

Parish Announcements - Sunday, February 5, 2023

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

Schedule of Liturgical Services & Activities	
TODAY - Sunday, February 5	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship 12:30p General Parish Assembly
Wednesday, February 8	6:00p Vespers 7:00p Choir Practice
Saturday, February 11	3:30p Ladies' Book Club 5:00p Great Vespers
Sunday, February 12	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship 12:30p Orthodox Co-op Conversation

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 5	Kolokithas Family	General Parish Assembly
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>	IN NEED OF HOST	
March 26 <i>(Fast)</i>	Waters Family	Derek & Kota's Birthday
April 2 <i>(Fast)</i>	IN NEED OF HOST	
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	IN NEED OF HOST	

General Parish Assembly - TODAY, Sunday, February 5

Join us for our annual General Parish Assembly after Liturgy TODAY. This annual meeting allows us to inform our faithful of the various happenings, plannings, and financial circumstances of our parish community.

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
Vera Belic
Chanse & Victoria Breazzeal
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

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



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 Conversation - 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.

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!