

Parish Announcements – Sunday, December 18, 2022

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

Schedule of Liturgical Services & Activities	
TODAY – Sunday, December 18	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Church School & Fellowship 12:30p Adult Education Class
Wednesday, December 21	6:00p Nativity Paraklesis
Friday, December 23	10:00a Royal Hours
Saturday, December 24 (<i>Services for the Nativity of our Lord – Christmas</i>)	7:00p Festal Orthros 8:00p Festal Liturgy followed by Parish Potluck & Fellowship
Sunday, December 25	NO SERVICES TODAY CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM!

Parish Calendar 2023

Copies of the 2023 Parish Calendars are available for pick-up. Everyone is strongly encouraged to utilize them!

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
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

Monthly Adult Education Class – TODAY, Sunday, December 18

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.

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).

Order of St. Ignatius Awareness – TODAY, Sunday, December 18

A charitable ministry of the Antiochian Archdiocese of North America, on the Sunday closest to the Feast of St. Ignatius of Antioch (December 20), we raise awareness to all the financial support offered by its members. To learn more, please reach out to Steve & Tina Rieger.

UPDATE – Antiochian Women Holiday Baklava

Holiday Baklava pre-orders ended Wednesday, December 7, and sales have now exceeded \$2000! Baking and packaging will begin next Tuesday, with pick up date set for Saturday, December 17 (Sunday, December 18 pick up is also offered for parishioners). If you have placed an order, please note that we have changed the pick-up location to the blue house next door. We thank those who have ordered as well as the many generous donors of supplies, equipment, and monetary donations to help defray costs.

- If you prefer to pick up Sunday during fellowship hour, please enter through back fence gate and patio door.

Parish Bookstore UPDATE

Christmas items available 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.

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 \$6,400 (amount updated) towards these repairs – many thanks;** any financial support is greatly appreciated! Please contact Tom Salem (479-295-9892) if you'd like to contribute.

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.

Memory Eternal + Richard Thames +

We offer our condolences to the family of +Richard Thames, who fell asleep in the Lord on Thursday, December 8. He was a former parishioner of our community, who had been attending our sister parish of St. John of Chicago Church in Rogers. May his memory be eternal!

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