

# Parish Announcements – Sunday, August 21, 2022

Announcement requests may be sent via email to [saintnicholasar@gmail.com](mailto:saintnicholasar@gmail.com)

Schedule of Liturgical Services & Activities	
Wednesday, August 24	6:00p Vespers 7:00p Choir Practice
Saturday, August 27	6:00p Great Vespers
Sunday, August 28	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship

## Guide Book & Directory UPDATE

Our new Parish Guide Book & Directory is almost finalized!

We are in need of a few 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.

Printed copies of a letter are available near the front and back doors of the church, as well as electronic copy on our website.

We 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 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](mailto: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 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!

An email reminder was sent out this week, please check it out!

2022	Names	Commemoration
August 21	Seth & Diana Wilson	St. Aidan, Diana's Birthday
August 28	Lindel & Soon-Mee Townsley	
September 4	Nancy Brown	
<b>September 11</b>	<b>IN NEED OF HOST</b>	
September 18	Kolikithas Family	
September 25	Baclig Family	Andy & Liz B-Day/Baclig Crowning Anniversary
<b>October 2</b>	<b>IN NEED OF HOST</b>	
October 9	Philip & Ciera Nelson	
<b>October 16</b>	<b>IN NEED OF HOST</b>	
<b>October 23</b>	<b>IN NEED OF HOST</b>	
<b>October 30</b>	<b>IN NEED OF HOST</b>	
November 6	Fuller Family	Rebekah's Birthday
<b>November 13</b>	<b>IN NEED OF HOST</b>	
<b>November 20</b> (Fast)	<b>IN NEED OF HOST</b>	<b>Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple</b> (transferred)
<b>November 27</b> (Fast)	<b>IN NEED OF HOST</b>	

## Community Groups

THANK YOU to all who have hosted our various community groups throughout the past few years, and to those who joined us for these informal and highly instructive gatherings. We are going to take a break for a few months, focusing on our upcoming Parish Family Nights and monthly Adult Education classes. We plan to resume this Winter – check out for dates both in the North and South areas of Northwest Arkansas!

## Monthly Adult Education Class – TODAY – Sunday, August 21

We will begin offering an Adult Education Class on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## Parish Family Nights – Wednesdays, Sept 28, Oct 12, Oct 26, & Nov 9

EVERYONE is encouraged to join us for these Wednesday evenings this Fall. We will have service at 6:00p followed by Dinner and various lessons/discussions for ALL ages! Please mark your calendars NOW and make these gatherings a priority; dinner will be provided!

## College Students – Contact Information

As our college students return back to campus, both local and other schools, we need their contact information to help them keep in touch with local parish communities and OCF (Orthodox Christian Fellowship) National Office. Please send an email to our Church ([saintnicholasar@gmail.com](mailto:saintnicholasar@gmail.com)) with name, email, phone, mailing address, school, degree, and grad year.

## Help NEEDED for Church School

We are seeking a few teachers to help with our upcoming Church School program (September 2022 – May 2023); we will offer two classes to meet every other week, but need teachers in order to have a successful program. We have a new curriculum with lesson plans readily available – Genesis, a study of the Old Testament book. Contact Elizabeth Baclig (920-574- 0467) to volunteer.

## Monthly Choir Practice – Wednesday, August 24 (NEW DATE)

Our next choir practice will take place on **Wednesday, August 24 (NEW DATE) 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!

## Christian Bookstore at the Benton County Fair – OUTREACH

We are hopeful to set up a vendor booth as a Christian bookstore, selling items from our own parish bookstore at the upcoming Benton County Fair (Tuesday – Saturday, September 28 – October 1). We will need VOLUNTEERS to accomplish this outreach goal in NW Arkansas. Volunteers will take 4-5 hour shifts at the vendor booth. This is a big project and we need your participation and support – please discuss further with Fr. Paul.



## Antiochian Men

SAVE THE DATE for the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Bookstore UPDATE

Newly published, "The Whole Counsel of God: An Introduction to Your Bible," by Fr. Stephen De Young is available for purchase! Also, the **NEW EDITION of the Pocket Prayer Book** is available. If you have recently purchased the older version, you may EXCHANGE FOR FREE a new copy by end of September. We will donate these older copies that are exchanged.