

Parish Announcements - Sunday, April 16, 2023

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

Schedule of Liturgical Services & Activities	
Sunday, April 16 <i>(PASCHA)</i>	1:00p Agape Vespers & Parish Festal Potluck Children's Egg Hunt & Activities
Tuesday, April 18	6:00p Paschal Vespers
Thursday, April 20	10:00a OLLI Group at St. Nicholas <i>(Presentation & Luncheon)</i> 6:00p Paschal Vespers
Saturday, April 22	9:00a AMEN Breakfast 4:00p Great Vespers & Fellowship <i>(Hosted by Ss. George & Alexandra Orthodox Church in Fort Smith - 7500 Mahogany Ave; their patronal feast)</i>
Sunday, April 23 <i>(St. Thomas Sunday & St. George)</i>	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship 12:30p Adult Education Class

Digital Advertisement & Publicity for the Church

Looking for a few people to assist in creating Facebook advertisement, as well as other digital advertisement and publicity for the Church. If able and willing to offer your services to help out, please contact Fr. Paul.

Paschal Donations

It is a pious practice to offer an additional donation during the Paschal season for the needs of the parish community. We ask that donations be offered for the expenses of our NEW FELLOWSHIP AREA at the parish house next door. **The new set-up costs approx. \$18,000 - a big expense, but a great upgrade for our fellowship needs! THANK YOU!**

Mediterranean Meal for OLLI Group at St. Nicholas - Thursday, April 20

We will be hosting a class on the Orthodox Church for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) on Thursday, April 20 at 10:00a and providing a Mediterranean Meal. If able to help provide and serve this meal for our guests (approx. 20), please contact Fr. Paul.

April Outreach Opportunities

We have a few outreach opportunities during the month of April. If you'd like to participate, please contact Fr. Paul.

Wednesday, April 19 - 10:00a - 4:00p - Tyson Health & Wellness Fair (informational booth)

Thursday, April 20 - 10:00a - 12:30p - Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), presentation of Orthodox Christianity and Mediterranean Meal (hosted at our church)

Friday, April 28 - 8:30a - 11:00a - City of Farmington Senior Health & Wellness Fair (informational booth)

Community Garden - Spring UPDATE

All are welcome to join, and this isn't just for people who want to get their hands in the dirt, but also for those who are just curious as to what we do. To learn more and get involved, please contact Ciera Nelson (409-256-5685) or join the Garden GroupMe chat. Save the Date - Spring Garden Sale will be on Sunday, May 14 (Mother's Day)!

Bookstore UPDATE

After Pascha sale in the bookstore!

Starting Wednesday, April 19 through Sunday, April 30, all icons will be 20% off! This applies to in store purchases of in stock icons only. Special orders are not included. Come check out all icons available.

Church Etiquette

Reminder of the Month - Guidelines for the Paschal Season

There are some special etiquettes to observe during the great season of Resurrectional JOY regarding fasting and our prayer life, both corporate and private. Use the QR code below and read over this short article of explanation for some helpful reminders!



Holy Oblation & Fellowship Hosting

Please consider which Sunday your household will offer the Holy Oblation (holy bread) and host Fellowship (Coffee) Hour. Please see Kate Salem (ksalem2@cox.net) to sign up and learn more.

Sign-up NOW for Sundays in 2023!

This will be an annual request of our parish family!

2023	Names of Host	Commemoration
April 16	Parish Festal Potluck	Agape Vespers & Paschal Fellowship
April 23	Nancy Brown	
April 30	Todd & Terry Keesee	Todd's Birthday
May 7	Casey & Kiersten Hale William Benoit	
May 14	Nevill Family	Mother's Day
May 21	Cory & Rebecca Troy	Graduation & Church School Recognition Day Rebecca's Birthday
May 28	Mark & Denise King Vera Belic	
June 4	Parish Festal Potluck	PENTECOST
June 11	Philip & Ciera Nelson	
June 18 (Fast)	Michael & Lindsay Cate	Father's Day Lindsay & Roman's Birthday
June 25 (Fast)		

Patronal Feast of Ss. George & Alexandra Church in Fort Smith, AR - Saturday, April 22

This parish will be celebrating their patronal feast on Saturday & Sunday, April 22 & 23. We've been invited to participate with Great Vespers on Saturday, April 22 at 4:00p followed by dinner, music, and dancing. We will NOT have service at our Church that evening and encourage everyone to join us in Fort Smith! Their address is 7500 Mahogany Ave, Fort Smith, AR 72916. If planning to attend, please tell Fr. Paul; it would be helpful to let them know!

NEW Icon Stands for Adults & Children

Our thanks to Derek Waters for building two new icon stands, used for veneration, for adults and children. Beautifully crafted; these are a great blessing to our parish community!

Paschal Greetings & Troparion in Various Languages

It is customary to greet Orthodox Christians with the paschal greeting during the Paschal Season; we've included a few to know below:

Language	Greeting	Response
English	Christ is risen!	Indeed, He is risen!
Arabic	Al Masseh qam!	Haqqan qam!
Greek	Christos anesti!	Alithos anesti!
Russian	Khristos voskres!	Voistinu voskres!
Spanish	Cristo ha resucitado!	En verdad ha resucitado!
Ukrainian	Khristos voskres!	Voistinu voskres!

English: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

Arabic: Al Masseh qam min bayna'lamwat wawati'a'lmawt bil mawt, wawa haba'lhayat liladhina filqubur!

Greek: Christos anesti ek nekron, thanato thanaton patisas, kai teis en tis mni ma si zpoihn charisamenos!