

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church Announcements 10/31/21

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Church School Starts Today!

At long last, we are re-starting Church School starting this Sunday and hope that all of our families with children will be able to participate! This is our first Church School since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. We will be doing Church school every other week on Sundays starting this weekend, so please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity for the spiritual growth of your children!

Teen SOYO

Fr. Paul and Bryce Kirk would like to invite our teens and their families to lunch after the Divine Liturgy today. The location is TBD. We hope that you can join us!

Special Olympics Special Collection

His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH has asked that everyone from the parishes in our Archdiocese generously support the 40th Annual Special Olympics SOYO Sports Training Camp. This includes a week of sports training for over 320 athletes and coaches that teens from all over our Archdiocese participate in. Please read the letter sent from Metropolitan JOSEPH which is included on the back side of the church calendar for November in this bulletin to read all of the details regarding this special collection, which we will do at the end of the Divine Liturgy today. You can also donate using the QR code to the right. Thanks in advance for your support of this worthy program!



Orthodox Christians For Life (A Pro-Life Ministry)

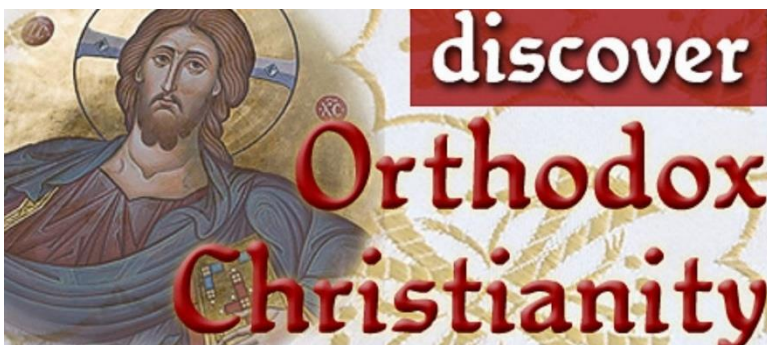
Our new life affirming ministry has a new page on our church website! Be sure to check it out at stnicholasar.org! Also, our OC For Life ministry team will be meeting on 11/20 starting at 4:00 pm. Please join us if you are interested in helping with this ministry!

Memory Eternal

Sympathy is extended to the families of +Victoria Salem (4/25/21; 6-month memorial on 11/21/21) +Matushka Anna Jacobs (8/2/21) and +Helen Georgantonis Cole (10/10/21). 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 Wednesday evenings. The first two were a huge success with about 30 people in attendance at each class! **The next ones will be on 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!



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

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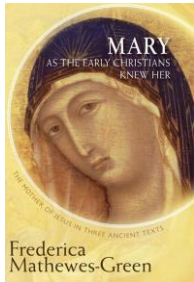
Antiochian Men

Our next men's breakfast will be on Saturday 11/20 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. This will be during the Nativity Fast so please only bring fast-friendly food. We will be combining this with the 3rd Annual AMEN Virtual Retreat. Any men who want to join in-person are welcome to attend, we will be logging into the Zoom meeting as a group at the church during the breakfast. 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!



Community Garden

We will be having a Fall Garden Sale next 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.



Antiochian Women

The Antiochian Women of the East are inviting all Antiochian Women to join their Fall Retreat and Meeting on 11/13 starting at 1:00 pm with Georgia Mamalakis as their guest speaker. Use the QR code to the left to register to attend via Zoom. You will receive an email confirmation with instructions on how to join. 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 Mathewes Green. Copies of this book are available in our church bookstore, get your copy while supplies last!



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 currently running at a deficit so any donations would be appreciated!**

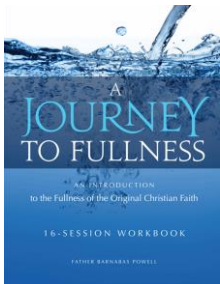


Community Groups

The next North Group meeting will be on Saturday, 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.

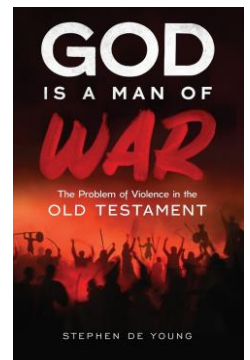
The next South Group meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 16th, starting at 6:00 pm. It will continue to take place at the Strickland family's home. The address is: 122 Northaven Street, Farmington, AR 72730.

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

NEW RELEASE! Our bookstore has just received copies of the new release from Fr. Stephen De Young "God is a Man of War: The Problem of Violence in the Old Testament." Fr. Stephen De Young is a priest in our Diocese and one of the co-hosts of the very popular podcast "The Lord of Spirits." Fr. Stephen is also the host of the Monthly Men's Virtual Bible Study in our Diocese! This book is available at the great low price of \$13.95, pick up your copy today! Also, as a reminder, 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.