

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church Announcements 10/17/21

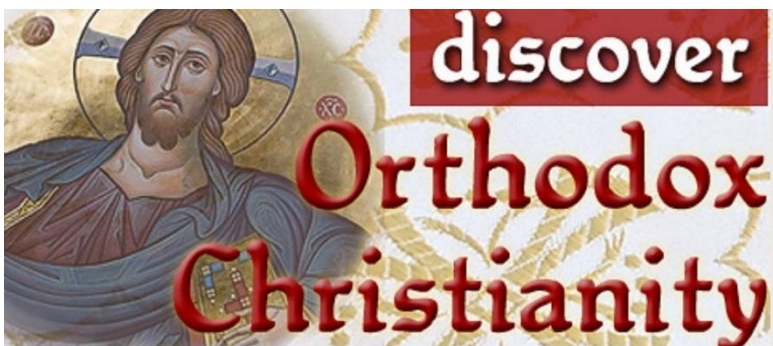
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Vespers on 10/30 at St. John of Chicago Orthodox Church

Fr. Paul is encouraging everyone in our parish to attend Great Vespers at St. John of Chicago Orthodox Church in Rogers on 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 and we hope to see you there!

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 8:00 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.



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EDUCATION IN THE FAITH SERIES

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

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Antiochian Men

Our next AMEN Virtual Bible study will be this **Thursday 10/21 starting at 6:00 pm**. The Zoom link is available in our AMEN group in the GroupMe App in the calendar section. If you haven't joined our AMEN group in GroupMe yet and would like to, please text or call Michael Baclig at (479) 372-7097. Joining our men's group in GroupMe is a great way to stay connected to the other men in our church and to keep up to date on what events are planned and coming up!

Our Spiritual Advisor to The Antiochian Men, Fr. Hans Jacobse, has said: "if you want to find God, serve your neighbor!" Our next big opportunity to serve one of our neighbors in our parish as a group is on 10/23 at Philip and Ciera Nelson's new home! They are very excited to now be in their new home but there is now much work for them to do on the property. They have asked the men from our AMEN Chapter to help with building a fence from **8 am to 4 pm next Saturday 8/23**. Philip plans to have all of the material staged and ready to go to build the fence and he is also hoping to have some beer and do some grilling as well. Please plan to join us to help out and join in the fellowship if you can!

Our next men's breakfast will be on 10/30 starting at 9:00 am. 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!

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. It is also possible that the date may change so stay tuned for an update on this soon! 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 in our bookstore are very limited due to supply constraints from the supplier, but we have a large order coming in soon direct from the publisher! Also, the Antiochian Women of the East are hosting book club with Frederica Mathews-Green (the book's author) at 5:30 pm Central time. The event is free, but you must register to get the zoom link. You can use the QR code to the right to register!

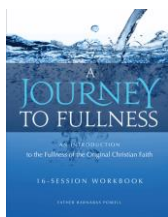


Bookstore Update

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!

Patristic Book Study for Young Adults

Fr. Paul is offering a Patristic Book Study this month for any young adults who are interested! The first one took place on 10/4 and the second one happened on 10/11. Both were well attended and very successful! **The third and final book study takes place tomorrow, Monday 10/18. It will start at 7:00 pm via ZOOM** and will focus on the book *On the Human Condition* by St. Basil the Great. Recordings of the first 2 sessions are also available. If you would like to watch the recordings of the previous sessions and/or participate in the 3rd session next week, simply send an email to Fr. Paul and make the request!



Community Groups

The next **South Group** meeting will be on **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 **North Group** meeting will be on **Tuesday, 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.

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 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. You can donate towards this cause by scanning the QR code to the left. You can also donate cash or a check with "Youth/Seminary Month" written in the memo line. Just get with our Parish Council Treasurer, Tom Salem, and give him your cash or check donation.

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.