

# Parish Announcements – Sunday, September 4, 2022

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

| Schedule of Liturgical Services & Activities                              |   |
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| Wednesday, September 7<br><i>(Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos)</i> | 5:00p Festal Orthros<br>6:00p Festal Liturgy & Dinner Outing  |
| Saturday, September 10  | NO GREAT VESPER   |
| Sunday, September 11  | 9:00a Orthros<br>10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship |

## 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 4                  | Nancy Brown                 |  |
| 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<br><i>(Fast)</i> | IN NEED OF HOST             | Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple <i>(transferred)</i> |
| November 27<br><i>(Fast)</i> | IN NEED OF HOST             |  |
| December 4<br><i>(Fast)</i>  | IN NEED OF HOST             |  |
| December 11<br><i>(Fast)</i> | IN NEED OF HOST             |  |
| December 18<br><i>(Fast)</i> | IN NEED OF HOST             |  |
| December 24                  | Parish Festal Potluck       | Nativity of our Lord   |

## **Usher & Greeter Ministry**

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 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 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.

## **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.

## **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.

## **Diocesan Fall Retreat - Sept 9-11, 2022**

Our diocesan family will be gathering in Franklin, Tennessee (just south of Nashville) the weekend of September 9-11. Many from our parish will be traveling and in attendance; please keep us in your prayers! We will NOT have Great Vespers on Saturday, September 10.

## **Upcoming Great Feasts**

In September, the beginning of the Church New Year, we celebrate two Great Feasts in the Life of the Church (there's only 12!). Our liturgical schedule will be in anticipation of these Great Feasts, evening services so more of our faithful can participate with us. Join us on Wednesday, September 7 at 5:00p Festal Orthros and 6:00p Festal Liturgy followed by Dinner Outing to celebrate the Nativity (birth) of the Theotokos. Join us on Tuesday, September 13 at 5:00p Festal Orthros and 6:00p Festal Liturgy followed by Dinner Outing to celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

## **In the News – Archaeological Find in Sudan**

Check out this recent news article about an archaeological discovery in Sudan in North Africa. Discovery of an ancient church (approx. 1,000 years old) with iconography still visible. Orthodox Christianity in Africa! Link below:

**[tinyurl.com/sudanchurch](https://tinyurl.com/sudanchurch)**