

# **St. Nicholas Orthodox Church Announcements 12/19/21**

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## **Parish Calendars 2022**

Our Parish Calendars are in and they can be found on the table by the back door of the church. Please be sure to take a parish calendar to utilize in your home throughout 2022!

## **A Christmas Gift From The Fullers**

Please take home a poinsettia TODAY as a Christmas gift from the Fullers...we greatly appreciate our parish family here at St. Nicholas! May you have a blessed Christmas and New Year!

## **Stewardship 2022**

Membership and Stewardship forms have been mailed to your home (copies also available here at church). We ask that you prayerfully consider your financial contribution in the upcoming year and return the form by January 18, 2022. We are seeking a few volunteers to re-form a Stewardship Ministry (Committee) - please speak with Tom Salem to participate.

## **South Community Group**

In order to continue this great outreach, we are in need of some households willing to host on a monthly rotation basis in 2022. Please discuss further with Scott & Janna Strickland.

## **No Services On Christmas Day**

We will not have Great Vespers (or any other services) on Christmas Day (Saturday, December 25th). We wish you a very Blessed Nativity!

## **Parish Council 2022 Reminder**

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.

## **Holy Oblation & Fellowship Hour Hosting 2022**

We are in need of families to host the holy oblation (holy bread) and Fellowship (Coffee) Hour after Liturgy on Sundays in the upcoming year of 2022. **Signing up to host Fellowship Hour is a new process for our parish and we plan to follow this going forward.** Please see Kate Salem to sign up - thank you!

## **Save The Date – Hierarchal Visit of Bishop NICHOLAS**

His Grace, Bishop NICHOLAS is planning to visit our parish over Martin Luther King Day Weekend, from Friday January 14th to Sunday January 16th, 2022. Please reserve this weekend for a full schedule of services, activities, and fellowship with Sayidna as he visits our parish community. A detailed weekend schedule will be announced soon!

## **2022 DOMSE Winter Retreat Registration Is Open!**

Registration for the 2022 DOMSE Winter Retreat is now open! You can register using the QR code to the right. The retreat will be hosted at St. Elias Antiochian Orthodox Church in Atlanta, GA from January 28th to January 30th, 2022. We hope you can make the trip for some wonderful events and some great fellowship with people from all across our diocese!

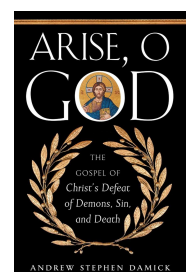


## **Bookstore Update**

It has been a busy Nativity Season in our Church Bookstore! We sold out of all of our Nativity icons last weekend, but we did receive 2 additional Icons of the Nativity this week. Get them while they last! We have also added a new selection of icons to the bookstore and have more on the way, so check back with us frequently!

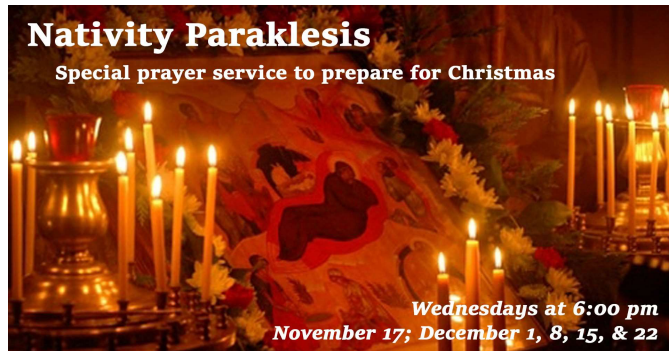
## **Antiochian Men**

Our next men's breakfast will take place on **Saturday January 15th starting at 9:00 am** at St. Nicholas Church. Since His Grace, Bishop NICHOLAS is scheduled to visit us that weekend, we are expecting that he will join us for our men's breakfast and will address our men's group in-person at the church. Please plan to join us if at all possible! The next book that we have selected to read as an organization is *Arise O God: The Gospel of Christ's Defeat of Demons, Sin, and Death*. This book will be the theme of our 2022 AMEN Lenten Virtual Retreat. We have extra inventory on this book available in our church bookstore, buy your copy now while supplies last!



### Nativity Paraklesis

During this Nativity (Advent) season, we will continue to offer a special prayer service in preparation for the Nativity of our Lord (Christmas). We only have one Nativity Paraklesis service left! **Please join us for this service next Wednesday, December 22nd!**



### Feast of the Nativity Services

Please join us for the Feast of the Nativity at St Nicholas Church on Christmas Eve, December 24! **Royal Hours will begin at 10:00 am, Festal Orthros will begin at 6:00 pm, and Festal Liturgy will begin at 7:00 pm.** We look forward to celebrating the feast of the Nativity with you!



### Education in the Faith – Make-Up Session

Fr. Paul is offering a Catechism Class Make-Up Session for anyone that may have missed one or more of the Education in the Faith Series sessions over the last 2 months. In this session, Fr. Paul will briefly go over the lessons and field any questions. This was originally scheduled for 12/15 but was re-scheduled to next Wednesday 12/22.



### Akathist to St. Joseph the Betrothed

A live stream is planned for the Akathist to St. Joseph the Betrothed, patron saint of The Antiochian Men! It will be live from St. George Orthodox Cathedral in Coral Gables, FL on Sunday December 26, 2021 starting at 2:00 pm. It will be live streamed at [youtube.com/amendomse](https://youtube.com/amendomse).



### 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, December 22	6:00p Nativity Paraklesis 7:00p Education in the Faith Series Make-Up Session
Friday, December 24	10:00a Royal Hours 6:00p Festal Orthros 7:00p Festal Liturgy followed by Fellowship
Saturday, December 25	No Services
Sunday, December 26	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship