

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church Announcements 1/16/22

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Welcome Bishop NICHOLAS

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to His Grace, Bishop NICHOLAS who is visiting our parish this weekend. It has been over 2 years since his last visit due to COVID-19 and we are very blessed to have him with us today. May God grant him many years!

Potluck Luncheon with the Bishop

Please join us at the Home2 Suites in Springdale following the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy today for a Potluck Luncheon with Bishop Nicholas. This is the same hotel that we used for Fr. John Atchison's Retirement banquet. The address to the hotel is: **1519 S 48th Street, Springdale, AR 72762**

House Blessing Season

It is the pious custom following the Feast of Theophany (Baptism of our Lord) to have our homes blessed with holy water. To schedule a time with Fr. Paul to come and offer this ministry to you and your household, please email him a request so arrangements can be made.

Parish Calendars 2022

We have installed a new phone line at St. Nicholas Church and the phone number for the church has now changed! The new church phone number is (479) 379-6220. A voice mail has been set up and Fr. Paul will be checking the messages on a regular basis. Please note that there is a 30 second time limit to voice mail messages left on this line.

Orthodox Christians For Life

Our parish now has an official OCLife Parish Chapter! Our parish leadership recently signed an affiliation agreement with OCLife and we have already started to receive resources from them to support our efforts. Also, January is Sanctity of Human Life Month! On the day of The March for Life (January 21st) we plan to hold a prayer event at St. Nicholas Church starting at 12:00 pm that day. We will very likely be praying an akathist. Please note that this will be taking place on a Friday, so join us on your lunch break that day if possible. More details to come!

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 contact Kate Salem to sign up (ksalem2@cox.net) - thank you!

Stewardship 2022 Reminder

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

Annual Parish Meeting/General Assembly

Our General Parish Assembly (Annual Meeting) will take place on **Sunday, February 6, 2022** immediately following Divine Liturgy that day.

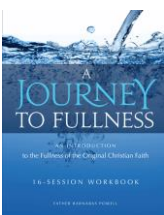
Parish Council 2022

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

Community Groups

The next **North Group** meeting will take place on **Monday February 7th, starting at 6:00 pm**. The Baclig family will be hosting this meeting at their home. The address is: **13815 Eastgate Drive, Rogers, AR 72756**.

The next **South Group** meeting is TBD. In order to continue this great outreach, we are in need of some households willing to host the South Community Group on a monthly rotation basis in 2022. Please discuss further with Scott & Janna Strickland or with Fr. Paul if you are interested.



Antiochian Men

Our next men's breakfast will be on Saturday, January 29, 2022. It will take place at the church and will begin at 9:00 am. It will be a potluck breakfast so please bring some food to share. The next AMEN Virtual Bible Study will be on Thursday January 20, 2022. It will take place on Zoom and the link is available in our group in the Band App and in GroupMe. The Zoom link is also sent out via the Antiochian Men email newsletter. If you are not receiving the AMEN Newsletter, or if you are not in our AMEN groups in Band or GroupMe, please contact Michael Baclig (479-372-7097) to be added.

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.

DOMSE Winter Retreat

Due to the increasing numbers of COVID-19 cases and the concern for the safety of our parishioners, the Diocese Ministry Council (DMC) of DOMSE have decided to reschedule the Clergy & Winter Retreats. In making this decision, we considered the trend of the infection rate of the Omicron strain of COVID-19 in the UK and South Africa. It increased significantly before it rapidly declined. Therefore, by rescheduling the Clergy & Winter Retreats to the February date, we are hoping that we will see a drastic decline in the infection rate here in the US.

If you have already registered & paid for the January dates of the Clergy & Winter Retreats –

Your registration/payment will be applied to the February date of the Clergy & Winter Retreats. No action needed!

If you are not able to attend the Clergy & Winter Retreats in February, you may cancel your registration and/or request a refund of your registration payment. To cancel or request a refund, please send an email to dmcdomse@gmail.com.

If you have not registered/paid for the Clergy & Winter Retreats –

You can register at: <https://domse.org/event/domse-winterretreat2022/> or scan the QR code to the right 



The early registration and early bird pricing has been extended until February 7th. Registration price will increase on February 8th.

PREVIOUS ROOM RESERVATIONS (for January Retreats) HAVE BEEN CANCELLED BY THE HOTEL IF YOU HAD BOOKED A ROOM WITH THE DOUBLETREE (NORTHLAKE) OR COURTYARD (DECATOR). IF YOU BOOKED A ROOM AT ANY OTHER HOTEL, YOU WILL NEED TO CALL AND CANCEL.

Retreat	Original Dates	NEW DATES
Clergy	January 26 & 27, 2022	February 23 & 24, 2022
Winter (All DOMSE)	January 28 & 29, 2022	February 25 & 26, 2022



DOMSE CLERGY & WINTER RETREATS 2022

Clergy Retreat
Feb 23 & 24

Winter Retreat
Feb 25 & 26

DATE CHANGE!

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Hosted at **St. Elias Antiochian Orthodox Church in Atlanta, GA**

The banner features a photograph of a large group of people seated at round tables in a dining hall, a tall wooden cross, and a yellow 'DATE CHANGE!' sticker with a red border. The DOMSE logo is prominently displayed in the center.