

# Parish Announcements – Sunday, January 29, 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 29	<b>9:00a</b> Orthros <b>10:00a</b> Divine Liturgy followed by Church School & Fellowship
Wednesday, February 1 <i>(by anticipation - Feast of the                      Presentation of our Lord in the Temple)</i>	<b>5:00p</b> Festal Orthros <b>6:00p</b> Festal Liturgy followed by Dinner Outing
Saturday, February 4	<b>3:45p</b> Chant Class <b>5:00p</b> Great Vespers
Sunday, February 5	<b>9:00a</b> Orthros <b>10:00a</b> Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship <b>12:30p</b> General Parish Assembly

## 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.** 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 29	Lindel & SoonMee Townesley	
February 5	Kolokithas Family	<b>General Parish Assembly</b>
<b>February 12</b>	<b>IN NEED OF HOST</b>	
February 19	Strickland Family	Wedding Anniversary; Violet & James' Birthday
<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

## Guests Parking Spots

We now have reserved parking spots in our parking lot for our guests joining us. 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 22, 2023 we have received Stewardship & Membership Forms from the following **26 households who have pledged a total amount of \$110,726 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:

Michael, Elizabeth, & Gretchen Baclig	Isaiah & Brea Hale	Steve & Tina Rieger
Vera Belic	Adnan & Paula Haydar	Tom & Kate Salem
Chanse & Victoria Breazzeal	Todd & Terry Keesee	Sean & Carrie Scarce
Eric & Elizabeth Carender	Steve & Niki Kolokithas	Scott & Janna Strickland
Mounir & Montez Farah	Michael Kravaris	Lindel & SoonMee Townsley
Fr. Paul & Ramia Fuller	Don & Talitha Lourie	Derek & Gina Waters
Mike & Georgeta Galbraith	Caleb Mackey	Gary & Debra Wheeler
Mackenzie Goff	David & Ulli Nelson	Caleb & Aly Wicker
Casey & Kiersten Hale	Philip & Ciera Nelson	

**Feast of the Presentation of our Lord - Wednesday, February 1**

By anticipation, we will celebrate the Great Feast of the Presentation into the Temple of our Lord on Wednesday, February 1 as follows: Festal Orthros at 5:00p and Festal Liturgy at 6:00p (please note the times) followed by the Blessing of Candles (feel free to bring your own candles from home). Also, we will have a dinner outing at a local restaurant for those able to join us.

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

Join us for our annual General Parish Assembly after Liturgy next 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 Social - 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.

**Bookstore UPDATE**

New in bookstore...Just released! We have received copies of the newest book in the series of graphic novels on the lives of the saints. Entitled Sands of Salvation it tells the story of St Moses the Strong. Great Lent is rapidly approaching! In anticipation, the bookstore has been restocked with a yearly favorite - Love at Lent. Each boxed set contains 50 activity cards to encourage family participation in special Lenten events.