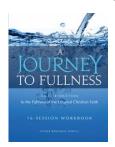
# St. Nicholas Orthodox Church Announcements 1/9/22

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#### **Outdoor Water Blessing at Beaver Lake**

Join us today following the Divine Liturgy as we offer the outdoor water blessing at Beaver Lake along with our sister parish of St. John of Chicago Orthodox Church in Rogers! We will meet at 1:00 pm at the Monte Ne boat ramp; the address is: 10118 Charlton Drive, Rogers, AR 72758. Be sure to dress warmly!



#### **Community Groups**

The next North Group meeting will be tomorrow, 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.

#### **Parish Council Meeting**

We will have a parish council meeting this coming Wednesday, January 12th. It will take place at St. Nicholas Church and will start at 7:00 pm after Vespers that evening. If you are on our current parish council, please plan on attending!

## Parish Calendars 2022

Our Parish Calendars are in and we have quite a few left; be sure to pick up your copy if you haven't already! 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!

## **Hierarchal Visit of Bishop NICHOLAS**

The schedule for the Hierarchal Visit of His Grace, Bishop NICHOLAS to our parish has been finalized! 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 schedule is included below. The Bishop is planning on attending <u>ALL</u> of the below events & services with us.

Also, <u>please sign up to bring food</u> for the potluck luncheon with Bishop Nicholas on Sunday 1/16! A sign-up form has been created; you can sign up to bring food by scanning the QR code to the right.

The potluck luncheon will take place at the **Home2 Suites by Hilton in Springdale** (the same hotel we used for Fr. John's Retirement Banquet) immediately following the Divine Liturgy on 1/16/22. The address to the hotel is **1519 S 48th Street, Springdale, AR 72762**. You can drop off your food as early as 9:00 am at the hotel in the banquet room. Rebecca Troy will be at the hotel as the point of contact for food drop off, you can call or text her at (657) 275-4432.





**Schedule for the Hierarchal Visit of Bishop Nicholas** (January 14-16, 2022)

Saturday, January 15: 9:00a Antiochian Men Discussion & Breakfast 11:30a Antiochian Women Discussion & Luncheon

4:00p Discussion with Inquirers, Catechumens, and Newly-Orthodox6:00p Great Vespers7:00p Pizza Dinner with Youth & Young Adults

#### Sunday, January 16:

9:00a Orthros
10:00a Hierarchal Divine Liturgy
12:00p Discussion with Church School
12:30p Fellowship (Coffee) Hour Potluck Luncheon

5:00p Dinner & Discussion with the Parish Council



#### St. Nicholas Orthodox Church Pot Luck Luncheon with Bishop Nicholas

Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up to bring an entree, side dish, desser, or beverage of your choice. This will take pleace at the Hame2 Suites by Hillion in Springdale immediately following the Drivine Liturgy on 1/16/22. The address to the hotel is 1519 S 40th Street, Springdale, AR 27/26.2 You can drop off your food as early as 9.00 am at the hotel in the banquet room. Rebecca Troy will be at the hotel as the point of contact for food drop off, you can call or text her at (657) 275-4432. Thank you!

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## **Orthodox Christians For Life (OCLife)**

**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 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. Please mark your calendar and make plans to join us for this very important parish meeting!

## 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.

## 2022 DOMSE Winter Retreat

Registration for the 2022 DOMSE Winter Retreat is open! 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 across our diocese! Also, the discounted price of \$109 per night at the DoubleTree (Northlake) has been extended to 1/10! Scan the QR code to the right for more details on the hotel options and for the retreat registration link!



#### **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 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, January 10	6:00p North Community Group	
	(Kolokithas Home – 1701 Park Ridge Way in Cave Springs)	
Wednesday, January 12	6:00p Daily Vespers	
	7:00p Parish Council Meeting	
Saturday, January 8	9:00a Antiochian Men Breakfast & Discussion with Bishop NICHOLAS	
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	10:00a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy	
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	12:30p Fellowship (Coffee Hour) Luncheon with Bishop NICHOLAS at the Home2 Suites	
	(1519 S 48th Street in Springdale)	
	5:00p Parish Council Dinner & Discussion with Bishop NICHOLAS	