

Parish Announcements – Sunday, December 11, 2022

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

| Schedule of Liturgical Services & Activities | |
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| TODAY – Sunday, December 11 | 9:00a Orthros <i>& Chrismation of Elisabeth Cisneros</i> 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship |
| Wednesday, December 14 | 6:00p Nativity Paraklesis 7:00p Choir Practice |
| Saturday, December 17 | 5:00p Great Vespers <i>(please note the NEW time)</i> |
| Sunday, December 18 | 9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Church School & 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) to sign up.

Sign-up NOW for Sundays in 2023! This will be an annual request of our parish family!

| 2022 | Names | Commemoration |
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| December 11 (Fast) | Todd & Terry Keese | 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 | Seth & Diana Wilson | Diana's Name Day (St Tatiana) |
| January 15 | IN NEED OF HOST | |
| January 22 | Nancy Brown | March for Life |
| January 29 | IN NEED OF HOST | |
| February 5 | Kolokithas Family | General Parish Assembly |
| February 12 | IN NEED OF HOST | |
| February 19 | IN NEED OF HOST | |
| February 26 (Fast) | IN NEED OF HOST | Forgiveness Sunday; Cheesefare Sunday |

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).

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

We had such a wonderful patronal feast celebration – many thanks to all who joined us and made this event so special!

Parish Christmas Card

Be included in our Parish Christmas Card (mailed to our entire mailing list); Scan the QR code via PayPal or sign-up on Sundays during Fellowship. \$25 per entry. Contact Kristin Potoski (214-843-2114).



Monthly Choir Practice - Wednesday, December 14

Our next choir practice will take place this **Wednesday, December 14 at 7:00p**, following Nativity Paraklesis at 6:00p. All existing choir members and anyone interested in joining our choir should be attending - thank you!

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.

As of December 4, parishioners have contributed \$6,650 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.

UPDATE - Antiochian Women Holiday Baklava

Holiday Baklava pre-order sales have ended as of Wednesday, December 7, and we're close to hitting a record \$2,000! Baking and packaging will begin next Tuesday, with pick up date set for Saturday, December 16 (Sunday, December 17 pick-up is also offered for parishioners). If you have placed an order, please watch for an email early next week confirming pick-up details and any special arrangements. We thank those who have ordered as well as the many generous donors of supplies, equipment, and monetary donations to help defray costs.

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.

Antiochian Men

Our bi-weekly men's breakfasts will resume in January. We will have a men's breakfast on January 7th and 24th starting at 9:00 am. Both will take place at the blue house next to the church and will be potluck breakfasts, so please bring some food to share. Also, we are currently running a Christmas Gift Giving Sale on AMEN T-Shirts, Sweatshirts, and Hoodies. The last day of the sale is TODAY - Sunday, December 11; you can purchase at the church bookstore.

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.

Liturgical Services for the Great Feast of the Nativity of our Lord (Christmas)

Friday, December 23 - Royal Hours at 10:00AM

Saturday, December 24 - Festal Orthros at 7:00PM, Festal Liturgy at 8:00PM followed by

Parish Potluck & Fellowship breaking the Fast together with our parish family!

There will be NO services on Sunday, December 25