

# Parish Announcements – Sunday, November 27, 2022

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## **Schedule of Liturgical Services & Activities**

<b>TODAY – Sunday, November 27</b>	<b>9:00a Orthros</b> <b>10:00a Divine Liturgy</b> followed by Fellowship
Saturday, December 3	<b>3:45p Chanting Practice</b> <b>5:00p Great Vespers</b> (please note the NEW time)
Sunday, December 4	<b>9:00a Orthros</b> <b>10:00a Divine Liturgy</b> 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!

<b>2022</b>	<b>Names</b>	<b>Commemoration</b>
November 27 (Fast)	Shawn Guthrie	
December 4 (Fast)	Baclic Family	
December 11 (Fast)	Todd & Terry Keese	Chrismation Anniversary
December 18 (Fast)	Steve & Tina Rieger	Order of St. Ignatius
December 24	<b>Parish Festal Potluck</b>	<b>Nativity of our Lord</b>
<b>2023</b>	<b>Names</b>	<b>Commemoration</b>
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	

### **NO SERVICE ON WEDNESDAY**

There will be no service this week on Wednesday evening. Regular schedule of services for this upcoming weekend.

### **Patronal Feast of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker – Monday, December 5**

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, contact Ciera Nelson, or register online (parish website) via PayPal by November 28 with payment of \$15 per person (kids 10 & under FREE). We need a head count for the caterer. Sadly, Bishop NICHOLAS will not be able to join us, as he will be attending Archdiocesan meetings recently scheduled by the Patriarchal Vicar, Metropolitan ANTONIOS at the Archdiocesan Headquarters in New Jersey.

### 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 Preggie Pops or Preggie 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.

### Chanting Practice - 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month (December 3)

For those interested in learning how to read and chant during our liturgical services, Reader David Nelson will lead these sessions, being offered on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month at 3:45p, prior to Great Vespers at 5:00p. **Next session is Saturday, December 3.** 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.

### Antiochian Women Book Club – Saturday, December 10

Join us 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 on Saturday, December 10.

### Nativity Paraklesis – Wednesdays in December

Join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:00p in December as we offer the Nativity Paraklesis service, a supplication service of preparation for the Nativity of our Lord (Christmas).

### Parish Council 2023 Nominees

If you are interested in being on the Parish Council for the upcoming year, please contact Fr. Paul Fuller to discuss further. Nominees must be members in good standing (sacramentally and in their stewardship) of our parish community. Parish Council nominees will be considered at our General Parish Assembly in early February 2023, but only those nominated in advance, not from the floor at the Assembly.