

# Parish Announcements – Sunday, January 22, 2023

Announcement requests may be sent via email to [saintnicholasar@gmail.com](mailto:saintnicholasar@gmail.com)

<b>Schedule of Liturgical Services &amp; Activities</b>	
TODAY – Sunday, January 22	<b>9:00a</b> Orthros <b>10:00a</b> Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship
Wednesday, January 25	<b>6:00p</b> Vespers
Saturday, January 28	<b>5:00p</b> Great Vespers
Sunday, January 29	<b>9:00a</b> Orthros <b>10:00a</b> Divine Liturgy followed by Church School & Fellowship

## 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!

## 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.

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

2023	Names	Commemoration
January 22	Nancy Brown	March for Life
January 29	Lindel & SoonMee Townesley	
February 5	Kolokithas Family	<b>General Parish Assembly</b>
February 12	Strickland Family	Wedding Anniversary; Violet & James' Birthday
<b>February 19</b>	<b>IN NEED OF HOST</b>	
<b>February 26</b> <i>(Fast)</i>	<b>IN NEED OF HOST</b>	Forgiveness Sunday; Cheesefare Sunday
<b>March 5</b> <i>(Fast)</i>	<b>IN NEED OF HOST</b>	
<b>March 12</b> <i>(Fast)</i>	<b>IN NEED OF HOST</b>	
<b>March 19</b> <i>(Fast)</i>	<b>IN NEED OF HOST</b>	
March 26 <i>(Fast)</i>	Waters Family	Derek & Kota's Birthday

## Visitor Parking Spots

We now have reserved parking spots in our parking lot for our visitors and guests joining us at. Please keep these spots available. Especially on Sundays, if able to utilize the parking lot behind the Church or the Parish House parking area, please do so to allow our elderly parishioners and newcomers access to our parking lot. Many thanks!

### **Stewardship 2023 Goal – \$180,000 in financial contributions & 50 forms returned!**

As of January 15, 2023 we have received Stewardship & Membership Forms from the following **18 households who have pledged a total amount of \$75,566 towards our goal**. All members are asked to fill out this form each year, as they allow us to update contact information, as well as budget and plan for future needs, charities, and projects of our parish community. Please fill out YOUR Stewardship & Membership Form and return to our Church Office. Many thanks to the following households listed below who have filled out their 2023 Stewardship & Membership Form:

Vera Belic	Adnan & Paula Haydar	Philip & Ciera Nelson
Chase & Victoria Breazzeal	Todd & Terry Keesee	Steve & Tina Rieger
Eric & Elizabeth Carender	Steve & Niki Kolokithas	Sean Scearce
Mounir & Montez Farah	Don & Talitha Lourie	Tom & Kate Salem
Mike & Georgeta Galbraith	Caleb Mackey	Lindel & Soon-Mee Townsley
Mackenzie Goff	David & Ulli Nelson	Gary & Debra Wheeler

### **Home Blessing Season**

It is the pious custom following the Feast of Theophany (Baptism of our Lord) to have our homes blessed with holy water. To schedule a time with Fr. Paul to come and offer this ministry to you and your household, please email a request ([frpaul.fuller@gmail.com](mailto:frpaul.fuller@gmail.com)) so arrangements can be made.

### **General Parish Assembly - Sunday, February 5**

Join us for our annual General Parish Assembly after Liturgy on Sunday, February 5. This annual meeting allows us to inform our faithful of the various happenings, plannings, and financial circumstances of our parish community. All ministry leaders are asked to offer a written report (due by Monday, January 30) via email ([saintnicholasar@gmail.com](mailto:saintnicholasar@gmail.com)) to be included in our Assembly Packet. Please join us for this informative gathering!

### **Parish Chili Cook-Off - Friday, February 10**

The Antiochian Men from our parish will be hosting a "Chili Cook-Off" competition at the church on Friday, February 10th at 6:00p which is during a fast free week! We will also plan to have fellowship around some fire pits outside on the church lawn. We hope you can join us!

### **Orthodox Homeschool CO-OP Interest Meeting - Sunday, February 12**

With so many children in our parish (thanks be to God!), we would like to host an interest meeting in starting an Orthodox Homeschool Co-op at St. Nicholas Church. We will offer this conversation on Sunday, February 12 after Church School & Fellowship. Feel free to reach out to Fr. Paul prior to this meeting to express your interest, ask questions, or volunteer to help.

### **Antiochian Men's Breakfast - Saturday, February 18**

The next Men's Breakfast fellowship will be on Saturday, February 18th. It will take place at the blue house next to the church at 9:00am. This is a potluck breakfast so please bring food to share.

### **Church School UPDATE**

Our Church School classes for our youth will continue next Sunday, January 29 after Liturgy and will continue every other week (February 12, 26, and so on until May 2023). Your active participation is greatly appreciated!

### **Parish Calendar 2023**

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

### **Conclusion of Special Nomination Convention for Metropolitan**

Having returned from Dallas, TX for the recent Special Nomination Convention for Metropolitan of our Archdiocese, we do so with a joyful expression of Christian love and unity. This process continues with the names of the top 3 nominees being submitted to the Patriarch and Holy Synod for their selection as they convene on February 22. Visit [antiochian.org](http://antiochian.org) to read the pastoral letter of His Eminence, Metropolitan Antonios upon the conclusion of our convention and all updates.