

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church Announcements 11/7/21

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Garden Sale Today!

Support our St. Nicholas Church Community Garden by shopping at our garden sale today! The garden sale will begin immediately following Post-Communion prayers after Divine Liturgy today. Thanks to all who contributed to making this sale happen!

Memory Eternal

Sympathy is extended the families of +Victoria Salem (4/25/21, mother of Tom Salem 6-month memorial on 11/21/21), +Matushka Anna Jacobs (8/2/21), +Helen Georgantonis Cole (10/10/21), and +Charles Atchison (10/22/21, brother of Fr. John Atchison). Memorial donations graciously accepted for our parish; you can donate via PayPal using the QR code to the right. May their memory be eternal and may God grant peace and comfort to their families.



Church School Update

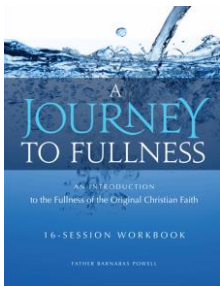
Thank you to our families who joined us for Church School last Sunday; our classes will meet next on Sunday 11/14. We have a need for a Sunday School Teacher and also some assistants to the teachers. If you are interested volunteering to help, please contact Fr. Paul or Elizabeth Baclig. Elizabeth is the new Christian Education Director for our church effective this week.

Community Groups

The next **North Group** meeting will be tomorrow, **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**.

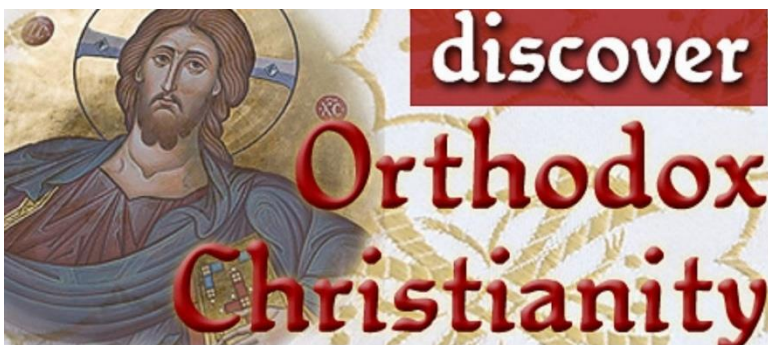
The next **South Group** meeting will take place on **Tuesday, November 16th, starting at 6:00 pm**. It will continue to take place at the Strickland family's home. The address is: **122 Northaven Street, Farmington, AR 72730**.

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.



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

3171 S 48TH ST SPRINGDALE, ARKANSAS

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Antiochian Men

Our next men's breakfast will be on 11/20 starting at 9:00 am at St. Nicholas Church. This is a potluck breakfast but please remember to bring fast-friendly foods since we will be in the Nativity Fast. We will be incorporating the 3rd Annual AMEN Virtual Retreat with our breakfast together. Any men who want to join us for the retreat at the church are welcome! We will be logging into the Zoom meeting together at the church for both events. Please plan to join us if you can! 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 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 Matthews Green. Copies of this book are available in our church bookstore, get your copy while supplies last!



The Ladies of St. Nicholas have kicked off their annual Holiday Baklava Sale! This fundraiser allows our Antiochian Women chapter to make annual contributions to our Diocese for charitable projects, as well as to the North American Board for the required Annual Project. Funds raised also provide for local charitable giving along with special recognition for new mothers, graduates, and other remembrances. Pre-orders will be taken through November 30. Delivery is Sat-Sun, Dec 18-19. Please see flyers for pricing and ordering information. Parish support is appreciated, and we encourage everyone to share the flyer with family, friends, and colleagues. Ladies interested in participating, please contact Kate or Paula. For those who don't wish to bake or package, we once again welcome donations of ingredients, or a cash donation towards purchase of supplies. See the flyer included in this bulletin for more details!

Psalter Reading Group – Advent 2021

OPEN to ALL! If you're looking for a daily spiritual discipline this upcoming Advent season, here it is! Each day during Advent (Nativity Fast), you will be assigned a small section of reading from the Book of Psalms. In the course of the Advent season (November 15-December 24) you will end up reading the entire Book of Psalms TWICE! It only takes about 10-15 minutes each day to read on your own. To sign up and participate, please email Nancy Brown (nancyjbrown3@hotmail.com). We need at least 20 participants for the Psalter Reading Group to function properly.



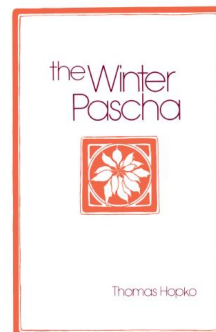
Diocesan (DOMSE) Updates

The new monthly DOMSE newsletter for the month of November is now available! You can view the newsletter by scanning the QR code to the left, or by going to <https://domse.org/domse-newsletter/> Also, the 2021-2022 Scholarship Application deadline is approaching! The DOMSE Scholarship Committee will review all applications received during the application period of 10/15/21 – 11/18/21. Applications that are sent by the US Postal Service must be postmarked by 11/18/21. To learn more, visit <https://domse.org/domse-scholarships/>

Bookstore Update

The Nativity Fast is rapidly approaching! In anticipation of this, our Church Bookstore is featuring *The Winter Pascha* (a book of readings for the Christmas/Epiphany Season) by Fr. Thomas Hopko. In addition, four books on fasting and fasting recipes are available including *When You Fast, Fasting as a Family, Food, Faith and Fasting, and Fasting Food*.

Looking ahead to Christmas shopping? The bookstore has added two new stone prayer bracelets to its inventory! In addition to Amethyst, Black Onyx, Carnelian, Garnet, Green Jade, Rose Quartz, and Turquoise, we have added Red Tiger Eye and Blue Mountain Jade! Also don't forget to check out our selection of sterling Orthodox crosses!



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.

Schedule of Liturgical Services & Activities This Week

Monday, November 8	6:00p North Community Group (Baclig Home - 13815 Eastgate Dr. in Rogers)
Wednesday, November 10	6:00p Great Vespers followed by Education in the Faith series
Saturday, November 13	6:00p Great Vespers
Sunday, November 14	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship Hour & Church School