

# Parish Announcements - Sunday, September 18, 2022

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

<b>Schedule of Liturgical Services &amp; Activities</b>	
Wednesday, September 21	6:00p Vespers 7:00p Choir Practice
Saturday, September 24	6:00p Great Vespers
Sunday, September 25	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Church School & Fellowship 12:30p Strategic Planning Conversation

## 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. **ONLY 7 Sundays left to be filled and hosted this year.** 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 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	
<b>October 16</b>	<b>IN NEED OF HOST</b>	
<b>October 23</b>	<b>IN NEED OF HOST</b>	
October 30	Haydar & Paunov Families	
November 6	Fuller Family	Rebekah's Birthday
November 13	Strickland Family	Judah's Birthday
<b>November 20</b> <i>(Fast)</i>	<b>IN NEED OF HOST</b>	<b>Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple</b> <i>(transferred)</i>
<b>November 27</b> <i>(Fast)</i>	<b>IN NEED OF HOST</b>	
<b>December 4</b> <i>(Fast)</i>	<b>IN NEED OF HOST</b>	
<b>December 11</b> <i>(Fast)</i>	<b>IN NEED OF HOST</b>	
<b>December 18</b> <i>(Fast)</i>	<b>IN NEED OF HOST</b>	
December 24	Parish Festal Potluck	<b>Nativity of our Lord</b>

### **Monthly Adult Education Class - TODAY, Sunday, Sept 18**

We will continue to offer our 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. **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.

### **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 Testament 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 27 - 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 5 more!**

### **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).

### **Monthly Choir Practice - Wednesday, Sept 21**

Our next choir practice will take place on **Wednesday, Sept 21 at 7:00p**, following Vespers at 6:00p. All existing choir members and anyone interested in joining our choir should attend - thank you!

### **Antiochian Men - BBQ, Billiards, & Brotherhood - Monday, Oct 3**

Our Antiochian Men are invited to an evening outing on Monday, October 3 at 6:00p at the Baclig Home for BBQ, Billiards, & Brotherhood. This is a potluck dinner, so bring your own meats for the grill!

### **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.

### **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!

### **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](mailto:saintnicholasar@gmail.com)) with name, email, phone, mailing address, school, degree, and grad year.

### **Stork Report - Waters Family**

Hannah Grace, daughter of Derek & Gina Waters, was born on Wednesday, September 7, 2022. She was 18.75" & 6lbs 6 oz at the time of her birth. May God grant many years to Hannah and the entire Waters Family!