

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church Announcements 11/14/21

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Church School Update

Our Church School classes resume today, and they will be held in the Blue House immediately following post-communion prayers. **We have a need for a Sunday School Teacher and 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.

Garden Sale Recap

Many thanks to ALL who contributed to this fundraising event for our community garden last Sunday. The sale was a huge success and we greatly appreciate everyone's support!

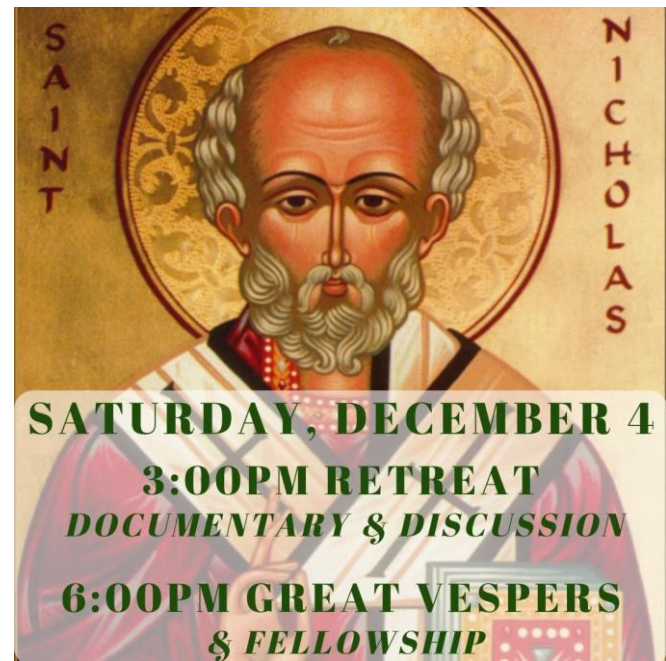
Nativity Paraklesis

As we enter the Nativity Fast (Advent season), we will offer a special prayer service in preparation for the Nativity of our Lord (Christmas). Join us for this service on the following Wednesday evenings: **November 17th; December 1st, 8th, 15th, & 22nd.**



St. Nicholas Retreat

Join us on Saturday, **December 4th at 3:00 pm** as we watch a documentary and offer a discussion on the Life of St. Nicholas. We will have **Great Vespers at 6:00 pm** followed by Fellowship (joined by parishioners of our sister church of St. John of Chicago Orthodox Church in Rogers).



Celebration of our Patronal Feast (December 4th & 5th)

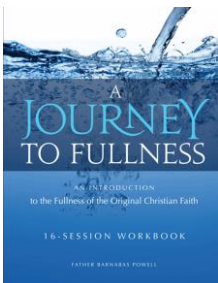
With the blessing of Bishop Nicholas, we will "transfer" the feast of St. Nicholas (our patronal feast) to the weekend of **December 4th & 5th**, in the hope that more of our parishioners can join us to celebrate. We will need food and drinks for Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon (coffee hour); please contact Fr. Paul if you are willing and able to help out!

Community Groups

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

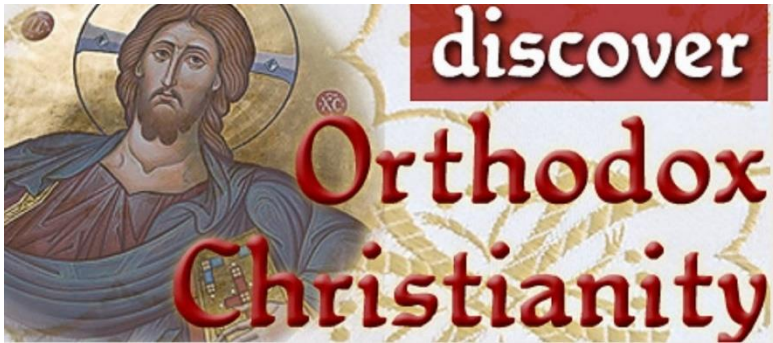
The next **North Group** meeting will be on **Monday December 6th, starting at 6:00 pm**. It will take place at the Salem family's home. The address is: **9 Windemere Street, Bentonville, AR 72712.**

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 Church Bookstore for \$10 each.



Catechism Classes

Fr. Paul is offering an "Education in the Faith" series on Wednesday evenings. The first three were a huge success with about 30 people in attendance at each class! **The fourth and final class in this series will be on 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. In this final class, Fr. Paul will be speaking about the practices of an active parishioner. We hope you will join us!



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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

ST. NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CHURCH
3171 S 48TH ST SPRINGDALE, ARKANSAS
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Antiochian Women

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.

Psalter Reading Group – Advent 2021 – Last Day to Sign Up!

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. During 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). Today is the last day to sign up!

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 only 4 days away!** 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/> or scan the QR code to the right.



OCLife Updates

Today is the **LAST DAY** to bring your donations of money, gas cards, diapers, canned goods, paper products for our donation drive for **COMPASSION HOUSE**, a residential home for teenagers with unexpected pregnancies. The donation bin is to the left of the table where we congregate for coffee hour. We will be turning over all the donations to **Jennifer Samuel, the CEO of Compassion House** at our next OC Life Meeting, which will be on **Saturday November 20th starting at 4:00 pm** (prior to Great Vespers). Jennifer will also be speaking to us about Compassion House during the meeting. Aside from this, we will have some wonderful ministry developments to discuss at the meeting. All are welcome to attend!

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.

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. You can also join the Zoom meeting remotely using the QR code to the right.



Trevor Nakamura and his parents are moving their furniture on **Saturday, November 20th starting at 2:00 pm**, and they would appreciate a few people from the parish to help with couches, dressers, and bookshelves. They will be renting a regular pickup truck since the distance is short and it will only take a few trips. They will be moving from 4141 N. Cadillac Dr. APT 3, Fayetteville to 4275 N Meadow View Dr. Fayetteville. They are planning to provide a pasta lunch which maintains the fast for anyone who can help. As a reminder, our Men's Retreat will end at approximately 12:30 pm that day, so there will be plenty of time to head over and help the Nakamura family afterwards.

3RD ANNUAL
AMEN
THE ANTIOCHIAN MEN
DIOCESE OF MIAMI & THE SOUTHEAST
VIRTUAL RETREAT

SATURDAY **11/20/21**

THE RELIGION OF THE APOSTLES

Event #1 @ 10 am EST
Books, Breakfast, & Brotherhood Part IV
Discussion led by
Alex Radulescu

Event #2 @ 12 pm EST
Guest Speaker:
Fr. Stephen De Young

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.

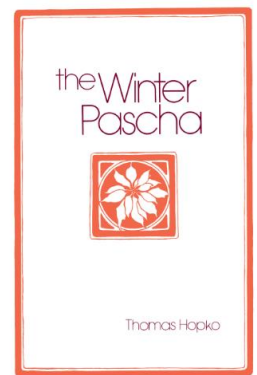


Bookstore Update

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*.

Also, our Church Bookstore is featuring a new line of 12 different Akathist books for only \$4.95 each! These make great stocking stuffers! An akathist is a hymn dedicated to a saint, holy event, or one of the persons of the Holy Trinity. The word akathist itself means "not sitting." The name derives from the fact that during the chanting of the hymn, or sometimes the whole service, the congregation is expected to remain standing in reverence, without sitting down, except for the aged or infirm. A complete list of the akathists available in our bookstore is included below:

1. To the Mother of God, Nurturer of Children
2. To Saints Peter & Fevronia: Protectors of Orthodox Marriage
3. To St. Mary of Egypt: Humble Victor Over Carnal Passions
4. To the Righteous Joachim & Anna: For Blessed Married Life
5. To Martyr Varus for Those Who Reposed Outside the Orthodox Faith
6. To Almighty God for Help in Times of Trouble
7. Repentance for One Who Has Aborted a Child
8. To the Lord for a Sick Child
9. To the Guardian Angel
10. To Jesus Christ for a Loved One Who Has Fallen Asleep
11. To Jesus: Light to Those in Darkness
12. To the Most Holy Theotokos, Daughter of Zion



Schedule of Liturgical Services & Activities

Tuesday, November 16	6:00p South Community Group <i>(Strickland Home - 122 Northaven St. in Farmington)</i>
Wednesday, November 17	6:00p Nativity Paraklesis followed by Education in the Faith series
Saturday, November 20	9:00a Men's Breakfast & Retreat 2:00p Help Nakamuras with Moving 4:00p OCLife Mtg 6:00p Great Vespers
Sunday, November 21 <i>(Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple)</i>	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship Hour