

# **St. Nicholas Orthodox Church Announcements 1/30/22**

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## **The Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple**

Join us **this Tuesday, February 1**, for a special Festal Liturgy celebrating the feast of the Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple! **Festal Liturgy will begin at 6:00 pm followed by a dinner outing at approximately 7:30 pm.** We hope to see you there!

## **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.

## **Church School Today!**

Our Church School classes resume today and will start immediately following the Divine Liturgy. We plan to dismiss the children and our Church School teachers first so that they can go over to the blue house for classes. We will continue to have Church School every other week so there will be no classes next Sunday (2/6).

## **Parish Directory & Guidebook – NEW PROJECT**

We are in great need of a parish directory to be utilized by all in our parish community. Scott Strickland will be organizing and leading this project which we hope to publish by May 2022. We will announce Sunday dates for pictures based alphabetically by last name and ask that all of our parishioners participate. If you have any questions or would like to offer to help, please contact Scott Strickland (479-365-9719).

## **Annual Parish Meeting/General Assembly**

Our General Parish Assembly (Annual Meeting) will take place next **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!

## **2022 Stewardship & Membership Form Update**

**Our Stewardship 2022 Goal is \$150,000 in financial contributions & 40 forms returned. As of January 18, 2022, we have received Stewardship & Membership Forms from the following 26 parishioners & families who have pledged a total amount of \$111,150 towards our goal.** All members are asked to fill out this form each year, as they allow us to update contact information, as well as budget and plan for future needs, charities, and projects of our parish community. Please fill out YOUR Stewardship & Membership Form and return to our Church Office. Many thanks to these parishioners listed below who have filled out their 2022 Stewardship & Membership Form:

Michael, Elizabeth, & Gretchen Baclig

Vera Belic

Robert & Nancy Brown

Matt & Sandra Buja

Janessa Craig

Dawn DeLong

Mounir & Montez Farah

Steve & Brittany Fenner

Fr. Paul & Ramia Fuller

Mike & Georgeta Galbraith

Lauren Goff

Shawn Guthrie

Adnan & Paula Haydar

Jeff Jenkins

Todd & Terry Keesee

Don & Talitha Lourie

David & Ulli Nelson

Philip & Ciera Nelson

Turnip Rea

Steve & Tina Rieger

Tom & Kate Salem

Kevin & Nancy Scherer

Scott & Janna Strickland

Jared & Marianna Townsley

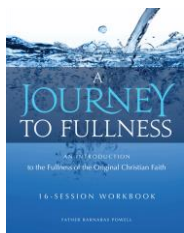
Lindel & Soon-Mee Townsley

Derek & Gina Waters

## **Community Groups**

The next **North Group** meeting will be on **Monday 2/7 starting at 6:00 pm.** It will take place at the Baclig family's 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 Group on a monthly rotation basis in 2022. If you are interested, please discuss further with Fr. Paul or with Scott & Janna Strickland.



### Antiochian Men

Our next men's breakfast will be on **Saturday, February 12, 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. Also, please **SAVE THE DATE** for our 3rd Annual AMEN Lenten Virtual Retreat! It will take place on **Saturday, March 26, 2022, from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm**.

### Antiochian Women

Please **SAVE THE DATE** for the DOMSE Antiochian Women Spring Lenten Retreat! It will take place on **April 9, 2022, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am**. All parish chapters are being encouraged to meet at their local parishes and to join together as groups via Zoom.

### 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!

### 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. Those who offer the holy oblation will also host Fellowship Hour on the same Sunday. **Signing up for the holy oblation and hosting Fellowship Hour is a new process for our parish and we plan to follow this going forward.** Please see Kate Salem (ksalem2@cox.net) to sign up and see the upcoming dates available in the sign-up schedule below!

Date	Name	Commemoration
January 30	Nancy Brown	
February 6	The Kolokithas Family	
February 13	AVAILABLE	
February 20	Lindel & Soon-Mee Townsley	
February 27 (Meat Fare)	AVAILABLE	
March 6 (Cheese Fare)	AVAILABLE	
March 13 (Fast)	AVAILABLE	
March 20 (Fast)	AVAILABLE	
March 27 (Fast)	AVAILABLE	
April 3 (Fast)	AVAILABLE	
April 10 (Fast)	AVAILABLE	
April 17 (Palm Sunday)	AVAILABLE	

### 2022 DOMSE Winter Retreat

**The 2022 DOMSE Clergy and Winter Retreat is less than 4 weeks away!** This event was originally scheduled for this weekend but was postponed a few weeks due to the rising cases of the Omicron variant of COVID-19. We are anticipating that cases will drastically decline leading up to the new retreat dates at the end of February. The Clergy portion of the retreat will take place on 2/23 & 2/24 and the Winter Retreat for everyone in our diocese will take place on 2/25 & 2/26. The retreats are being hosted at St. Elias Antiochian Orthodox Church in Atlanta, GA. **Join us for some great fellowship with people from across our diocese!** Register at: <https://domse.org/event/domse-winterretreat2022/> or scan the QR code to the right



### 2022 DOMSE Parish Life Conference

Our next Parish Life Conference (PLC) is scheduled for June 15-18, 2022, in Memphis, TN. The location of the PLC rotates each year, and this will be one of the closest locations possible for us to attend one of these events! Mark your calendars and start making plans now so you can participate in this wonderful and important diocesan event this coming summer!

### Bookstore Update

We have some new items in our Church Bookstore! The selection of fiction titles for the teen and young adult readers has expanded with the addition of three new books: (1) Beyond the White Fence, (2) The Lightkeeper, and (3) Icon, A Novel. Also new: we now feature a selection of Orthodox themed cards, affordably priced at \$2.95 Each! Our selection of Orthodox Crosses has been restocked with several new additions and new icons are also being added weekly. Stop by our Church Bookstore before you leave today to see our expanded selection and new items for sale!

### Parish Calendar – February 2022

Please utilize the enclosed parish calendar for the month of February which includes our planned services and activities. Please note that Fr. Paul will be out of town the week of February 14, so we won't have Vespers on Wednesday 2/16 or Saturday 2/19. We also won't have Vespers on Saturday 2/26 as Fr. Paul will be in Atlanta for the 2022 DOMSE Winter Retreat. There is one error on the calendar: our next Parish Council Meeting originally scheduled for February 2 has been moved to February 9 and will start at 7:00 pm.

<b>Schedule of Liturgical Services &amp; Activities</b>	
<b>Tuesday, February 1</b>	6:00p Festal Liturgy 7:30p Dinner Outing
<b>Wednesday, February 2</b>	6:00p Daily Vespers
<b>Saturday, February 5</b>	6:00p Great Vespers
<b>Sunday, February 6</b>	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship & Church School