# St. Nicholas Orthodox Church Announcements 4/3/22

Please send any NEW announcements to Bulletin@StNicholasAR.org

#### **Conversation about Strategic Planning Ministry**

As previously discussed at our General Parish Assembly in February, we are growing, and growing rapidly – thanks be to God! We need to consider the future of our parish community. What will St. Nicholas Church look like in 5 years? In 10 years? In 20 years? We will be offering some informal conversations about a strategic plan. You are invited to participate in these conversations. **Join us** after Fellowship (Coffee) Hour today for the first of these conversations! Other conversations will be announced at a later date.

### **Usher/Greeter Ministry**

We will be implementing a new ministry of ushers and greeters during our liturgical services, especially on Sundays. We are blessed with many inquirers and guests, and it will be beneficial to our worship experience in having volunteers better equipped to serve in these functions. If interested in this ministry, please contact Fr. Paul. We have only had one person volunteer so far and we need more!



#### **DOMSE Newsletter – April 2022 Edition**

The April edition of our monthly DOMSE Newsletter "The Light" is now available! This month, The Antiochian Men is the featured organization in the newsletter, which is perfect timing for Antiochian Men Month! Check out the latest edition of this newsletter by visiting <u>https://domse.org/domse-newsletter/</u> or by scanning the QR code to the left.

## Parish Directory & Guidebook - PICTURE DAYS

Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup> was the first picture day for our Parish Directory & Guidebook project! Please make note of the Sundays below for additional picture days (Alphabetically by last name). If your last name starts with A-H and you didn't have your picture taken last

Sunday, you can get it done on any of the following dates: **April 3: J-O**; **April 10: P-Z**; **April 17: Make-up Today is our next picture day and it will be for those with last names staring with J-O**. Remember to wear your Sunday best for your picture, and most of all – smile! Copies of your digital photo will be available upon request via email to Elizabeth Baclig (<u>elizabethsbaclig@gmail.com</u>). We are asking for parishioner donations to help with the expense of printing our directory and guidebook, scan the QR code to the right to make a donation – THANK YOU! Please see Scott Strickland (479-365-9719) for more information on this important project!





#### Community Paschal Greeting Card

As a parish fundraiser, we will be mailing out a Community Paschal Greeting Card to our mailing list including the names of those who would like to contribute \$25 (per family or entry). You can donate via PayPal using the QR code to the left. Please contact Jason or Kristin Potoski (<u>kpink007@live.com</u> or 214-843-2114) to be included.

#### **Orthodox Summer Camp**

Any families interested in their children attend Summer Camp this summer? For more information, scan the QR code to the right or go to <u>https://antiochian.org/dashboard?name=Camping</u> If any families have already registered, please email Fr. Paul (frpaul.fuller@gmail.com) with the details and let him know. Thank you!



# 2022 DOMSE Parish Life Conference & Bible Bowl



**Would you like to represent St. Nicholas Church in the Bible Bowl at the 2022 Parish Life Conference?** If so, please send an email to Michael Baclig (michaelbaclig54@yahoo.com) to confirm your interest in participating **no later than April 17th!** Our parish can have up to 3 teams, each team is determined by age group including (1) Pre-Teen (age 10-12), (2) Teen (ages 13-19), and (3) adult (age 20 and older). We will organize teams depending on how many express interest in participating. We already have an adult team confirmed with 3 people signed up, and we only have room for 2 more people as alternates for our adult team! Visit

https://www.teensoyo.org/bible-bowl or scan the QR code to the left to learn more about the Bible Bowl!

**Registration is now open** for our next Parish Life Conference (PLC)! It 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! We hope that you will choose to participate in this wonderful and important diocesan event this coming summer! Visit <u>https://domse.org/event/domse-plc2022/</u> to register for the PLC or scan the QR code to the right.



# **Church School Reminder**

Please make note of our remaining Church School dates for this school year. They are April 10<sup>th</sup>, and May 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to bring your children to church on these dates so they can participate in Church School classes!

#### 2022 Stewardship & Membership Form Update

As of March 3, 2022, we have received Stewardship & Membership Forms from the following 41 parishioners & families who have pledged a total amount of \$154,706.00. 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 if you haven't already and return to our Church Office. We have set NEW goals for 2022 of \$170,000 in pledged funds and 50 forms returned! Many thanks to these parishioners listed below who have filled out their 2022 Stewardship & Membership Form:

Michael, Elizabeth & Gretchen Baclig		
Vera Belic		
William Benoit		
Nancy & Robert Brown		
Matt & Sandra Buja		
Eric & Elizabeth Carender		
Janessa Craig		
Dawn DeLong		
Mounir & Montez Farah		
Steven & Brittany Fenner		
Fr. Paul & Ramia Fuller		
Georgeta & Mike Galbraith		
Lauren Goff		
Mackenzie Goff		

Shawn Guthrie Casey & Kiersten Hale Adnan & Paula Haydar Colton & Claire Holland Jeff Jenkins Todd & Terry Keesee Mark & Denise King Steve & Niki Kolokithas Don & Talitha Lourie Caleb Mackey Trevor Nakamura David & Ulli Nelson Philip & Ciera Nelson Andrew & Alexis Powers Richard & Samantha Ratliff Turnip Rea Steve & Tina Rieger Tom & Kate Salem Kevin & Nancy Scherer Scott & Janna Strickland Lily Tippit Jared & Marianna Townsley Lindel & Soon-Mee Townsley Cory & Rebecca Troy Derek & Gina Waters Seth & Diana Wilson Alan & Candy Wolff

#### Antiochian Men

April is Antiochian Men Month! If you are interested in reading the Epistle, helping with the collection plate, or with being a greeter/usher this month, please talk to Fr. Paul. Our next Men's Bible Study will be on Tuesday April 12<sup>th</sup>. The Zoom link for the Bible Study is available in our AMEN groups in the GroupMe and Band Apps. Call or text Michael Baclig to be added to either of these groups. Our next Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup> at the Blue House.

#### **Antiochian Women**

The DOMSE Antiochian Women Spring Lenten Retreat will take place on April 9, 2022. All parish chapters are being encouraged to meet at their local parishes and to join together as groups via Zoom. Our ladies will be meeting at St. Nicholas Church and will log into the Zoom meeting together. We will also have a Lenten potluck breakfast so please bring food to share. Our ladies will be meeting at the church at 8:00 am and will begin with morning prayers and will then eat breakfast together before the retreat starts at 9:00 am. Holy Oblation & Fellowship Hour Hosting We are in need of families to host the holy oblation (holy bread) and Fellowship (Coffee) Hour after Liturgy on Sundays. Those who offer the holy oblation will also host Fellowship Hour on the same Sunday. 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
April 3 (Fast)	Georgeta Galbraith	10 yr anniversary, passing of Grandmother Maria
April 10 (Fast)	Vera Belic	
April 17 (Palm Sunday)	Talitha Lourie	
April 24 (Pascha)	Nichole Lourie	Evelyn – Elizabeth the Wonderworker
May 1	Tom & Kate Salem	
May 8	Baclig/Holland Family	
May 15	AVAILABLE	
May 22	AVAILABLE	
May 29	AVAILABLE	
June 5	AVAILABLE	
June 12	HOLD	
June 19	AVAILABLE	
June 26	AVAILABLE	
July 3	Mackenzie & Lauren Goff	

Schedule of Liturgical Services & Activities		
Monday, April 4	6:00p Great Compline	
Wednesday, April 6	6:00p Presanctified Liturgy followed by Lenten Potluck Dinner	
Thursday, April 7	<b>6:00</b> Little Compline with the Canon of Repentance and Reading of the Life of St. Mary of Egypt	
Friday, April 8	6:00p Akathist (Madayeh) Service	
Saturday, April 9	8:00a Antiochian Women Lenten Breakfast & Retreat 6:00p Great Vespers 7:00p Parish Council Meeting (moved from 4/2)	
Sunday, April 10	<b>9:00a</b> Orthros <b>10:00a</b> Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship	