

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church Announcements 6/26/22

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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) to participate.

Please note that the session from last Tuesday June 21st has been re-scheduled as a make-up session on Tuesday July 5th!

Remaining Youth Summer Get-Togethers:

Tuesday, June 28 at 10:00 am

Tuesday, July 5 at 10:00 am - make-up session



We Need Help with 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. **We still have two dates available in the month of July!** Do you have a birthday or anniversary in your household coming up? Offering the Oblation on the Sunday closest to it would be a great idea!

Date	Name	Commemoration
June 26	The Strickland Family	
July 3	Mackenzie & Lauren Goff	
July 10	Jared & Mariana Townsley	
July 17	AVAILABLE	
July 24	Philip & Ciera Nelson	
July 31	AVAILABLE	
August 7	AVAILABLE	
August 14	Rich Ratliff	
August 21	AVAILABLE	
August 28	AVAILABLE	
September 4	AVAILABLE	
September 11	AVAILABLE	
September 18	AVAILABLE	
September 25	The Baclig Family	Andy & Liz B-Day/Baclig Crowning Anniversary
October 2	AVAILABLE	
October 9	AVAILABLE	
October 16	AVAILABLE	

Music Together Summer Session

A local teacher will be offering a music program for children till age 5 on Wednesday mornings at 11:15a (July through early August). THIS IS NOT a parish function but is being hosted at St. Nicholas Church. It is a paid program. There is a FREE Demo class being offered on Wednesday, June 29 at 11:00 am for anyone interested. To learn more, please contact Katie Staed via her email address at opusstringsnwa@gmail.com if interested.

Baptism of James Strickland

The Baptism of James Strickland, son of Scott and Janna, will be **Saturday, July 2, 2022 at 4:30 pm** prior to Great Vespers (which will start at 6:00 pm). Join us for the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation for the newest member of our parish community!

Stewardship Midyear Appeal

We have mailed to your homes your financial contributions to our parish community through May 2022. Please review statements for any need of adjustments and/or corrections and let us know. Also, we've included a stewardship packet and form for anyone who has not filled it out yet for 2022. We ask that you prayerfully consider your financial contribution for 2022 and return the form (with contact information) so that we can update our parish database and budget accordingly for the remainder of 2022. Thank you for your continued financial support! May God bless you!

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.

On the Sacredness of Human Life and its Untimely Termination

We would like to share a recent statement of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America on the Sacredness of Human Life and its Untimely Termination. Scan the QR code to the right to read the statement.



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. We are making an exception for our next choir practice due to the PLC, and it will be on **Wednesday, June 22, starting at 7:00 pm**. All existing choir members and anyone interested in joining our choir is welcome to attend!

Antiochian Men

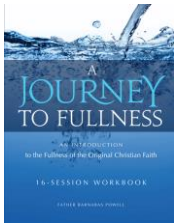
Our AMEN Church Grounds Service project was re-scheduled to Saturday, July 9th and will happen immediately following our Men's Breakfast that takes place from 9:00 am to 11:00 am that morning. The Men's Breakfast on July 9th will be a potluck breakfast and it will be at the blue house located next to the church. Please remember to bring any power edgers, weed eaters, blowers, etc. with you that can be used on the church grounds that day!

We need some help from the men in our church with setting up tents on the grass behind the back door of the church on Sunday mornings for the remainder of the summer. We have set up tents several times now in the last few weeks and they have been very well received by everyone present. If you can assist with setting up tents on Sunday mornings, please plan on coming to the church at **8:30 am** so that the tents, tables, and chairs can be set up for fellowship prior to the start of Orthros at 9:00 am.

The Sullivans have also requested some help with moving some of their larger furniture pieces from their storage locker to their new apartment next Thursday June 30th at 6:00 pm. For any of the men who can help out, we will be meeting at the SpareBox Storage located at **4400 SW Vendor Blvd in Bentonville**. Please come and help out if you can!

Antiochian Women

We have a Ladies of St. Nicholas Summer Fellowship Event scheduled on **July 9th at 3:00 pm**. This will take place at the church and everyone is encouraged to stay for Great Vespers immediately following the event (starting at 6:00 pm). Come enjoy iced tea, lemonade, wine, and afternoon hor d'oeuvres with your fellow sisters in Christ! We will also discuss upcoming business and fellowship opportunities. We hope to see you there!



Community Groups

The next North Group meeting will be on Monday, July 11th, starting at 6:00 pm. It will take place at Philip and Ciera Nelson's home. The address is: 1 Sandhurst Drive, Bella Vista, AR 72714.

The next South Group meeting is TBD. If anyone would like to be added to the rotation of hosting either community group at their home, please speak with Fr. Paul or Michael Baclig.

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 left. 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.

Many thanks to the following people who have already contributed towards the purchase of these items: Bob & Nancy Brown, David & Ulli Nelson, Tom & Kate Salem, Emil & Salwa Salman (Louisville), Scott & Janna Strickland, Pat & Madeline Teague, Derek & Gina Waters!

Holy Water Sprinkler (container): \$150 – **DONATED**

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 – **DONATED**

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!

Help Needed with Live Streaming Services

We are looking for volunteers to help with live streaming services at St. Nicholas Church. We recently purchased new microphones that only work with iPhones and other Apple devices. We are looking into getting a permanent Apple device to be kept in the church for the purpose of live streaming, but in the meantime, we would appreciate help from anyone who has an iPhone and is willing to help with live streaming our church services. We would ideally like to have a team of several people who regularly attend church services to help with live streaming so that there are multiple backups if someone is not able to attend a service. If you are interested in serving the church in this way, please contact Michael Baclig at (479) 372-7097.

St. Nicholas Church Set a Record at the PLC!

St. Nicholas Church was recognized at the Parish Life Conference in Memphis, TN for breaking an attendance record for Parish Life Conferences in the Diocese of Miami and the Southeast! St. Nicholas had over 30 parishioners register for and attend the PLC this year, which is more than any other non-host parish at any DOMSE PLC to date! Our church was represented in a BIG way at all of the events at the PLC. We had multiple winners in the Creative Arts Festival from among our children, and we had an Adult Bible Bowl Team that competed in the Bible Bowl at the PLC! Thanks to everyone who joined us in Memphis over the last few days and we look forward to the next PLC which will be in Miami in June of 2023!

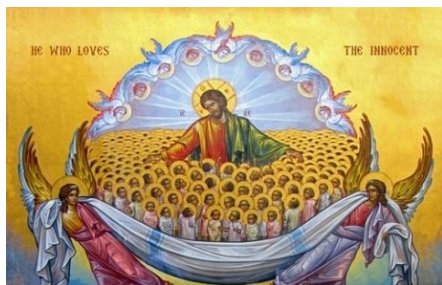


Congratulations to our Creative Arts Winners!

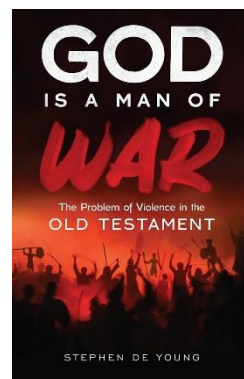
We had 3 children from our parish win awards in the Creative Arts Festival at the Parish Life Conference! Congratulations to Ava Strickland, 1st place winner in Art for 4th grade, Katie Baclig, 1st place winner in Photography for 4th grade, and James Baclig, 1st place winner in Photography for 6th grade AND 2nd place winner in Art for 6th grade! Many years to the winners!

Bookstore Update

Fr. Stephen De Young gave a powerful talk at the 2022 DOMSE Parish Life Conference in Memphis, TN last week on the theme of his latest book *God is a Man of War: The Problem of Violence in the Old Testament*. The Antiochian Men are currently reading this book together as an organization and it will be the topic of the AMEN Virtual Retreat that is scheduled on November 19th, 2022. You can purchase your copy of this book through our online church bookstore by clicking [HERE](#) or on the image of the book to the right.



The bookstore is also featuring an icon entitled "Lover of the Innocent." It features Christ with his arms outstretched toward the souls of aborted children. Stop by the bookstore to pick up this icon today!



Schedule of Liturgical Services & Activities

Tuesday, June 28	10:00 am Youth Summer Get-Together
Wednesday, June 29	6:00p Daily Vespers 7:00p Choir Practice
Thursday, June 30	6:00p AMEN Service Project - Helping the Sullivans with Moving Some Furniture
Saturday, July 2	4:30 pm James Strickland Baptism 6:00p Great Vespers
Sunday, July 3	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship/Coffee Hour



Ladies of Saint Nicholas
Summer Fellowship Event

Please Join Us:

JULY 9TH, 2022

3:00 PM

*St. Nicholas Orthodox
Church*

**3171 S 48TH STREET
SPRINGDALE, ARKANSAS**

CONTACT CLAIRE HOLLAND
479-879-0227
FOR FURTHER DETAILS

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LEMONADE, WINE, AND
AFTERNOON
HORS D'OEUVRES WITH
YOUR FELLOW SISTERS IN
CHRIST!
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UPCOMING BUSINESS AND
FELLOWSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES.