

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church Announcements 5/1/22

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NO FASTING During the Paschal Season

There is a general dispensation from fasting on Wednesdays and Fridays during Paschal season until the Feast of the Ascension. Most Orthodox jurisdictions throughout the world observe the Wednesdays and Fridays of the period following Bright Week as days of fasting; however, the Holy Synod of Antioch has directed that the entire 40-day period be completely fast-free, as is the more ancient practice.

Photos of our Parish Included in Archdiocese Albums

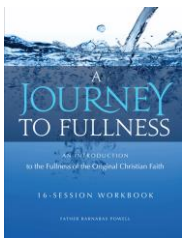
Please take the time to scroll through the photos available on our Archdiocese website to see how various Antiochian parishes across North America celebrated our Palm Sunday, our Lord's Passion, Crucifixion, and Resurrection in 2022! Our parish community of St. Nicholas Orthodox Church in Springdale Arkansas was included in the selections.

Please note that there are 3 sections of photos, one for Palm Sunday, one for Holy Week, and one for Pascha.

To view the main article that contains the photo album links in it, scan the QR code to the right!



Community Groups



The next **North Group** meeting will be **tomorrow on Monday 5/2 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 will be on Monday 5/16 starting at 6:00 pm. It will take place at Cory and Rebecca Troy's home. The address is: 6200 Watkins Ave, O-205, Springdale, AR 72762.

We will continue to go through the *A Journey to Fullness* catechism series together which is great for current Orthodox Christians as well as for catechumens and inquirers to the Orthodox faith!

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.

Liturgical & Church Items Needed – Donations For the Paschal Season 2022

It is a pious custom to make a special offering in thanksgiving for our Lord's saving Resurrection during the Paschal season. If you would like to do so, please consider donating towards some liturgical and church items that we need for our parish community. To learn more and/or offer your contribution, please discuss with Fr. Paul Fuller or Tom Salem.

Holy Water Sprinkler (container): \$150

Holy Chrism vessel (container) used for Sacrament of Chrismation: \$250

Decorative Rugs for the Altar: \$350

Epitaphios (Burial Shroud of our Lord) – embroidered fabric icon (25x36 inches): \$500

Censer: \$550 – DONATED

Chalice Set – used for the distribution of Holy Communion: \$600-900

Bier (Tomb of our Lord) – hand-made wooden structure (cost of materials): \$1,000

A big THANK YOU to Derek Waters for donating his time and labor to build our new Bier in time for Holy Friday this year!

Many thanks and may God continue to bless you and your family! Christ is risen!

Parish Directory & Guidebook – PICTURE DAYS

Thank you to everyone who has been participating in our picture days over the last several weeks for our Parish Directory & Guidebook project! We have one picture day left! Please note that all Organizations and Ministry Teams will be taking group pictures on Sunday May 15th. If you missed taking your individual and family picture for our Parish Directory and Guidebook, please contact Scott Strickland (479-365-9719) or Elizabeth Baclig (920-574-0467). Copies of your digital photo will be available upon request via email to Elizabeth Baclig (elizabethsbaclig@gmail.com). We are asking for parishioner donations to help with the expense of printing our directory and guidebook, scan the QR code above to donate – THANK YOU!



Community Garden Sale

SAVE THE DATE: Our annual Spring Garden Sale will be Sunday, May 8th (Mother's Day)! We will be selling plant starts, garden-related crafts, and edible goods! All earnings will be used towards maintaining the community garden.

Conversation About Strategic Planning Ministry

Many thanks to ALL who joined us for our conversation on Sunday, April 3 – it was a productive and informative conversation! We need to continue to consider the future of our parish community. What will St. Nicholas Church look like in 5 years? In 10 years? In 20 years? In order to do so, we plan to offer some additional informal conversations about a strategic plan. You are invited to participate in these conversations. Join us Sunday, May 22 after Fellowship (Coffee) Hour for another conversation!

2022 DOMSE Parish Life Conference & Bible Bowl

St. Nicholas Church has an adult Bible Bowl Team! Our parish will be represented by Michael Baclig, Bryce Kirk, and Colton Holland at the 2022 DOMSE PLC! **Registration is still 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 <https://domse.org/event/domse-plc2022/> to register for the PLC or scan the QR code to the right.



Teen SOYO Collection

Teen SOYO will be orchestrating a collection in order to send relief packages to Ukrainian refugees. We'd like to ask for dollar donations, hygiene products, and small children's toys. We will have a collection basket, and any items or questions can be given to Teen SOYO president, Anasia Lourie.

Antiochian Men

Our bi-weekly men's breakfasts are back! Our next Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday May 15th at the blue house next to the church. This will be a potluck breakfast, and everyone is encouraged to bring some food to share. Our next AMEN Bible Study hosted by Fr. Stephen De Young will take place on Thursday, May 19th. The Zoom meeting link will be available in our AMEN groups in the GroupMe and Band Apps. Contact Michael Baclig (479-372-7097) to be added to these groups if you haven't yet joined them!

Church School Reminder

Listed below are the remaining dates for Church School leading up to the summer break. Please note that we will have back-to-back weeks of Church School in May. **Remaining Church School dates are May 8th & 15th.**

Baby Shower for Lindsay Cate

Attention Ladies of St. Nicholas! We are planning a Baby Shower for Lindsay Cate on Saturday May 14th starting at 4:00 pm at the church. We hope to see you there!

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
May 1	Tom & Kate Salem	
May 8	Baclig/Holland Family	
May 15	AVAILABLE	
May 22	The Carender Family	
May 29	AVAILABLE	
June 5	AVAILABLE	
June 12	HOLD	
June 19	AVAILABLE	
June 26	AVAILABLE	
July 3	Mackenzie & Lauren Goff	
July 10	AVAILABLE	
July 17	AVAILABLE	
July 24	AVAILABLE	
July 31	AVAILABLE	

Schedule of Liturgical Services & Activities

Monday, May 2	6:00p North Community Group at the Kolokithas Family's home 1701 Park Ridge Way in Cave Springs
Wednesday, May 4	6:00p Daily Vespers 7:00p Parish Council Meeting
Saturday, May 7	6:00p Great Vespers
Sunday, May 8	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy 11:30a Community Garden Sale

	Greeting	Response
English:	Christ is risen!	Truly He is risen!
Greek:	Christos anesti!	Alithos anesti!
Russian:	Khristos voskrese!	Voistinu voskrese!
Romanian:	Hristos a inviat!	Adevărat a înviat!
Arabic:	El Messieh Qam!	Haqqen Qam!