

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church Announcements 7/31/22

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A big THANK YOU to our men who helped with our AMEN Service Project yesterday at Loving Choices' newest center in Rogers! We got a lot of work done and our efforts were very much appreciated by the leadership over at Loving Choices!

Our next Men's Breakfast at St. Nicholas Church will take place on Saturday 8/20/22 (after the Dormition Fast ends). It will take place at the blue house located next to the church and will start at 9:00 am. It will be a potluck breakfast so please bring some food to share if you can.

Also, please SAVE THE DATE for our 4th Annual AMEN Virtual Retreat, which is scheduled for Saturday, November 19th, 2022! Our men will be meeting IN-PERSON at St. Nicholas Church for a potluck brunch (fast-friendly foods only please) and will be logging into the Zoom meeting together as a group at the church!

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 one date available in August!** We need your help to fill all of the available dates below! 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
July 31	Elizabeth Cisneros	Hosting Coffee Hour
August 7 (Dormition fast)	AVAILABLE	
August 14 (Dormition fast)	Rich Ratliff	
August 21	Seth & Diana Wilson	St. Aidan, Diana's Birthday
August 28	Lindel & SoonMee Townsley	
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	
October 23	AVAILABLE	
October 30	AVAILABLE	
November 6	AVAILABLE	
November 20 (Nativity Fast)	AVAILABLE	
November 27 (Nativity Fast)	AVAILABLE	
November 20 (Nativity Fast)	AVAILABLE	

Prison Ministry Awareness Sunday – July 31st

The Hierarchs of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops have blessed the Sunday after the feast of St. Silas (the patron of prison ministry) to be **Prison Ministry Awareness Sunday** in all US Orthodox parishes. In 2022, this occurs TODAY! Scan the QR code to the right to learn more about Orthodox Prison Ministry!



Dormition Fast

During the first two weeks of August (1-14), we have a fasting period in preparation for the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos. We offer a beautiful liturgical service during this period called Paraklesis, which means "supplication" as this service supplicates the Virgin Mary. We will offer this service on Wednesdays, August 3 and 10, and Friday, August 12 at 6:00p.

Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord – Friday August 5th

By anticipation, we will celebrate the Great Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord on Friday, August 5 as follows: Festal Orthros at 5:00p and Festal Liturgy at 6:00p (please note the times) followed by the Blessing of Grapes and First-Fruits (feel free to bring your own basket of fruits to be blessed), and a Dinner Outing at a local restaurant (Location TBD).

Baby Shower for Gina Waters

Attention Ladies of St. Nicholas! We are planning a Baby Shower for Gina Waters on Saturday, August 6th starting at 3:00 pm at the church. We hope to see you there!

Back to School Blessing (with Backpacks)

Join us on Sunday, August 14th for a special blessing and prayer for our students and teachers for the new school year. Kids - please bring your backpacks with you!

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 take place on Wednesday August 17th starting at 7:00 pm, following Daily Vespers which starts at 6:00 pm. All existing choir members and anyone interested in joining our choir is welcome to attend!

Guide Book & Directory Update

Our new Parish Guide Book & Directory is almost finalized! Please review your contact information entry using the link that was sent out to the parish via email. Send an email Scott Strickland (sbstrickland@gmail.com) with any corrections or adjustments. We would also like to ask our parishioners for their help with soliciting any local businesses who might be interested in paying for an advertisement in our Parish Guide Book & Directory. This is intended to be a fundraiser to help with covering the printing expenses. We have copies of a letter near the front and back doors of the church and would like to ask everyone to bring this letter to your own business or place of employment as well as any other local business who may be interested!

Help Needed with Live Streaming Services

Our parish council recently discussed live streaming our services at St. Nicholas Church and we have decided to continue for now, but we will be looking into upgrading our equipment to make the process an easier one. In the meantime, we are looking for volunteers to help with doing the live streaming. We recently purchased new microphones that only work with iPhones and other Apple devices, and we would appreciate help from anyone who has an iPhone and is willing to help with live streaming. 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.

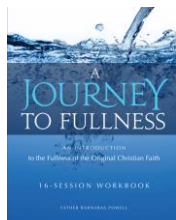
Usher/Greeter Ministry

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.

Community Groups

The next North Group meeting will be on Monday, August 15th, starting at 6:00 pm. It will take place at the Baclig family's home. The address is: 13815 Eastgate Drive, Rogers, AR 72756. This will be the 16th and final session in the Journey to Fullness series that we have been going through together as a group!

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.



2022 DOMSE Fall Retreat

SAVE THE DATE! The 2022 DOMSE Fall Retreat will take place on September 9-10, 2022. It will be hosted by St. Ignatius Orthodox Church in Franklin, TN. The schedule and registration link are coming soon, we hope to see you there!

DOMSE Newsletter "The Light"

Did you know that our diocese has a monthly newsletter called "The Light?" Scan the QR code to the right to find links to each of the newsletter editions that have been released thus far! The most recent edition for July 2022 includes many photos from the recent 2022 DOMSE Parish Life Conference, most of which were taken by our very own Elizabeth Baclig! St. Nicholas Church had over 30 of our parishioners in attendance at the PLC this year and many from our parish are featured in some of the photos!



Schedule of Liturgical Services & Activities

Wednesday, August 3	6:00p Paraklesis
Friday, August 5	5:00p Festal Orthros 6:00p Festal Liturgy followed by Dinner Outing
Saturday, August 6	3:00p Baby Shower for Gina Waters 6:00p Great Vespers
Sunday, August 7	8:30a AMEN Tent Team - Set Up 9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by fellowship/coffee hour 12:30p AMEN Tent Team - Take Down