

# Parish Announcements - Sunday, November 20, 2022

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<b>Schedule of Liturgical Services &amp; Activities</b>	
<b>TODAY - Sunday, November 20</b> <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
Sunday, November 27	<b>9:00a</b> Orthros <b>10:00a</b> Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship

## Nativity Fast (Advent Season)

Our season of preparation has begun (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!

## 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.

## Guide Book & Directory

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.

## 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 20 <i>(Fast)</i>	Lourie Family	<b>Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple</b> <i>(transferred)</i>
November 27 <i>(Fast)</i>	Shawn Guthrie	
December 4 <i>(Fast)</i>	Baclig Family	
December 11 <i>(Fast)</i>	Todd & Terry Keesee	Chrismation Anniversary
December 18 <i>(Fast)</i>	Steve & Tina Rieger	Order of St. Ignatius
December 24	<b>Parish Festal Potluck</b>	<b>Nativity of our Lord</b>
2023	Names	Commemoration
January 1	<b>IN NEED OF HOST</b>	
January 8	<b>IN NEED OF HOST</b>	
January 15	<b>IN NEED OF HOST</b>	
January 22	<b>IN NEED OF HOST</b>	
January 29	<b>IN NEED OF HOST</b>	

## NO SERVICES THIS WEEK

There will be no services this week, as Fr. Paul will be out-of-town. May you have a blessed Thanksgiving!

## 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. Sign up on Sundays or contact Ciera Nelson by November 25 with payment of \$15 per person (kids 10 & under FREE).

## Monthly Adult Education Class - TODAY, Sunday, November 20

We will offer an Adult Education Class on the 3rd Sunday of each month following Fellowship Hour (approx. 12:30p) for 30 minutes. This will be an informal Q&A session with Fr. Paul to grow in our Faith. Topics to include Church History; moral, ethical, and social issues; church etiquette and liturgical pious practices, etc.

### 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 & Church

Repairs are nearly complete - the inside looks amazing! Updated estimated costs of repair, including new flooring and painting is **\$14,000**, which includes repair and painting at the Church from the water damage caused by the gutters.

**Thus far, parishioners have contributed \$6,450 towards these repairs - many thanks;** 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.

### 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.

### THANK YOU - Parish Family Nights

Our Parish Family Nights were a great success - avg. over 50 participants for our 4 sessions during the Fall. Many thanks to those who joined us and those who provided our meals! We hope to offer more Parish Family Nights in the future on Wednesday evenings - TBD!

### UPDATE (10 Households) - Parish Challenge for POTMEF

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). Our current mortgage is \$80,000; your contribution will help us retire this debt! To offer your pledge, please discuss with Tom Salem (479-295-9892), parish treasurer.

**Thus far, we have 10 out of the needed 20 HOUSEHOLDS pledging \$5,000 EACH**

We currently have 10 households contributing \$5,000 each:

**Anonymous, Anonymous, Anonymous, Bob & Nancy Brown, Fr. Paul & Ramia Fuller, Shawn Guthrie, 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!