

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church Announcements 12/5/21

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Celebration of our Patronal Feast

With the blessing of Bishop Nicholas, we have "transferred" the feast of St. Nicholas (our parish's patronal feast) to this weekend. We are having a potluck lunch following Divine Liturgy today, please stay and join us for food and fellowship after the service!

Parish Council 2022

If you are interested in being on the Parish Council for the upcoming year, please contact Fr. Paul Fuller to discuss further. Parish Council nominees will be considered at our General Parish Assembly in early February 2022, but only those nominated in advance, not from the floor at the Assembly.

Parish Council Meeting

We will have a Parish Council meeting this Wednesday 12/8 starting at 7:00 pm at St. Nicholas Church following Nativity Paraklesis.

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!



Nativity Paraklesis

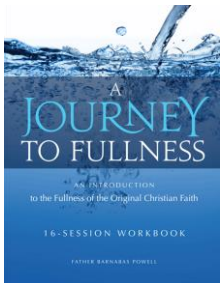
Now that we have entered the Nativity (Advent) season, we are planning to continue to offer a special prayer service in preparation for the Nativity of our Lord (Christmas). Please join us for this service on the following Wednesday evenings: **December 8, 15, & 22.**

Community Groups

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

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.**

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! 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

Also, a reminder for those wanting to participate in the study of the book *Mary As the Early Christians Knew Her*, two opportunities are upcoming:

Virtual: *Antiochian Women of the East virtual study: Reminder that our next book club session is coming up later today, December 5th at 6:30 pm Eastern, 5:30 pm Central time! The link to register has been sent out via email. Please join us for prayer, support, and spiritual growth as we continue with "The Lost Gospel of Mary" (pp. 26-81) section in Mary as the Early Christians Knew Her!*

In person: *For those desiring to meet in person for Book Club, there will be a Book Club Meeting on December 11th at noon at St. Nicholas Church. It will be a "bring your own lunch," and will last approximately 1 1/2 hours. We shall discuss Part One of the book. Based on attendance at this meeting, we shall set the date for Part 2. Please let me (nancyjbrown3@hotmail.com, 616-8043) know if you are planning to attend. We may also make this available by Zoom.*

Antiochian Men

We will not have a men's breakfast in the month of December. We will plan to resume these in January, the date is TBD. Our next Men's Virtual Bible Study hosted by Fr. Stephen De Young will be on Thursday 12/16. The Zoom meeting link will be sent out in the Antiochian Men Newsletter and will also be available in our AMEN groups in the Band and GroupMe Apps. If you would like to be added to these groups or to the AMEN Newsletter mailing list, speak with AMEN President Michael Baclig (479-372-7097). Also, **please SAVE THE DATE for our 3rd Annual AMEN Lenten Virtual Retreat! It takes place on Saturday 3/22/22 from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm and will feature Fr. Andrew Stephen Damick, author of the book *Arise, O God*, as our guest speaker!**

Church School Updates

We are continuing to have Church School every other week. We will not have church school this Sunday 12/5. We will resume Church School Classes the following Sunday 12/12. Thank you to everyone who has been having their children participate thus far, and thanks to our teachers and our assistants to the teachers who have helped to make Church School happen!

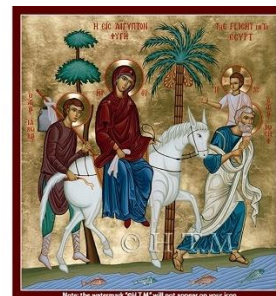
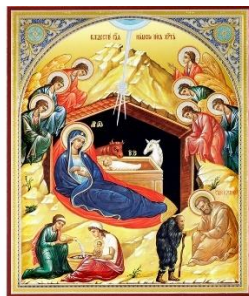
DOMSE Newsletter

At the direction of His Grace Bishop NICHOLAS, the inaugural edition of the Monthly DOMSE Newsletter "The Light" recently launched! You can view the latest edition of the newsletter for the month of December 2021 by scanning the QR code to the right. Stay tuned for more editions of this newsletter at the beginning of each month from our diocese!



Bookstore Updates

Our Church Bookstore has three beautiful Nativity icons available, stop by today to check them out! Any of these icons would be the perfect addition to your icon corner as we approach the Nativity of our Lord and Savior! Did you know that St. Joseph the Betrothed is commemorated on the Sunday after the Nativity? He is also the Patron Saint of the Antiochian Men! We have an icon of St. Joseph as well as an icon of the Flight into Egypt which is a great gift idea for any men that might be in your household!



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

Monday, December 6	6:00a North Community Group (Salem Home - 9 Windemere St in Bentonville)
Wednesday, December 8	6:00p Nativity Paraklesis 7:00p Parish Council Meeting
Saturday, December 11	12:00p Antiochian Women Book Study 6:00p Great Vespers
Sunday, December 12	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Church School & Fellowship 12:30p Choir Practice