

Parish Announcements – Sunday, January 8, 2023

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

Schedule of Liturgical Services & Activities	
TODAY – Sunday, January 8	<p>9:00a Orthros & Chrismation of Sean Scearce</p> <p>10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship</p> <p>1:00p Outdoor Blessing of Water (@ Monte Ne Boat Ramp – 10118 Charlton Dr, Rogers, AR 72758)</p>
Wednesday, January 11	<p>6:00p Vespers</p> <p>7:00p Parish Council Mtg</p>
Saturday, January 14	NO SERVICE
Sunday, January 15	<p>9:00a Orthros</p> <p>10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Church School & Fellowship</p>

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) to sign up.

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

2023	Names	Commemoration
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
March 5 (Fast)	IN NEED OF HOST	
March 12 (Fast)	IN NEED OF HOST	
March 19 (Fast)	IN NEED OF HOST	
March 26 (Fast)	IN NEED OF HOST	

Outdoor Blessing of Water at Beaver Lake - TODAY

Join us TODAY following Liturgy at 1:00p as we offer the outdoor water blessing along with our sister parish of St. John in Rogers. We will meet at the Monte Ne boat ramp (10118 Charlton Drive, Rogers, AR 72758). Dress warmly!

Parish Calendar 2023

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

Nomination Convention for Metropolitan – Discussion TODAY

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 TODAY before 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.

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) so arrangements can be made.

Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday, January 11

We will have our monthly Parish Council Meeting at 7:00p following Vespers at 6:00p. We look forward to our fruitful leadership meeting.

Antiochian Women Business Meeting – Saturday, January 21

Please join us for our **annual business meeting on January 21, 2023 at 2:30p**. We will be going over our budget, reviewing officers and approving all the organizations we will be supporting this coming year.

Church School UPDATE

Our Church School classes for our youth will resume next Sunday, January 15 after Liturgy and will continue every other week (January 29, February 12, 26, and so on until May 2023). Your active participation is greatly appreciated!

Monthly Adult Education Class – Sunday, January 15

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.

Monthly Choir Practice – Wednesday, January 18

Our next choir practice will take place on **Wednesday, January 18 at 7:00p**, following Vespers at 6:00p. All choir members and anyone interested in joining our choir should attend – thank you!

Stork Report – Hale Family

Leo, son of Isaiah & Brea Hale, little brother of Bruce, and grandson of Casey & Kiesten Hale was born on Friday, December 30, 2022. He was 8 lbs, 7 oz and 21 inches at the time of his birth. If you would like to offer a note of congratulations to their family, please do so at i99hale@gmail.com. The Hale family recently moved back home from North Carolina to NW Arkansas and have joined our parish community. Welcome and may God grant many years to the newborn Leo and the entire Hale Family!