

Parish Announcements – Saturday, December 24, 2022

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

Schedule of Liturgical Services & Activities

| | |
|---|---|
| TODAY – 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! |
| Sunday, January 1 (<i>Circumcision of our Lord; St. Basil the Great; New Year's Day</i>) | 9:00a Reader Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship |

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 24 | Parish Festal Potluck | Nativity of our Lord |
| 2023 | Names | Commemoration |
| January 1 | Tom & Kate Salem | New Year's Day |
| 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 |

CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM!

Wishing you and your family a blessed Christmas season;
may the birth of our Lord enliven our hearts with joy!

There will be NO services this week (except regular schedule next Sunday, January 1, 2023), as Fr. Paul will be out-of-town. Should a pastoral need arise, please call him at 502-592-9981. Have a blessed Christmas & New Year!

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.

Stewardship & Parish Life - 2023

Our Stewardship Packet 2023 has been mailed to our homes, with copies available for pick-up at Church. We ask that you prayerfully consider your financial contribution in 2023 and return the form by January 23, 2023. This vital information allows us to budget our expenses for our parish needs and ministries in the new year. This is a yearly request for ALL who call St. Nicholas Church their home parish! Many thanks!

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 - Breakfast & Election of New Officers in 2023

Our men's breakfasts will resume in January. With the many regular events and activities at St. Nicholas Church, we are adjusting this to be a monthly event. Our next men's breakfast will be on January 7th starting at 9:00am. It will take place at the blue house next to the church and will be potluck breakfast, so please bring some food to share. We will also be electing new AMEN officers for 2023 during the breakfast. We hope to see you there!

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 on Sunday, February 5, 2023, but only those nominated in advance, not from the floor at the Assembly.

Nomination Convention for Metropolitan

The Antiochian Archdiocese has officially called its Special Convention that will nominate candidates for Metropolitan. Convention will be held Friday, January 13, 2023 in Dallas, Texas. Our parish will be represented by Fr. Paul, and Michael and Elizabeth Baclig as delegates. We will offer a conversation about our parish votes on Sunday, January 8, 2023 after Fellowship - please join us! To learn more about the nominating process, parish visits of the Patriarchal Vicar, Metropolitan Antonios, and the biographies of the candidates, please visit www.antiochian.org.

Liturgical Services for the Great Feast of the Baptism of our Lord (Theophany)

Thursday, January 5 - Royal Hours at 10:00AM

**Thursday, January 5 - Festal Orthros at 5:00PM, Festal Liturgy at 6:00PM
followed by Great Blessing of Water & Dinner Outing!**