

Parish Announcements - Sunday, September 11, 2022

Announcement requests may be sent via email to saintricholasar@gmail.com

Schedule of Liturgical Services & Activities	
Tuesday, September 13 <i>(Feast of Exaltation of the Holy Cross)</i>	5:00p Festal Orthros 6:00p Festal Liturgy & Lenten Dinner (provided at Church)
Wednesday, September 14	6:00p Vespers 7:00p Parish Council Mtg
Saturday, September 17	9:00a Men's Breakfast 3:00p Baby Shower for Alexis Power 6:00p Great Vespers
Sunday, September 18	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship 12:30p Adult Education Class

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! We will be focusing on the Divine Liturgy and some of the common hymns that are sung.

Please mark your calendars NOW and make these gatherings a priority; dinner will be provided!

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) 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 of our parish family!

2022	Names	Commemoration
September 11	Cate, King, & Troy families	In Memoriam of 9/11 victims and in honor of our Military
September 18	Kolikithas Family	
September 25	Baclig Family	Andy & Liz B-Day/Baclig Crowning Anniversary
October 2	Caleb Mackey & Lily Tippit	
October 9	Philip & Ciera Nelson	
October 16	IN NEED OF HOST	
October 23	IN NEED OF HOST	
October 30	IN NEED OF HOST	
November 6	Fuller Family	Rebekah's Birthday
November 13	IN NEED OF HOST	
November 20 <i>(Fast)</i>	IN NEED OF HOST	Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple <i>(transferred)</i>
November 27 <i>(Fast)</i>	IN NEED OF HOST	
December 4 <i>(Fast)</i>	IN NEED OF HOST	
December 11 <i>(Fast)</i>	IN NEED OF HOST	
December 18 <i>(Fast)</i>	IN NEED OF HOST	
December 24	Parish Festal Potluck	Nativity of our Lord

Great Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Join us on Tuesday, September 13 at 5:00p Festal Orthros and 6:00p Festal Liturgy followed by dinner (provided) at the Church to celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. We offer these services on the evening before the Feast and celebrate "by anticipation" in the hopes that more of our faithful can join us.

Greeters & Ushers Ministry - UPDATE

Thanks to those who have joined us for our training session. We will have parishioners offering ministry by helping out as Greeters & Ushers, especially on Sundays. They will assist with welcoming our newcomers and guests, passing out bulletins, the financial collection (offering), distribution of Holy Communion, and dismissal at the end of services. They will be a big help to everyone; please take any instructions or corrections offered by them in the manner it is offered, one of graciousness!

Church School (beginning Sunday, Sept 25) - SIGN-UP

We will begin our upcoming Church School program (September 2022 - May 2023); we will offer two classes to meet every other week, beginning Sunday, September 25 after Divine Liturgy. We have a new curriculum with lesson plans readily available - Genesis, a study of the Old Testamental book. Contact Elizabeth Baclig (920-574- 0467) to sign-up your children.

Christian Bookstore at the Benton County Fair - OUTREACH

We'd like 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. Shifts will last 4-6 hours at the vendor booth. This is a big project and we need your participation - please discuss further with Fr. Paul. **So far, 5 households have volunteered - we need a few more!**

College Students & Alumni - 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. Likewise, we are creating a database of Orthodox alumni from the University of Arkansas. Please send an email to our Church (saintnicholasar@gmail.com) with name, email, phone, mailing address, school, degree, and grad year.

Antiochian Men

Our next Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday, September 17. We will meet at the blue house next to the church starting at 9:00a for a potluck breakfast.

Bookstore UPDATE

The bookstore continues to receive new and exciting titles. To help make room on our shelves, some books already in stock are being marked 30% off and placed on our "Sale" shelf. Come and stop by the bookstore to check out these bargains! 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.

Baby Shower for Alexis Power - Saturday, Sept 17

The ladies of our parish community are invited to a baby shower for Alexis Power on Saturday, September 17 at 3:00p; if joining, please RSVP to Lindsay Cate (479-301-3866).

Monthly Adult Education Class - Sunday, Sept 18

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. **These sessions are considered "mandatory" for our catechumens and inquirers.** Topics to include Church History; moral, ethical, and social issues; church etiquette and liturgical pious practices, etc.

Conversation about Strategic Planning Ministry - Sunday, Sept 25

Many thanks to ALL who have joined us for our previous gatherings - they were productive and informative conversations! We need to consider the future of our parish community. What will St. Nicholas Church look like in 5 years? In 10 years? In 20 years? You are invited to participate in these conversations. Join us Sunday, September 25 after Fellowship Hour for our next conversation. We are planning to discuss the current mortgage and our efforts to Pay Off The Mortgage Early (POTMEF).