

Parish Announcements - Sunday, October 23, 2022

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

Schedule of Liturgical Services & Activities	
TODAY - Sunday, October 23	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship & Church School
Wednesday, October 26	6:00p Parish Family Night <i>(dinner provided)</i>
Saturday, October 29	3:45p Altar Servers Training Session 5:00p Great Vespers <i>(please note the NEW time)</i>
Sunday, October 30	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship & OCLife Mtg

Parish Family Nights

Wednesdays - Oct 26 & Nov 9

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.

Dinner will be provided!

Lost & Found Items

A friendly reminder to please check the Kitchen, Serving, and Coat Rack areas for your personal items (kitchenware, jackets, etc.), especially as we get into the colder months.

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 3 Sundays left to be filled and hosted this year.** Looking ahead, you can now sign-up for Sundays in 2023! This will be an annual request of our parish family!

2022	Names	Commemoration
October 23	Lourie Family	Nichole's Birthday
October 30	Haydar & Paunov Families	St. Demetrios Emma's Name Day & B-Day
November 6	Fuller Family	Rebekah's Birthday
November 13	Strickland Family	Judah's Birthday
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>	Todd & Terry Keesee	Chrismation Anniversary
December 18 <i>(Fast)</i>	Steve & Tina Rieger	Order of St. Ignatius
December 24	Parish Festal Potluck	Nativity of our Lord

Great Vespers on Saturdays - NEW Time of 5:00p

We have begun to offer Great Vespers on Saturday evenings at 5:00p (please note the time change). Our hope is that this will allow our families with younger children to join us, as well as allow for parish events on Saturday evenings.

Special Collection (Seminarian Fund) - THANK YOU!

Last Sunday, we took a special collection (along with all Antiochian parishes across the Archdiocese) to help support our future seminarians who will go on to be clergy and lay leaders of our parishes. Many thanks for your generosity; we collected \$440!

Water Damage Repairs at the Blue House

A few weeks ago, we discovered a water leak at the Blue House. We are still in the process of dealing with our insurance company, but some of our parishioners were kind enough to get a jump on “tearing out, drying, and working towards repairs.” This will be an expense for the parish, as we utilize the Blue House greatly. Estimated costs of repair, including new flooring and painting are between \$8,000-\$12,000. We are informing our parish community of this need and will discuss further options. Any questions, please contact Tom Salem.

Patristic Book Study - Mondays in November

We will be offering another Patristic Book Study reading “Festal Orations” by St. Gregory the Theologian (4th century) in November on three Monday evenings (November 7, 14, & 28) at 8:00p CST. It’s a virtual format (via ZOOM). Please email Fr. Paul (frpaul.fuller@gmail.com) to sign up. Also, request a copy of the book via our parish bookstore.

Parish Challenge for POTMEF - UPDATE (9 HOUSEHOLDS)

As previously announced and discussed, we are focusing our efforts to Pay Off The Mortgage Early Fund (POTMEF). In March 2021, the balance of the mortgage was \$125,000 and the parish leadership began an appeal to our parishioners for POTMEF (Pay Off the Mortgage Early Fund). **In such a short period of time since March 2021, our current balance is \$80,000, having been reduced by \$45,000 by your generosity!**

With that in mind, we are asking you to renew your efforts to help us pay off our mortgage early and offering a PARISH CHALLENGE to accomplish our goal - **IN NEED OF 20 households to financially contribute \$5,000 (two-year time period)**. All proceeds in excess of the goal will be included in a “building fund,” as we prepare for our continued growth as a parish community! To offer your pledge, please discuss with Tom Salem (479-295-9892).

20 HOUSEHOLDS pledging \$5,000 EACH

We currently have 9 households pledging \$5,000 each: **Anonymous, Anonymous, Anonymous, Bob & Nancy Brown, Fr. Paul & Ramia Fuller, Adnan & Paula Haydar, Todd & Terry Keesee, Philip & Ciera Nelson, Tom & Kate Salem**

PLEASE NOTE: This appeal is in addition to your regular stewardship, which is necessary for the annual functioning of our parish community!

OCLife Meeting - Sunday, October 30

Orthodox Christians for Life (OCLife) will be meeting Sunday, October 30 after Fellowship. At our meeting, we shall offer a brief presentation, review our accomplishments as a Parish Ministry Program, and discuss our November donation drive to benefit Compassion House and Loving Choices. ALL are encouraged to attend.

Patronal Feast of St. John of Chicago - Monday, October 31

We are invited to join with our sister parish of St. John of Chicago Orthodox Church in Rogers (1740 9th Street) to celebrate their Patronal Feast with Divine Liturgy on Monday, October 31 at 9:00a. We can go out for breakfast afterwards as a group!

Psalter (Psalms) Reading Group - Advent 2022

OPEN to ALL! If you’re looking for a daily spiritual discipline this upcoming Advent season, here it is! Each day during Advent (November 15-December 24), you will be assigned a small section of reading from the Book of Psalms. It only takes about 10-15 minutes each day to read on your own. To sign up and participate, please email Fr. Paul (frpaul.fuller@gmail.com). We need at least 20 participants for the Psalter Reading Group to function properly. May God bless you in your spiritual endeavor this upcoming Advent season!

Altar Serving Training Session - Saturday, October 29

Those serving in the Altar are invited to another training session on Saturday, October 29 at 3:45p, prior to Great Vespers at 5:00p.