

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 <i>(Kolokithas Home - 1701 Park Ridge Way in Cave Springs)</i>
Wednesday, January 12	6:00p Daily Vespers 7:00p Parish Council Meeting
Saturday, January 8	9:00a Antiochian Men Breakfast & Discussion with Bishop NICHOLAS 11:30a Antiochian Women Luncheon & Discussion with Bishop NICHOLAS 4:00p Bishop NICHOLAS Discussion with Inquirers, Catechumens, & Newly Orthodox 6:00p Great Vespers with Bishop NICHOLAS 7:00p Pizza Dinner with Youth & Young Adults
Sunday, January 9	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy 12:00p Bishop NICHOLAS Discussion with Church School 12:30p Fellowship (Coffee Hour) Luncheon with Bishop NICHOLAS at the Home2 Suites <i>(1519 S 48th Street in Springdale)</i> 5:00p Parish Council Dinner & Discussion with Bishop NICHOLAS