

# St. Nicholas Orthodox Church Announcements 10/10/21

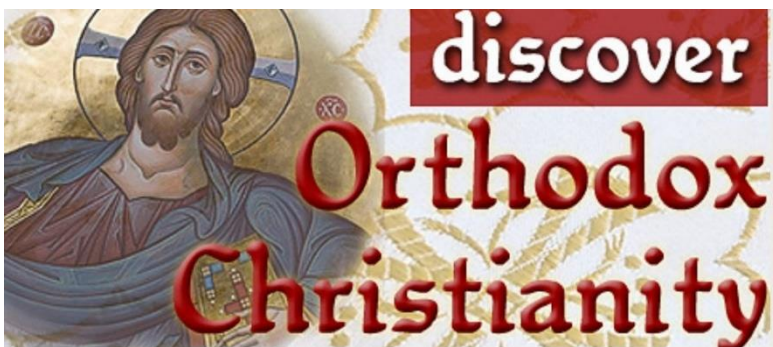
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## Service Changes & Church Calendar

Fr. Paul will be out-of-town attending our Diocesan Fall Retreat this upcoming week, so we will **NOT** have Vespers on Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> or Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. We **WILL** have Orthros and Divine Liturgy on Sunday October 17<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, we are encouraging all of our parish members to attend Vespers at St. John of Chicago Orthodox Church in Rogers on Saturday 10/30 to join them in celebration of their Feast Day. We will not have Vespers at St. Nicholas Church that evening. We have also included a calendar of services and events at St. Nicholas Church for the month of October in this bulletin and will continue to include these at the beginning of each month going forward.

## Catechism Classes

Fr. Paul will be offering an Education in the Faith series on Wednesday evenings (October 20, October 27, November 13, & November 20) after service until 8:00p. This series is open to any who would like to attend, but mandatory for our inquirers and catechumens. We will discuss the history of the Church, worship and sacraments, Scripture and Tradition, and practices of an active parishioner.



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**EDUCATION IN THE FAITH SERIES**

PRAYER SERVICE - 6:00P	CLASS - 6:30-8:00P
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS	OCTOBER 20 & 27 NOVEMBER 10 & 17

**ST. NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CHURCH**  
3171 S 48TH ST SPRINGDALE, ARKANSAS  
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## Antiochian Men

The men of St. Nicholas Church will be assisting Philip and Ciera Nelson with moving after the Divine Liturgy today, please plan to help out if you can! We will be meeting at approximately 1:00 pm at **1105 Mallard Place B, Bentonville, AR 72712**. We are taking a couple of weeks off from our men's Breakfast due to the DOMSE Fall Retreat happening next weekend. 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

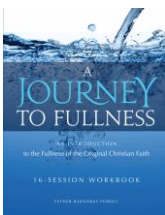
The date for the next Ladies' Fellowship meeting is currently scheduled for 10/30. The start time was originally planned for 4:00 pm but this is likely to change, look for an update on this soon! Kate Salem and Ulli Nelson will be hosting. This will be the Antiochian Women's official and very warm welcome of Kh. Ramia. Our hosts will come up with some informal questions and conversation starters for the event. 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. Copies of this book in our bookstore are very limited due to supply constraints from the supplier, but we will be sure to order more as they become available. Save the date for an online seminar with the author scheduled for 10/17. A link for registration is forthcoming.

## Patristic Book Study for Young Adults

Fr. Paul is offering a Patristic Book Study this Fall for any young adults who are interested! The first one took place last Monday 10/4 and was very successful! The next two book studies will take place on 10/11 and 10/18. 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, simply send an email to Fr. Paul.

## Community Groups

**DATE CHANGE!** The next **North Group** meeting will take place this coming **Tuesday October 12<sup>th</sup>, starting at 6:00 pm**. We moved this to avoid a conflict with Fr. Paul's book study. Tom & Kate Salem will be hosting this meeting at their home. The address is: **9 Windemere St, Bentonville AR 72712**. The next **South Group** meeting will take place on **Tuesday October 26<sup>th</sup>, 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 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.



## 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 have started a donation campaign and will have a container in the Parish Hall to gather donations for Compassion House. Compassion House has been operating in Northwest Arkansas for 30 years, serving pregnant teens, giving these young women, through their residency, many opportunities to change their crisis pregnancy into a blessing that affirms their life and gives them what is needed to move forward. Updates on St. Nicholas Church’s ongoing ministry will be forthcoming as well as letting interested parishioners know of more hands-on volunteer opportunities.

Donate to our  
OC For Life  
Ministry!



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!

## October is Youth Month and Seminary Month



Each month, as part of “Youth Month and Seminary Month” in our Archdiocese, we ask for donations in support of our seminaries and theological institutions. We are grateful for the generosity shown by our faithful over so many years, and we ask you to give to this special collection as you can. We will be doing a special collection at the end of the Divine Liturgy or you can donate via the QR code to the left. Please also read the letter from His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH which is included in this bulletin.

## Community Garden

We will be having a Fall Garden Sale on Sunday November 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

## New DOMSE Newsletter

At the direction of His Grace Bishop NICHOLAS, the inaugural edition of the Monthly DOMSE Newsletter “The Light” has launched! Visit <https://domse.org/domse-newsletter/> to view the newsletter or scan the QR code to the right. Stay tuned for more editions of this newsletter at the beginning of each month!



## 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.

## DOMSE Fall Retreat

It is not too late! But there are **LESS THAN THREE DAYS LEFT** to register and pay for your participation in the Fall Retreat! Registrations and payments must be completed by this Tuesday 10/12. We have 11 people from St. Nicholas Church who are already planning to attend, and one of the featured guest speakers will be our very own Dr. Jeff Jenkins! Events start this Friday 10/15 and go through Sunday 10/17. Don’t miss out on this opportunity for education, edification, spiritual growth, and fellowship with people from all over our diocese!

### **DOMSE Fall Retreat 2021**

Hosted by St. Ignatius Orthodox Church, Franklin, TN.



**REGISTER:** <http://tiny.cc/Fall2021Registration>

**SCHEDULE:** <https://tiny.cc/Fall2021ScheduleDetailed>

