St. Nicholas Orthodox Church Announcements 10/24/21

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Teen SOYO

Next Sunday 10/31, Fr. Paul and Bryce Kirk would like to invite our teens and their families to lunch after Divine Liturgy. The location is TBD. We hope that you can join us!

Vespers on 10/30 at St. John of Chicago Orthodox Church

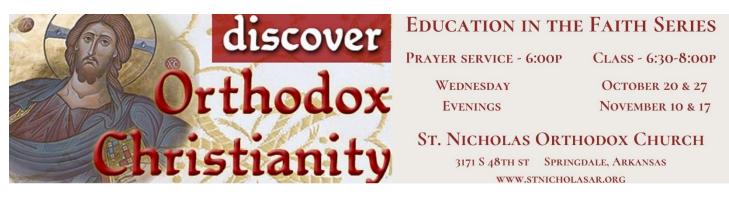
Fr. Paul is encouraging everyone in our parish to attend Great Vespers at St. John of Chicago Orthodox Church in Rogers next Saturday 10/30 to join them in celebration of their Feast Day. We will not have Vespers at St. Nicholas Church that evening. This is a wonderful opportunity to attend a Pan-Orthodox service and to show unity as Orthodox Christians with our neighboring OCA parish in Rogers. We hope to see to see you there!

Memory Eternal

Sympathy is extended the families of +Matushka Anna Jacobs (8/2/2021) and +Helen Georgantonis Cole (10/10/2021). Memorial donations graciously accepted for our parish community. May their memory be eternal and may God grant peace and comfort to their families.

Catechism Classes

Fr. Paul is offering an Education in the Faith series on select Wednesday evenings. The first one took place last Wednesday 10/20 and we had a big turn out! The next ones will be on 10/27, 11/10, and 11/17 starting at 6:30 pm and ending around 8:00 pm. 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. We hope you will join us!



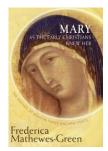


Antiochian Men

Our next men's breakfast will be next Saturday 10/30 starting at 9:00 am. As a reminder, this is a potluck breakfast and any men in our parish are welcome to attend, including catechumens and inquirers to Orthodoxy. We will have a brief meeting during the breakfast to plan for various church service projects, events, and community outreach opportunities for our men's group. This will be our first official AMEN Organizational meeting with Fr. Paul and we hope to see as many of our men as possible there! Also, be sure to check out the new "Coming Out of Chaos" podcast hosted by our very own Michael Baclig and Bryce Kirk and recorded right here at St. Nicholas Church! This is the first podcast launched under the banner of DOMSE and The Antiochian Men, and 6 episodes are already available to listen to! You can find it at antiochianmen.org/podcast as well as on Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, Spotify, and Stitcher!

Antiochian Women

The next Ladies' Fellowship meeting is still scheduled for 10/30 but the start time has moved to 12:00 pm. The start time was moved earlier in the day so that everyone has enough time to make it to Great Vespers at St. John of Chicago Church later that evening. Kate Salem and Ulli Nelson will be hosting the event. This will be the Antiochian Women's official and very warm welcome of Kh. Ramia. Our hostesses 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 are available in our church bookstore, get your copy while supplies last!



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.

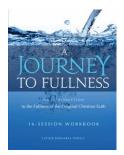
Coffee Hour



We would like to continue to encourage everyone to bring simple snacks to share each Sunday for coffee hour. Our church also has a collection basket for those who would like to donate money towards our coffee hour fund (see picture to the right). We have also added a QR code to the top of this basket for those who would like to donate via PayPal (see QR code to the left). This fund is used to purchase coffee, some prepackaged snacks, and other kitchen supplies such as paper plates and utensils. This fund is currenting running at a deficit so any donations would be appreciated!



Community Groups



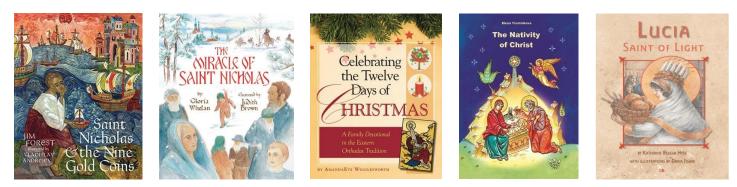
The next <u>South Group</u> meeting will take place this **Tuesday**, October 26th, starting at 6:00 pm. It will take place at the Strickland family's home. The address is: 122 Northaven Street, Farmington, AR 72730.

The next <u>North Group</u> meeting will be on **Monday**, November 8th, starting at 6:00 pm. It will take place at the Baclig family's home. The address is: 13815 Eastgate Drive, Rogers, AR 72756.

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.

Bookstore Update

The Incense supply in the bookstore has been restocked with the addition of 2 new fragrances – Lily and Spikenard. In the Gospels it is recorded that Jesus was anointed with oil of Spikenard. We now have that fragrance as an incense available in our bookstore! Also now available are several beautiful Christmas books for children. Stop by today and check them out!



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.