

Parish Announcements - Sunday, October 30, 2022

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

Schedule of Liturgical Services & Activities	
TODAY - Sunday, October 30	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship & OCLife Mtg
Monday, October 31	9:00a Divine Liturgy @ <i>St. John of Chicago Orthodox Church</i> (1740 9th Street - Rogers, AR)
Wednesday, November 2	6:00p Vespers 7:00p Parish Council Mtg
Saturday, November 5	3:45p Chanting Practice 5:00p Great Vespers (please note the NEW time)
Sunday, November 6	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship & Church School

Parish Family Nights

Wednesday - November 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.

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.

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 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 (Fast)	IN NEED OF HOST	Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple (transferred)
November 27 (Fast)	IN NEED OF HOST	
December 4 (Fast)	Baclig Family	
December 11 (Fast)	Todd & Terry Keesee	Chrismation Anniversary
December 18 (Fast)	Steve & Tina Rieger	Order of St. Ignatius
December 24	Parish Festal Potluck	Nativity of our Lord

OCLife Meeting - TODAY, 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 at 9:00a. We can go out for breakfast afterwards as a group!

Water Damage Repairs at the Blue House - UPDATE

As previously announced, we discovered a water leak at the Blue House. Our Antiochian Men have been gathering for workdays "tearing out, drying, and working towards repairs" - many thanks! Updated estimated costs of repair, including new flooring and painting is \$11,000, which includes repair and painting at the Church also. Thus far, parishioners have offered \$5,200 towards these repairs; any additional financial support is greatly appreciated! Please contact Tom Salem if you'd like to contribute.

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, purchase a copy of the book in our parish bookstore.

UPDATE - Parish Challenge for POTMEF (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).

We currently have 9 households pledging \$5,000 each: **Anonymous, Anonymous, Anonymous, Bob & Nancy Brown, Fr. Paul & Ramia Fuller, Adnan & Paula Haydar, Todd & Terry Keese, 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!

Parish Bookstore UPDATE

Starting November 6th, it will be Christmas in the Bookstore! Icons of the Nativity will be offered, along with children's books celebrating the feast. In addition, there will be olive wood and mother of pearl wall crosses from Bethlehem, and new styles of olive wood prayer bracelets. Another new item will be prayer bracelets featuring Swarovski pearls in 10 vibrant colors. Also, browse through our large selection of books for the perfect gift.

Chanting Class (NEW) - 1st Saturday of the Month

We will begin a new program for those interested in learning how to chant during our liturgical services. Reader David Nelson will lead these sessions, being offered on the 1st Saturday of each month (Saturday, November 5) at 3:45p, prior to Great Vespers at 5:00p. This is open to all; learn about Reading of Psalms, basic tones, hymns, and responses of the Church, and how to put the liturgical services together.

Stork Report - Power Family

Karis Emory, daughter of Andrew & Alexis Power, was born on Wednesday, October 19, 2022. Congratulations to their family may be emailed to alexiskopower@gmail.com. May God grant many years to the newborn Karis and the entire Power Family!

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!