Parish Announcements - Sunday, May 7, 2023

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

Schedule of Liturgical Services & Activities			
TODAY - Sunday, May 7	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Church School & Fellowship		
Wednesday, May 10	6:00p Vespers 7:00p Parish Council Mtg		
Saturday, May 13	3:45p Ladies Book Club 5:00p Great Vespers		
Sunday, May 14 (Sunday of the Samaritan Woman & Mother's Day)	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship & Garden Sale		

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 \$3,000 in Paschal Donations towards our NEW Fellowship Area! THANK YOU!

Antiochian Women Book Club – Saturday, May 13

Join us as we read through "Welcoming Gifts," available for purchase in the bookstore. We will meet at 3:30p prior to Great Vespers at 5:00p on Saturday, May 13.

Church School & Graduation Recognition Day

Remaining Sundays of Church School: May 7 & May 21. We encourage our families to continue to participate in the Christian education of your children.

Congratulations, graduates! Any graduates of high school, college, post-grad, please email the Church Office (saintnicholasar@gmail.com) with name, degree, awards, and future plans to be included in our Graduation Recognition Day (Sunday, May 21).

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 - Paschal Sale

Because the icon sale has been so well received, the sale is being extended to TODAY - Sunday, May 7. All in stock icons will be 20% off! Publishers update: Fr. Stephen De Young's latest book Apocrypha: An Introduction to Extra-Biblical Literature has just been published. Stop by the bookstore to reserve your copy. They are on the way!

<u>Church Etiquette</u> <u>Reminder of the Month -</u> 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!



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! Also, we have 2 AMEN events that will occur via Zoom in May, our Quarterly AMEN Leadership Meeting on May 16th and our Monthly AMEN Virtual Bible Study on 5/18. The Zoom links are available in our AMEN group in the GroupMe App. If you aren't in that group and want to be added please speak to Michael Baclig.

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 in the Summer need a host! This will be an annual request of our parish family!

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2023	Names of Host	Commemoration
May 7	Casey & Kiersten Hale Isaiah & Brea 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)	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	

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!	Truly, He is risen!
Arabic	Al Masseh qam!	Haqqan qam!
Greek	Christos anesti!	Alithos anesti!
Romanian	Hristos a inviat!	Adevărat a înviat!
Russian	Khristos voskrese!	Voistinu voskrese!
Spanish	Cristo ha resucitado!	En verdad ha resucitado!
Ukrainian	Khristos voskres!	Voistinu voskres!