

Parish Announcements - Sunday, July 2, 2023

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

Schedule of Liturgical Services & Activities	
TODAY - Sunday, July 2	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship
Wednesday, July 5	6:00p Vespers 7:00p Advertisement & Publicity Meeting
Saturday, July 8	3:45p Chant Class 5:00p Great Vespers
Sunday, July 9	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship

Wishing you and your family a blessed celebration of our Independence Day!

**For our country, its president, all civil authorities,
and our armed forces, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy!**

Advertisement & Publicity Meeting - Wednesday, July 5

Thank you to those who have reached out and offered to assist with digital advertisement and publicity for our parish community. Join us on Wednesday, July 5 after Vespers at 6:00p so we can discuss how best to proceed.

Chant Class - Saturday, July 8

Join us at **3:45p on Saturday, July 8**, 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; led by Reader David Nelson.

Parish Council Meeting - Wednesday, July 12

We will have our monthly **Parish Council Meeting at 7:00p** following Vespers at 6:00p. We look forward to our fruitful leadership meeting.

Youth Summer Get-Togethers

We had a wonderful program during the month of June for our parish youth; many thanks to ALL who joined us and helped out with this ministry!

Welcome to our New Parishioners - Manoj & Sneha Virippil

We want to extend a warm welcome to **Manoj & Sneha Virippil** who have recently moved to NW Arkansas. They previously attended St. Thomas Orthodox Church in Sioux City, Iowa. Welcome and many years!

Many Years - Newly-Illumined Leo Hale

Wishing many years to Leo Hale, his family and sponsors (Mark & Denise King) who was recently baptized into the Holy Orthodox Church!

Church Etiquette Reminder of the Month **- Touching the Priest's Vestment**

For some, it is a pious custom to touch the hem of the priest's vestment or phelonion as he passes by in the Great Entrance with the Holy Gifts. This practice imitates the woman who was healed by touching the hem of Christ's robe, as recorded in the Gospels: Matthew 9:18-26, Mark 5:24-34, Luke 8:42-48. When touching the hem of the priest's phelonion, one should be careful not to step in front of the procession, to pull or tug on the garment, or to push anyone away.

Bookstore UPDATE

Did you know that the bookstore is open through the end of coffee hour? This gives everyone the opportunity to go to participate in fellowship time and then come back to the church to check out all the new items.

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 is annual request of our parish families!

2023	Names of Host	Commemoration
July 2	Tom & Kate Salem Sonia Loy	
July 9	Nevill Family	
July 16	Fenner Family	
July 23	IN NEED OF HOST	
July 30	IN NEED OF HOST	
Aug 6 <i>(Fast)</i>	IN NEED OF HOST	Transfiguration of our Lord
Aug 13 <i>(Fast)</i>	IN NEED OF HOST	
Aug 20	IN NEED OF HOST	
Aug 27	IN NEED OF HOST	
Sept 3	IN NEED OF HOST	
Sept 10	IN NEED OF HOST	
Sept 17	IN NEED OF HOST	
Sept 24	IN NEED OF HOST	

+ Memory Eternal + Dennis "Sully" Sullivan

+Dennis "Sully" Sullivan fell asleep in the LORD on Saturday, June 24, 2023 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He was a former parishioner when they lived in Bella Vista before they moved back to Tulsa last year. On behalf of our parish community, we extend our heartfelt condolences to his wife, Lisa, and family. May GOD grant much comfort to his family and friends. May his memory be eternal!

Orthodox Christians for Life (OCLife) Donation Drive - July 2023

During the month of July, OCLife will be holding a donation drive to benefit Compassion House, a residential facility for teens experiencing unexpected pregnancy, and Loving Choices, a pregnancy resource center. Compassion House currently has 7 residents and one baby with several deliveries expected soon. Their needs go up during the summer due to the girls not being in school. They need diapers size 3, 4, and 5, protein products such as canned tuna and chicken, and gas cards. Loving Choices needs diapers size 2-6 and cardboard books for young children. These tend to be popular items in their Baby Boutique. Additionally, there will be a baby bottle for Loving Choices in which one can donate spare change. For any questions or additional information regarding volunteer or outreach opportunities, contact Nancy Brown, 479-616-8043, nancyjbrown3@hotmail.com.

South & North Community Groups - Summer 2023

Thanks to those who joined us in June for our Community Groups as we offered a discussion on the Holy Apostles and enjoyed our fellowship. **Beginning in July and going for 4 months, we will offer a video series and discussions on the Divine Liturgy** (main worship service of the Orthodox Church).

SOUTH - Monday, July 17 at 6:00p at the Home of Paul & Angelic Nevill

NORTH - Monday, July 31 at 6:00p at the Home of David & Ulli Nelson

Feel free to reach out to our hosts if you'd like to bring anything with you. This is an outreach ministry at our homes for more informal lessons and discussions. Hope you'll join us! We still need hosts for August & September; if interested, please contact Michael Baclig (479-372-7097 or michaelbaclig54@yahoo.com).