

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church Announcements 12/24/21

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Potluck Dinner for the Feast of the Nativity

We will be breaking the fast together as a church community with a potluck dinner immediately following the Liturgy this evening. Please plan to stay and join us for some food and fellowship in celebration of the Feast of the Nativity!

Akathist to St. Joseph the Betrothed

This Sunday, December 26th, we will be serving the Akathist to St. Joseph the Betrothed at St. Nicholas Church starting at 1:00 pm. This will take place immediately after our fellowship hour. We will be live streaming this service on the Antiochian Men YouTube Channel for everyone in our Diocese. St. Joseph the Betrothed is the patron saint of The Antiochian Men and having this Akathist live streamed has become an annual event in our Diocese. This year, the Akathist was originally planned to be live streamed from St. George Orthodox Cathedral in Coral Gables, FL, however, they have had to cancel all services this weekend due to a COVID-19 outbreak in their parish. His Grace, Bishop NICHOLAS has asked our parish to do this Akathist in place of St. George Cathedral. Please attend in person if you can or you can watch the live stream at youtube.com/amendomse.

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.

Hosts Needed For 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!

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!

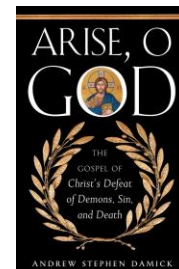


Parish Council 2022 Reminder

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.

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!



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	
Saturday, December 25	No Services
Sunday, December 26	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship
Wednesday, December 29	6:00p Daily Vespers