

# **St. Nicholas Orthodox Church Announcements 5/15/22**

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## **Graduation Recognition Sunday**

We offer our congratulations and well-wishes to ALL of our graduates in 2022 – may God bless and keep you!

*Michael Kolokithas is graduating from Rogers High School and will be attending the University of Central Arkansas in Conway, AR this Fall 2022 majoring in Film Studies and minoring in Marketing.*

*Anasia Lourie is graduating from Har-Ber High School and will be attending the University of Alaska in Anchorage, AK this Fall 2022 majoring in Culinary Arts.*

*Caleb Mackey is graduating from the University of Arkansas with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. He will be staying in NW Arkansas to work at Garver Engineers.*

*Bryce Kirk is graduating from the University of Arkansas with a Master of Arts in Sociology with a concentration in Criminology. He will be moving to North Carolina.*

*Trevor Nakamura will be graduating from the University of Arkansas in August with a Doctorate of Philosophy (PhD) in Mathematics.*

## **Parish Guidebook & Directory - UPDATE**

Organizational/ministry group photos will be taken TODAY! If you haven't had your photo taken, LAST DAY is TODAY, Sunday, May 15 or you may submit your own photo via email ([saintnicholasar@gmail.com](mailto:saintnicholasar@gmail.com)).

## **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 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 will be offering some 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.

## **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.

## **Paschal Donations**

Our church was beautifully decorated during Holy Week and the Paschal season with flowers and other decorations. We also enjoyed our festal meals together at Pascha with great attendance. These were two large expenses to the Church: \$1,000 – decorations; \$500 – festal meals. If anyone would like to financially contribute towards these expenses as a paschal donation, we would greatly appreciate it! If you would like to make a monetary donation to help cover these costs, please scan the QR code to the right. Thank you!



## **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. Thanks to everyone who has already donated items!

Holy Water Sprinkler (container): \$150

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

Decorative Rugs for the Altar: \$350 – **DONATED**

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!

## **Antiochian Women**

If any ladies would like to be added to the Antiochian Women email list for our parish please contact Elizabeth Baclig (920-574-0467)

## End-of-the-Year – Church School

Many thanks to our Church School children and their parents for participating in our Church School (2021-2022) – we greatly appreciate your presence! Thank you to our teachers: Elizabeth Baclig, Mark King, Janna Strickland, and Rebecca Troy. Their leadership and dedication is wonderful!

## 2022 DOMSE Parish Life Conference & Bible Bowl

**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.

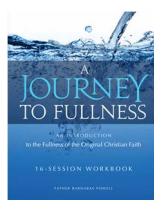


## Antiochian Men

Our bi-weekly men's breakfasts are back! **Our next Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup> 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 this coming Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## Monthly Choir Practice

Our St. Nicholas Church Choir will now be having a monthly choir practice on the 3rd Wednesday of each month immediately following Vespers. Our next choir practice will be this coming Wednesday, May 18, starting at 7:00 pm. All existing choir members and anyone interested in joining our choir is welcome to attend!



## Community Groups

The next South Group meeting will be tomorrow, 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.

The next North Group meeting will be on Monday 6/2 starting at 6:00 pm. It will take place at the Salem family's home. The address is: 9 Windemere Street, Bentonville, AR 72712.

### Youth Summer Get-Togethers

Youth (age 10 & under), along with their parents and/or caregivers are invited to join us on Tuesdays in June from 10:00a till Noon for our Summer Youth Get-Togethers! Activities include story time, crafts, snacks, and lessons. Please contact Fr. Paul via email ([saintnicholasar@gmail.com](mailto:saintnicholasar@gmail.com)) to participate.



### 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](mailto:ksalem2@cox.net)) to sign up and see the upcoming dates available in the sign-up schedule below!

Date	Name	Commemoration
May 15	Caleb Mackey	
May 22	The Carender Family	
May 29	AVAILABLE	
June 5	The Waters Family	
June 12	AVAILABLE	
June 19	Nancy Brown	
June 26	AVAILABLE	
July 3	Mackenzie & Lauren Goff	
July 10	AVAILABLE	
July 17	AVAILABLE	
July 24	AVAILABLE	
July 31	AVAILABLE	
August 7	AVAILABLE	

## Schedule of Liturgical Services & Activities

Monday, May 16	6:00p South Community Group Meeting at Cory & Rebecca Troy's Home 6200 Watkins Ave, O-205 in Springdale
Wednesday, May 18	6:00p Daily Vespers 7:00p Choir Practice
Thursday, May 19	6:00p AMEN Virtual Bible Study (Zoom)
Saturday, May 14	6:00p Great Vespers
Sunday, May 15	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by fellowship

### Greeting

#### **English:**

Christ is risen!

#### **Greek:**

Christos anesti!

#### **Russian:**

Khristos voskrese!

#### **Romanian:**

Hristos a inviat!

#### **Arabic:**

El Messieh Qam!

### Response

Truly He is risen!

Alithos anesti!

Voistinu voskrese!

Adevărat a înviat!

Haqqen Qam!