

Parish Announcements - Sunday, February 12, 2023

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

| Schedule of Liturgical Services & Activities | |
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| TODAY - Sunday, February 12 | 9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Church School & Fellowship 12:30p Homeschool Co-op Conversation |
| Wednesday, February 15 | 6:00p Vespers 7:00p Parish Council Mtg |
| Saturday, February 18 | 9:00a Men's Breakfast 5:00p Great Vespers |
| Sunday, February 19 | 9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by 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.** 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 of Host | Commemoration |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| February 12 | Haydar & Paunov Families | |
| February 19 | Strickland Family | Wedding Anniversary; Violet & James' Birthday |
| February 26 <i>(Fast)</i> | Mackenzie Goff | Forgiveness Sunday; Cheesefare Sunday |
| March 5 <i>(Fast)</i> | IN NEED OF HOST | |
| March 12 <i>(Fast)</i> | IN NEED OF HOST | |
| March 19 <i>(Fast)</i> | Steve & Tina Rieger, Talitha Lourie | |
| March 26 <i>(Fast)</i> | Waters Family | Derek & Kota's Birthday |
| April 2 <i>(Fast)</i> | Baclig Family | Antiochian Men's Month |
| April 9 <i>(Fast)</i> | Parish Festal Potluck | PALM SUNDAY |
| April 16 <i>(Fast)</i> | Parish Festal Potluck | PASCHA |
| April 23 | IN NEED OF HOST | |
| April 30 | Todd & Terry Keese | Todd'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.

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

As of February 10, 2023 we have received Stewardship & Membership Forms from the following **31 households who have pledged a total amount of \$123,226 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
Vera Belic
William Benoit
Chanse & Victoria Breazzeal
Robert & Nancy Brown
Eric & Elizabeth Carender
Mounir & Montez Farah
Fr. Paul & Ramia Fuller
Mike & Georgeta Galbraith
Mackenzie Goff
Casey & Kiersten Hale

Isaiah & Brea Hale
Adnan & Paula Haydar
Todd & Terry Keesee
Steve & Niki Kolokithas
Michael Kravaris
Don & Talitha Lourie
Caleb Mackey
David & Ulli Nelson
Philip & Ciera Nelson
Nick & Megan Paunov

Jim & Vasilina Prater
Steve & Tina Rieger
Tom & Kate Salem
Sean & Carrie Scarce
Scott & Janna Strickland
Pat & Madeline Teague
Lindel & SoonMee Townsley
Derek & Gina Waters
Gary & Debra Wheeler
Caleb & Aly Wicker

Orthodox Homeschool CO-OP Conversation - TODAY - 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.

Parish Council Meeting - Wednesday, February 15

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 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.

Monthly Adult Education Class - Sunday, February 19

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.

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.

Church Etiquette Reminder of the Month - Keeping Focus In Worship

Too often we become easily distracted, whether at home, work, out and about, and especially in Church. With any desired goal or skill, patience and discipline are required and greatly helpful. We should be focused and attentive during prayer and worship. The clergy often recite this command liturgically: "Let us attend!" or "Stand upright!" Surely, the movement of others during services will entice us to glance in one direction or another, but we can try to limit that glance across the Church, and certainly, not letting that glance turn into a stare! Together, we can work on being less distracted and not distracting others if we keep focus during worship!