

Parish Announcements - Sunday, May 28, 2023

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

Schedule of Liturgical Services & Activities

TODAY – Sunday, May 28 (<i>Sunday of the Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council</i>)	9:00a Orthros & <i>Chrismation of Sonia Loy</i> 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship 12:30p Adult Education Class
Wednesday, May 31	6:00p Vespers
Saturday, June 3	3:45p Chant Class 5:00p Great Vespers
Sunday, June 4 (<i>Great Feast of Pentecost</i>)	9:00a Festal Orthros 10:00a Festal Liturgy followed by Parish Potluck 1:00p Vespers w/ Kneeling Prayers

Adult Education Class - TODAY, 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.

Welcome Home & Many Years!

Wishing many years to those newly-illuminated and recently chrismated into the Orthodox Church and their sponsors! TODAY – Sonia Loy and her sponsor, Kate Salem; May 21 – Colton, Alice, & Charles Holland and their sponsors, Michael & Elizabeth Baclig; May 14 – Daniel King and his sponsor, Philip Nelson. Welcome Home!

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 \$4,000 in Paschal Donations towards our NEW Fellowship Area! THANK YOU!

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 – QR code access to sign-up genius). We will also offer Vespers with the Kneeling Prayers at 1:00p after Fellowship/Potluck. Liturgical color for this feast is GREEN, so wear GREEN for the Feast! Bring your GREEN plants to Church to help us decorate for Pentecost!



Chant Class – Saturday, June 3

These sessions continue to be offered on the **1st Saturday of each month at 3:45p**, prior to Great Vespers at 5:00p. This is open to all; learn about Reading of Psalms, basic tones, hymns, and responses of the Church, and how to put the liturgical services together.

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!

Bookstore UPDATE

Featured this week in the bookstore are 33 knot prayer ropes made on Mt. Athos. They are available in 3 vibrant colors - red, blue, and gold. Also new this week...we now carry icon magnets and car visor clips. Come see our colorful selection.

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!**

2023	Names of Host	Commemoration
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)	IN NEED OF HOST	
July 2	IN NEED OF HOST	
July 9	IN NEED OF HOST	
July 16	IN NEED OF HOST	
July 23	IN NEED OF HOST	
July 30	IN NEED OF HOST	

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.

Youth Summer Get-Togethers (Tuesdays in June)

Youth (approx.. 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 (gwaters034@gmail.com or 480-682-8878) to sign-up your children or volunteer to help.

Our Remembrance and Prayer this Memorial Day

We remember the many brave men and women who have given their lives through the history of our country to protect us from danger and harm. May their memory be eternal! We remember all those who sustained injury in mind or body in the course of their service. We salute all those who have served or are currently serving in the Armed Forces. Thank you for your service!