some damage with Hurricane Ida recently. Some of its parishioners have even lost their homes. This is a church in our Diocese, and we ask for everyone to please give what you can. We will be doing a special collection at the conclusion of The Divine Liturgy today and will continue to collect funds over the next 30 days. You can also donate using the QR code to the right.

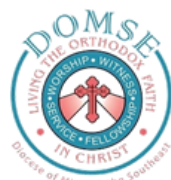


Community Garden

We will be having a Fall Garden Sale on Sunday November 7th following The Divine Liturgy. With winter coming, this sale will be a little bit different, since we are not going to be selling plant starts. Instead, we will have plant or garden related items for sale, as well as produce that has been preserved from our garden. If anyone would like to bring things like baked goods to sell as well, that would be welcome! If anyone has any questions please reach out to Ciera Nelson at (409) 256-5685.

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.



Fall Retreat

Hosted by St. Ignatius
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Franklin, TN

This is it!
There are 10 days
left to register
and pay
at the early bird
special pricing!

OCTOBER 15 - 17, 2021

REGISTER & PAY NOW TO SAVE!
PRICES INCREASE ON OCT. 4, 2021

REGISTER:

<http://tiny.cc/Fall2021Registration>

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domse.org/event/domse-fall-retreat-2021/



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FALL RETREAT 2021

NEW DATES: October 15 – 17, 2021