

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church Announcements 1/2/22

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Services for the Feast of Theophany

Please join us for the Feast of Theophany at St Nicholas Church on Wednesday, January 5th! Royal Hours will begin at 10:00 am, Festal Orthros will begin at 5:00 pm, and Festal Liturgy will begin at 6:00 pm.



The Blessing of the Waters

We will join with our sister parish (St. Join of Chicago in Rogers) for an Orthodox Blessing of Water at Beaver Lake on Sunday, January 9, 2022 at 1:00 pm. We hope you will join us!

Antiochian Women

The Ladies of St. Nicholas would like to thank our parish for making this our most successful Holiday Baklava Sale ever! See below for some of the highlights:

- Highest ever number of volunteers and hands-on helpers
- Record number of orders (over 160 packages - more than 1,400 individual pieces of baklava)
- Record amount of net proceeds (over \$1,400)
- Many new buyers, adding to our list of loyal customers
- New opportunities for those picking up orders to tour our church and ask questions about our faith

Our Appreciation to Fr. Paul, Kh. Ramia, and Rebekah for their help and support, and to the Parish Council for bolstering our marketing efforts. We are also very grateful for the use of the Blue House; it offered ideal conditions for baklava production from start to finish. Thanks especially to all of the volunteers, and those who donated to support our fundraiser. As we begin the New Year, we will once again budget to spend funds raised on charitable contributions that directly impact our Sisters and Brothers in Christ in our parish, our community, and throughout our diocese.

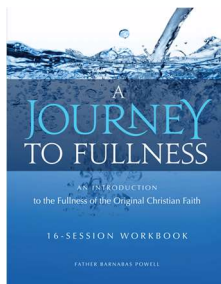
Baby Shower for Janna Strickland

Ladies, please remember that on **Saturday, January 8, we will gather at 2:00 pm** at St. Nicholas Church to honor Janna Strickland with a baby shower. For RSVP's and questions, please contact Kate Salem (ksalem2@cox.net)

Diocesan (DOMSE) Updates

Registration for the 2022 DOMSE Winter Retreat is 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! Also, the new monthly DOMSE newsletter for the month of January is now available! You can view the newsletter by scanning the QR code to the left, or by going to <https://domse.org/domse-newsletter/>





Community Groups

The next **North Group** meeting will be on **Monday January 10th, starting at 6:00 pm**. It will take place at the Kolokithas family's home. The address is: **1701 Park Ridge Way, Cave Springs, AR 72718**.

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 Group on a monthly rotation basis in 2022. If you are interested, please discuss further with Fr. Paul or with Scott & Janna Strickland.

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.

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!

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!

Stewardship 2022

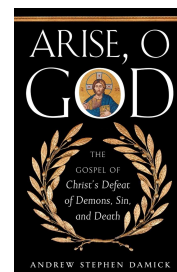
Membership and Stewardship forms have been mailed to your home (copies also available here at church). We ask that you prayerfully consider your financial contribution in the upcoming year and return the form by January 18, 2022. We are seeking a few volunteers to re-form a Stewardship Ministry (Committee)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

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. 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, 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! This book will be the theme of our 3rd Annual AMEN Lenten Virtual Retreat on March 26th - be sure to save the date for this event!



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, January 5	10:00a Royal Hours 5:00p Festal Orthros 6:00p Festal Liturgy & Blessing of Water followed by Dinner Outing
Saturday, January 8	6:00p Great Vespers
Sunday, January 9	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship 1:00p Blessing of the Water at Beaver Lake with St. John of Chicago Church