

Parish Announcements - Sunday, November 6, 2022

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

Schedule of Liturgical Services & Activities	
TODAY - Sunday, November 6	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Church School & Fellowship
Wednesday, November 9	6:00p Parish Family Night <i>(dinner provided)</i>
Saturday, November 12	5:00p Great Vespers <i>(please note the NEW time)</i>
Sunday, November 13	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship 1:00p Baptism of Hannah Grace Waters

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
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>	Baclig Family	
December 11 <i>(Fast)</i>	Todd & Terry Keese	Chrismation Anniversary
December 18 <i>(Fast)</i>	Steve & Tina Rieger	Order of St. Ignatius
December 24	Parish Festal Potluck	Nativity of our Lord

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 \$5,200 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

The Ladies of St. Nicholas have kicked off their annual Holiday Baklava Sale! 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 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!

UPDATE - Parish Challenge for POTMEF (9 HOUSEHOLDS)

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.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism - Hannah Grace Waters - Sunday, November 13

Join us after Fellowship (approx. 1:00p), as we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism upon Hannah Grace, daughter of Derek & Gina Waters as she joins the Orthodox Church. May God grant her many years!

Antiochian Men Breakfast & Retreat - Saturday, November 19

Annual Virtual Retreat of the AMEN of the Diocese along with our Men's Breakfast at 9:00a on Saturday, November 19. This will be a Lenten Potluck Breakfast. Any questions, please contact Michael Baclig.

Antiochian Women Book Study - Saturday, November 19

Join us for our 2nd 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.

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). We need at least 20 participants for the Psalter Reading Group to function properly.

Special Collection (Special Olympics) - THANK YOU!

This past Sunday, we took a special collection (along with all Antiochian parishes across the Archdiocese). These funds operate a sports camp for Special Olympics in Pennsylvania hosted at the Antiochian Village. **Many thanks for your generosity; we collected \$277 thus far!** If you'd like to contribute, please do so via PayPal on our parish website.