

# Parish Announcements - Sunday, March 12, 2023

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<b>Schedule of Liturgical Services &amp; Activities</b>	
TODAY - Sunday, March 12 <i>(2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Great Lent - St. Gregory Palamas)</i>	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Church School & Fellowship
Monday, March 13	6:00p Great Compline
Wednesday, March 15	6:00p Presanctified Liturgy & Potluck Meal <i>(Hosted at our Church)</i>
Friday, March 17	6:00p Akathist (Madayeh) Service to the Theotokos
Saturday, March 18	9:00a Men's Virtual Lenten Retreat  5:00p Great Vespers
Sunday, March 19 <i>(3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Great Lent - Adoration of the Holy Cross)</i>	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship 12:30p Tutorial Session on Prayer

## Parish Council Officers

Many thanks to our dedicated parish council members and officers who continue to offer leadership for our parish community. Parish Council Members - 2023:

Fr. Paul Fuller - Parish Priest

Michael Baclig - Chairman; Antiochian Men President

Philip Nelson - Vice Chairman; Sacred Music Rep

Tom Salem - Treasurer

Ciera Nelson - Co-treasurer

Elizabeth Baclig - Secretary; Antiochian Women President; Christian Education Rep

Jeff Jenkins

Terry Keese

Steve Kolokithas

Lindel Townsley

## Blessing of Parish Council, Antiochian Men & Antiochian Women Officers - TODAY, Sunday, March 12

At the end of Divine Liturgy, we will offer the blessing for new parish ministry leaders; please join us for this blessing! Many thanks to those leading these ministries in 2023!

## Triumph of Orthodoxy Vespers & Fellowship

Many thanks to ALL who joined us and provided our Lenten Meal as we hosted the Triumph of Orthodoxy Vespers & Fellowship this past Sunday. We were joined by clergy and faithful of Orthodox parishes near us: St. John of Chicago Church - Rogers, AR; Ss. George & Alexandra Church - Ft. Smith, AR; Joy of All Who Sorrow Church - Joplin, MO.

## Church School & Creative Arts Festival

Our Church School classes for our youth will be on Sundays, March 12 & 26 after Liturgy and will continue every other week throughout May 2023. During the month of March, we will emphasize the Creative Arts Festival that is sponsored by our diocese. Please have your children work on these projects AT HOME!

## Tutorial Session on a Prayer Rule & Practices - Sunday, March 19

In lieu of our monthly Adult Education Class, we will offer a tutorial on a Prayer Rule & Practices after Fellowship on Sunday, March 19. We will discuss what a daily prayer rule/discipline should look like, what are the various practices and rubrics to incorporate into a prayer rule, and more! Join us!

**Special Collection (Archdiocesan Seminarian Fund) - THANK YOU!**

As is the practice in our Archdiocese, seminarians are sponsored through the generosity of our parish communities. A special collection is offered annually on the 1st Sunday of Great Lent - **thanks for your generosity; we collected \$426!**

**Church Etiquette Reminder of the Month - Making the Sign of the Cross**

It is always appropriate to cross oneself (make the sign of the cross over your body) at the mention of the Holy Trinity - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Also, it is appropriate to cross oneself at the following instances: when entering and leaving the Church Sanctuary, when passing in front of the altar, when venerating an icon or the Gospel, and of course, at any time of personal piety. However, it is not necessary to cross oneself when the priest is offering the blessing ("Peace be unto all") or censuring the congregation. Instead, one should simply bow and receive the blessing.

**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
March 12 (Fast)	Elisabeth Cisneros	
March 19 (Fast)	Steve & Tina Rieger, Talitha Lourie	
March 26 (Fast)	Waters Family	Derek & Kota's Birthday
April 2 (Fast)	Baclig Family	Antiochian Men's Month
<b>April 9</b> (Fast)	<b>Parish Festal Potluck</b>	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>
<b>April 16</b> (Fast)	<b>Parish Festal Potluck</b>	<b>PASCHA</b>
<b>April 23</b>	<b>IN NEED OF HOST</b>	
April 30	Todd & Terry Keesee	Todd's Birthday

**Bookstore UPDATE**

Do you have an icon of our patron saint St Nicholas in your prayer corner at home? The bookstore is featuring four different versions. Stop by to check them out. Also, available is the icon of Noah's Ark, perfect for a child's room.

**UPDATE - Stewardship 2023 Goal - \$200,000 in financial contributions & 50 forms returned!**

As of February 26, 2023 we have received Stewardship & Membership Forms from the following **38 households who have pledged a total amount of \$136,166 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  
 Elisabeth Cisneros  
 Mounir & Montez Farah  
 Zachary Fitton  
 Fr. Paul & Ramia Fuller  
 Mike & Georgeta Galbraith  
 Mackenzie Goff  
 Casey & Kiersten Hale

Isaiah & Brea Hale  
 Adnan & Paula Haydar  
 Stuart Jackson  
 Todd & Terry Keesee  
 Ronald & Beverly Koehler  
 Steve & Niki Kolokithas  
 Michael Kravaris  
 Chase & Joana Lossing  
 Don & Talitha Lourie  
 Caleb Mackey  
 David & Ulli Nelson  
 Philip & Ciera Nelson  
 Raphael Nelson

Nick & Megan Paunov  
 Jim & Vasilia Prater  
 Steve & Tina Rieger  
 Tom & Kate Salem  
 Sean & Carrie Scarce  
 Kevin & Nancy Scherer  
 Scott & Janna Strickland  
 Pat & Madeline Teague  
 Lindel & SoonMee Townsley  
 Derek & Gina Waters  
 Gary & Debra Wheeler  
 Caleb & Aly Wicker

**Antiochian Men Lenten Retreat - Saturday, March 18**

Be sure to pick up your copy of the book "Ask for the Ancient Paths" by Fr. James Guirguis in our Church bookstore while supplies last! This book will be the focus of our 4th Annual AMEN Lenten Retreat on March 18th. You can purchase your copy of the book via our online bookstore.