

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church Announcements 11/21/21

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No Services Wednesday 11/24 & Saturday 11/27

There will be NO SERVICES this week, until Sunday, November 28, as Fr. Paul will be out-of-town. We will have Orthros and Divine Liturgy next Sunday 11/28 followed by fellowship and Church School. May you have a blessed celebration of Thanksgiving!

Community Christmas Card

As a parish fundraiser, we are going to send out a community Christmas card to our mailing list with the inclusion of names of those who would like to contribute \$25 per entry (person or family). You can complete your donation by using the QR code to the right. Please contact Jason & Kristin Potoski to be included. Contact them via email or phone (kpink007@live.com or 214-843-2114). Many thanks!



Education in the Faith Series Recap

Many thanks to ALL who joined us for our educational series; we averaged over 30 people in attendance during our discussions on Wednesday evenings following service. If you would like to receive an electronic copy of any of the handouts, please email Fr. Paul. We plan to offer more sessions in the future and hope more of our parishioners will participate with us!

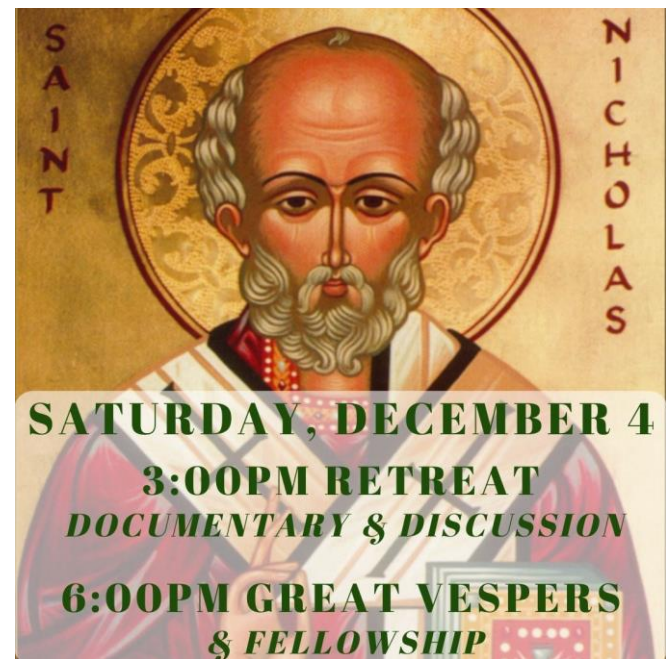
Nativity Paraklesis

As we enter into 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: **December 1, 8, 15, & 22.**



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!

Stewardship & PC Nomination Committee Meetings

We will meet on Wednesday December 1st at 6:00 PM to discuss our stewardship efforts for 2022 and future financial needs of the parish. Immediately following this meeting, our Parish Council Nomination Committee Meeting will take place for those who are on that committee. Our next Parish Council Meeting is being moved to 12/8 to accommodate for this.

OCF (Campus Ministry)

Our college students (and young adults) are invited to join us for a bowling outing on Thursday, December 2 at 7:00p at Ozark Bowling Lanes (2300 N College Ave.). RSVP with Bryce Kirk (801-793-3050).

Thank You from John Brown University Class:

The weekend of November 6-7, we were blessed to be joined by 30 students and 2 professors from JBU for our liturgical services; below is a thank you note we received and wanted to share with our parish:

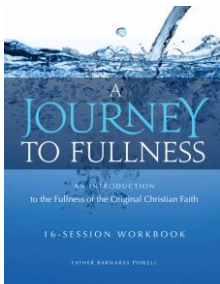
The visit was a wonderful experience for us all. Students commented on how friendly the church was and how welcome they felt. They also commented on how much they enjoyed meeting you – both in the services and especially your willingness to come to dinner with us. Thank you for the faithful work for the Gospel that you do there at Saint Nicholas and in NWA. And thank you for letting us join you. It was a deeply enriching experience for our students, and for me and Cary (the other professor) as well. God's best to you and Saint Nicholas Church.
-Dr. David Vila

Community Groups

The next **South Group** meeting will be on **Tuesday, December 14th, 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.



Antiochian Women

Thanks to everyone for their enthusiasm and support of our Holiday Baklava fundraiser. In recent years we've sold out, so if you haven't yet placed your order please remember to do so by November 30. This deadline allows for time to get all the baking ingredients and supplies lined up. Ladies, if you'd like to sign up for any of the following or donate towards ingredients, please contact Paula (pmhaydar20@gmail.com). Exact times are TBD.

Wednesday, Dec. 15 - Prep Session at the blue house

Thursday, Dec. 16 - Baking Day at the blue house

Friday, Dec. 17 - Packaging Day at the blue house

Saturday, Dec. 18 - Customer Order Pick-up at Church from 10a-12noon; Clean-up of work areas at the blue house

Sunday, Dec. 19 - Optional Pick-up Day for our parishioners

Memory Eternal

Sympathy is extended the family of +Victoria Salem (4/25/21, mother of Tom Salem 6-month memorial is today). 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.



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	
Wednesday, November 24	No Services
Saturday, November 27	No Services
Sunday, November 28	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Church School & Fellowship Hour