

# Parish Announcements - Sunday, May 21, 2023

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## **Schedule of Liturgical Services & Activities**

<p>TODAY – Sunday, May 21 <i>(Sunday of the Healing of the Blind Man &amp; Ss. Constantine &amp; Helen)</i></p>	<p><b>9:00a</b> Orthros &amp; Chrismation of Colton, Alice, &amp; Charles Holland <b>10:00a</b> Divine Liturgy followed by Graduation Recognition Day, Church School, &amp; Fellowship</p>
<p>Wednesday, May 24 <i>(Feast of the Ascension - celebrated by anticipation)</i></p>	<p><b>5:00p</b> Festal Orthros <b>6:00p</b> Festal Liturgy followed by Dinner Outing</p>
<p>Saturday, May 27</p>	<p><b>9:00a</b> Men's Breakfast  <b>NO Great Vespers</b></p>
<p>Sunday, May 28 <i>(Sunday of the Fathers of the 1<sup>st</sup> Ecumenical Council)</i></p>	<p><b>9:00a</b> Orthros &amp; Chrismation of Sonia Loy <b>10:00a</b> Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship <b>12:30p</b> Adult Education Class</p>

### 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!**

Thus far, we've collected \$3,800 in Paschal Donations towards our NEW Fellowship Area! THANK YOU!

### Sacraments of Initiation to the Orthodox Church

Join us as we celebrate the Sacrament of Chrismation upon Colton, Alice, & Charles Holland (**May 21**), & Sonia Loy (**May 28**). Service of Initiation will take place in the midst of Orthros, approx. at 9:40a. Welcome home & many years!

### Church School & Graduation Recognition Day - TODAY

Last day of Church School for 2022-2023 is TODAY. Many thanks to our dedicated teachers from this past year!

## **Congratulations, graduates!**

Aidan Alexander Kolokithas, son of Steve & Niki Kolokithas, graduated from the University of Central Arkansas Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Film and Minor in Marketing. He has been accepted into the UCA graduate program in Film and wishes to pursue Directing and Screenwriting.

**Church Etiquette Reminder of the Month – Singing in Church**

It is important to be vocal during the liturgical services; not talking in private conversations, but participating in the worship through singing. Lend your voice, following the choir or chanters. Sunday bulletin offers the “major” hymns that may vary each week for our usage; hymns, such as: Resurrectional Troparion of the Week, Hymn of the Saint/Feast being celebrated, and Troparion of our Patron - St. Nicholas. Also, we print the Vespers services used throughout the week. We should be actively engaged with our worship and communal prayer, offering our voices in praise to God!

**Antiochian Men – May Events**

The next Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday, May 27th. This will be a special breakfast as we will be joined by Jesse Irwin who will be in town visiting that week! Jesse was a long-time member of our parish. He is also the former Choir Director and was a Parish Council Member. We hope you will join us!

**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.

**Many Sundays this Summer need a host!  
This will be an annual request of our parish family!**

<b>2023</b>	<b>Names of Host</b>	<b>Commemoration</b>
May 21	Cory & Rebecca Troy	Graduation Recognition Day Rebecca’s Birthday
May 28	Mark & Denise King Vera Belic	
<b>June 4</b>	<b>Parish Festal Potluck</b>	<b>PENTECOST</b>
June 11	Philip & Ciera Nelson	
June 18 (Fast)	Michael & Lindsay Cate	Father’s Day Lindsay & Roman’s Birthday
<b>June 25 (Fast)</b>	<b>IN NEED OF HOST</b>	
<b>July 2</b>	<b>IN NEED OF HOST</b>	
<b>July 9</b>	<b>IN NEED OF HOST</b>	
<b>July 16</b>	<b>IN NEED OF HOST</b>	
<b>July 23</b>	<b>IN NEED OF HOST</b>	
<b>July 30</b>	<b>IN NEED OF HOST</b>	

**Great Feast of the Ascension of our Lord**

Join us on **Wednesday, May 24**, as we celebrate (by anticipation) the Great Feast of the Ascension of our Lord. **5:00p Festal Orthros, 6:00p Festal Liturgy followed by Dinner Outing.**

**Great Feast of Pentecost (Descent of the Holy Spirit)**

Join us on **Sunday, June 4**, as we celebrate the Great Feast of Pentecost. **9:00a Festal Orthros, 10:00a Festal Liturgy followed by Parish Festal Potluck** (please bring dishes to share!). We will also offer Vespers with the Kneeling Prayers after Fellowship/Potluck at 1:00p. Liturgical color for this feast is GREEN, so wear GREEN for the Feast!

**Adult Education Class – Sunday, May 28**

We will offer an **Adult Education Class on Sunday, May 28** following Fellowship Hour (approx. 12:30p) for 30 minutes. This will be a monthly 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.

**Youth Summer Get-Togethers (Tuesdays in June)**

Youth (age 10 & under), along with their parents and/or caregivers are invited to join us on **Tuesdays in June from 10:00a till Noon for our Summer Youth Get-Togethers!** Activities include story time, crafts, snacks, and lessons. Please contact Gina Waters (480-682-8878) to sign-up your children and/or volunteer to help.

**Bookstore UPDATE**

Fr Stephen De Young’s new book Apocrypha: An Introduction to Extra-Biblical Literature is now in stock in the bookstore. Also now available is The Gurus, The Young Man, and The Elder Paisius detailing a young man’s discovery of the Orthodox faith through the help of St Paisius. New icons are now on the wall with others to arrive soon.