

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church Announcements 5/8/22

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Community Garden Sale Today!

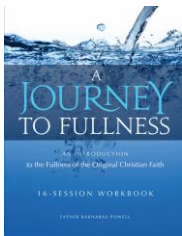
Our annual Spring Garden Sale is today! It will start immediately after Divine Liturgy. We will be selling plant starts, garden-related crafts, and edible goods! All earnings will be used towards maintaining the community garden. Please come out and support our Community Garden Ministry Team!

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!



Community Groups



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.

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.

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!

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 on May 18 starting at 7:00 pm.** All existing choir members and anyone interested in joining our choir is welcome to attend!

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. Thanks to everyone who has already donated items!

Holy Water Sprinkler (container): \$150

Holy Chism 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!

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 (elizabethsbaclic@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!



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! If you are interested in being an alternate (we can have up to 2) speak with Michael Baclig.

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.



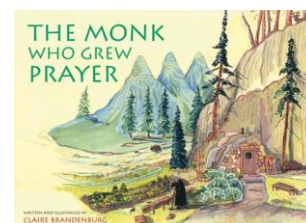
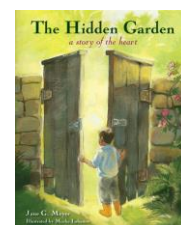
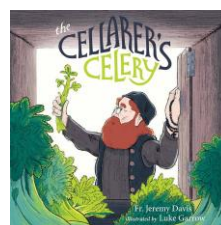
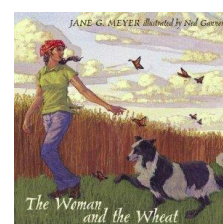
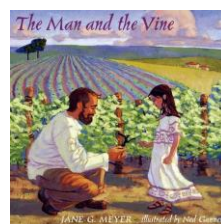
Teen SOYO Collection

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.

Bookstore Update

It is the beginning of gardening season at St. Nicholas Church! As part of the celebration, our bookstore is offering five garden themed books for children:

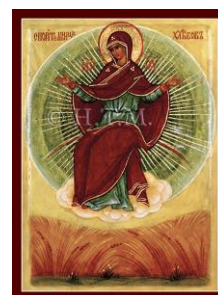
1. **The Man and the Vine** – *This rhythmical, festive children's book tells of the joy of a farmer and his little daughter as they work their vineyard and offer the fruit of the vine back to their Creator in Eucharistic celebration*
2. **The Woman and the Wheat** – *This is the story of the joy of a farmer as she works to grow the wheat and bake the bread that she will offer back to her Creator in Eucharistic celebration*
3. **The Cellarer's Celery** – *In a remote canyon, Saint Martin's monks seek the Lord with all their hearts. Among them is the Cellarer, whose not-so-secret love of celery helps him remember what it means to be a monk. When misfortune strikes, his friendship with the Sower lifts these spiritual brothers above momentary hardship to find joy in God.*
4. **The Hidden Garden** – *Within every heart is a hidden garden. We can neglect it until the weeds take over and the flowers wither and die. Or, with the help of Christ, we can care for it and make it a place of beauty, grace, and joy. This charming parable will encourage children (and adults) to open the gate to Christ and tend the garden of their heart with loving care.*
5. **The Monk Who Grew Prayer** – *A monk prays deep in the forest. It looks like he is doing just simple, ordinary tasks, such as chopping wood and tending to his garden. But as he works he is really growing prayer. The monk prays continually throughout the day and night, and, as the seasons pass, he becomes a holy man.*



Also featured is the icon entitled "Multiplier of Wheat." For centuries the Theotokos has been depicted on icons with a field of ripening grain. They are venerated with prayers for a bountiful harvest.

Just Published!

Now available: The newly published book *A Taste of Paradise* containing stories of saints and their interactions with animals would make a wonderful addition to any child's library!



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 today and May 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 8	Baclig/Holland Family	
May 15	AVAILABLE	
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

Wednesday, May 11	6:00p Daily Vespers
Saturday, May 14	9:00a Men's Breakfast at the Blue House 4:00p Baby Shower for Lindsay Cate 6:00p Great Vespers
Sunday, May 15	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by fellowship 11:30a Church School & Final Guidebook Picture Day

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!



Barbecue, Blues, and Beatitudes



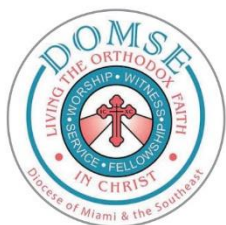
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for the **2022 Parish Life Conference**



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The 2022 Parish Life Conference for the Diocese of Miami and the Southeast

Hosted by St. John Orthodox Church
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Join us in Memphis, Tennessee – the home of the Blues and the birthplace of Rock 'n' Roll – as we share fellowship with members from all corners of our Diocese. **Highlights of the in-person PLC include:**

- Keynote Speaker: Fr. Stephen Freeman
- Oratorical Festival
- Bible Bowl
- ...and much more!

The city of Memphis also has much to offer, including:

- Historic Beale Street
- Graceland (the home of Elvis Presley)
- National Civil Rights Museum
- The world's largest Bass Pro Shop
- Big River Crossing over the majestic Mississippi River
- ...and much more!

