

# Parish Announcements - Sunday, November 13, 2022

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<b>Schedule of Liturgical Services &amp; Activities</b>	
<b>TODAY - Sunday, November 13</b>	<b>9:00a</b> Orthros <b>10:00a</b> Divine Liturgy followed by Church School & Fellowship <b>1:00p</b> Baptism of Hannah Grace Waters
Monday, November 14	<b>8:00p</b> Patristic Book Study ( <i>virtual</i> )
Wednesday, November 16	<b>6:00p</b> Nativity Paraklesis <b>7:00p</b> Choir Practice
Saturday, November 19	<b>9:00a</b> Men's Breakfast and Retreat  <b>3:30p</b> Ladies' Book Study <b>5:00p</b> Great Vespers ( <i>please note the NEW time</i> )
Sunday, November 20 <b>(Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple - transferred)</b>	<b>9:00a</b> Festal Orthros <b>10:00a</b> Festal Liturgy followed by Church School & Fellowship <b>12:30p</b> Adult Education Class

## Nativity Fast (Advent Season)

Our season of preparation begins (November 15) to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord (Christmas); we do so through increased efforts of fasting, prayer, and charity. May it be blessed!

### Psalter (Psalms) Reading Group - Advent 2022

OPEN to ALL! Each day during Advent (November 15-December 24), you'll read a small section of reading from the Psalms. It only takes about 10-15 minutes each day to read on your own. To participate, please email Fr. Paul ([frpaul.fuller@gmail.com](mailto:frpaul.fuller@gmail.com)).

### 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](mailto:ksalem2@cox.net)) to sign up. **ONLY 2 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
November 13	Strickland Family	Judah's Birthday
November 20 (Fast)	IN NEED OF HOST	<b>Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple</b> ( <i>transferred</i> )
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
2023	Names	Commemoration
January 1	IN NEED OF HOST	
January 8	IN NEED OF HOST	
January 15	IN NEED OF HOST	
January 22	IN NEED OF HOST	
January 29	IN NEED OF HOST	

### Antiochian Men Breakfast & Retreat – Saturday, November 19

Our 4th Annual AMEN Virtual Retreat is Saturday 11/19! We will be meeting at the church at 9:00 am and will log into the Zoom meeting together as a group. We are planning to have a potluck breakfast during the retreat so feel free to bring some food to share. This will be during the Nativity Fast so please only bring fast-friendly foods.

### Antiochian Women Book Study – Saturday, November 19

Join us for our 2<sup>nd</sup> gathering as we read through “Welcoming Gifts,” available for purchase in the bookstore. We will meet at 3:30p prior to Great Vespers at 5:00p.

### Guide Book & Directory – COPIES AVAILABLE FOR PARISHIONERS

The book is awesome and will be a valuable resource for many years to come! **We are giving out 1 per household with the option to purchase additional copies for \$15 per book.** You can get a book on Sundays during Fellowship. Thank you: Scott Strickland for the design and content, and Elizabeth Baclig for the parishioner photos.

### Patronal Feast of St. Nicholas & Hierarchal Visit of Bishop NICHOLAS – Monday, December 5

At our upcoming celebration of our patronal feast of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker, we will be joined by His Grace, Bishop NICHOLAS. Join us for liturgical services on Monday, December 5 at 5:00p (Festal Orthros) and 6:00p (Festal Liturgy) followed by our Festal Dinner (catered meal at the banquet room at the Home2Suites Hotel. Please sign up on Sundays during Fellowship with payment of \$15 per person (kids 10 & under FREE).

### OCLife – November Charity Drive

During the month of November, we will be offering a Charity Drive of items and monetary donations for these local organizations. Compassion House has requested diapers and/or wipes, hygiene and cleaning products, loose fitting yoga clothes. Loving Choices has requested baby care items, maternity clothes (undergarments should be new) and Peggie Pops or Peggie Pop Drops. Please bring these suggested items with you to church; there will be a large bin in our fellowship area throughout the month of November. Any questions, please contact Nancy Brown (479-616-8043).

### UPDATE – Water Damage Repairs at the Blue House

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 \$14,000, which includes repair and painting at the Church also. Thus far, parishioners have offered \$6,450 towards these repairs; any additional financial support is greatly appreciated! Please contact Tom Salem (479-295-9892) if you'd like to contribute.

### Holiday Baklava Sale 2022

This fundraiser allows our Antiochian Women chapter to make annual contributions to DOMSE for charitable projects, as well as to the North American Board (NAB) for the required Annual Project. Funds raised also provide for local charitable giving along with special recognition for new mothers, graduates, and other remembrances. **Pre-orders will be taken through December 7.** Delivery will be the weekend of December 17-18. Please see flyer for pricing and ordering information. New this year is the option to order online by simply scanning the QR code below.



Ladies interested in volunteering, please contact Paula at [pmhaydar20@gmail.com](mailto:pmhaydar20@gmail.com) and you will be added to the contact list for work dates and other information. **Baking pre-assembled trays and packaging will take place the week of December 12.** We also welcome donations towards purchase of supplies. Parish support is appreciated, and we encourage everyone to share the flyer and online pre-order form link with family, friends, and colleagues. Thank you!

### Parish Bookstore UPDATE

Starting November 6<sup>th</sup>, 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.