

Parish Announcements – Sunday, August 7, 2022

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Schedule of Liturgical Services & Activities	
Wednesday, August 10	6:00p Paraklesis
Friday, August 12	6:00p Paraklesis
Saturday, August 13	6:00p Great Vespers
Sunday, August 14 <i>(Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos – transferred)</i>	9:00a Festal Orthros 10:00a Festal Liturgy followed by Fellowship & Back-to-School Blessing

Guide Book & Directory Update

Our new Parish Guide Book & Directory is almost finalized! Please scan the QR code to the right to review your contact information entry, and email Scott Strickland (sbstrickland@gmail.com) with any corrections or adjustments. You will need to enter the password "NICHOLAS_2022" to access the file.

We would also like to ask our parishioners for their help with offering 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!



Holy Oblation & Fellowship Hour Hosting

We are in need of parishioners and families to offer the Holy Oblation (holy bread) and host Fellowship (Coffee) Hour after Liturgy on Sundays. Please see Kate Salem (ksalem2@cox.net) to sign up. **We have several Sundays in need to be filled and hosted this upcoming Fall.** Do you have special celebration or commemoration upcoming? Offering the Holy Oblation and hosting Fellowship Hour on the Sunday closest to it would be a great idea! This will be an annual request; we have plenty of families and parishioners to fill-up a whole year!

2022 - Date	Name	Commemoration
August 14 <i>(Feast of the Dormition)</i>	Rich Ratliff	
August 21	Seth & Diana Wilson	St. Aidan, Diana's Birthday
August 28	Lindel & Soon-Mee Townsley	
September 4	IN NEED OF HOST	
September 11	IN NEED OF HOST	
September 18	Kolikithas Family	
September 25	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 13	AVAILABLE	
November 20 <i>(Nativity Fast)</i>	AVAILABLE	
November 27 <i>(Nativity Fast)</i>	AVAILABLE	

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 Wednesday, August 10, and Friday, August 12 at 6:00p.

Antiochian Men



Our next Men’s Breakfast will be Saturday, August 20 at 9:00a at the blue house next to the Church. This is a Potluck Breakfast, so if able, please bring a dish with you! Also, SAVE THE DATE for the 4th annual Diocesan Virtual Retreat scheduled for Saturday, November 19. Our local chapter will be gathering IN-PERSON to participate as a group virtually and offer a Lenten Potluck Breakfast.

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.

Fellowship/Coffee Hour - Outdoor Tents and Set-Up

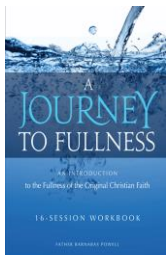
We've had some wonderful outdoor fellowship after Divine Liturgy on Sundays over the past few months. Many thanks to those who continue to set-up and clean-up during our Fellowship/Coffee Hours, including preparing the outdoor area with our new tents and tables. This “over-flow” area has been a great blessing for our continued interactions among parishioners and inquirers, for all who join us on Sundays!

Monthly Choir Practice - Wednesday, August 17

Our next choir practice will take place on Wednesday, August 17 at 7:00p, following Vespers at 6:00p. All existing choir members and anyone interested in joining our choir should be attending - thank you!

Usher & Greeter Ministry - TRAINING DAY - Sunday, August 28

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. We will offer our TRAINING DAY on Sunday, August 28 after Divine Liturgy to discuss how best to help out!



Community Groups

The next North Group meeting will be on Monday, August 15 at 6:00p. Join us at the Baclig Family’s Home at 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!

We are IN NEED of hosts for the South Community Group to continue this outreach and ministry in the areas of Springdale, Fayetteville, and Farmington. If interested, please contact Michael Baclig or Fr. Paul to discuss further so we can schedule our monthly gatherings.

Monthly Adult Education Class - Sunday, August 21

We will begin offering an Adult Education Class on the 3rd Sunday of each month following Fellowship Hour (approx. 12:30p) for 30 minutes. This will be an informal Q&A session with Fr. Paul to grow in our Faith. Topics to include Church History; moral, ethical, and social issues; church etiquette and liturgical pious practices, etc.