

Parish Announcements - Sunday, July 9, 2023

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

Schedule of Liturgical Services & Activities	
TODAY - Sunday, July 9	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship
Wednesday, July 12	6:00p Vespers 7:00p Parish Council Meeting
Saturday, July 15	5:00p Great Vespers
Sunday, July 16	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship 12:30p Adult Education Class
Monday, July 17	6:00p SOUTH Community Group (Hosted by Paul & Angelic Nevill - 436 N Tacoma St - Farmington)

Parish Baseball Game Outing - Wednesday, July 19

Let's go to a baseball game! We are attending the Northwest Arkansas Naturals game on **Wednesday, July 19 at 7:05p**. The ballpark is across I-49 from the church. **Group tickets are ONLY \$10 (including fees), plus Kids Eat Free.** If interested in attending, please contact Steve Rieger (479-295-0418 or sriege1@msn.com) so we can secure a group rate and seating.

Feast of Prophet Elijah (Elias) & Blessing of Cars - Wednesday, July 19

In honor of the Feast of the Prophet Elijah, we will offer prayer and bless our cars (and other modes of transportation – bicycles, motorcycles, trucks, and even big wheels!) on **Wednesday, July 19 following Great Vespers commemorating Prophet Elijah at 6:00p**.

OCLife - July Charity Drive

During July, Orthodox Christians for Life (OCLife) will be offering a Charity Drive of items and monetary donations for local ministries that assist with pregnant women and their various needs. **Items in great need this summer include diapers (size 2-6), female hygiene products, gas & grocery cards, and children's board books.** Please bring these suggested items with you to church; there will be a large bin in our fellowship area throughout the month of July. Any questions or to learn more about OCLife, please contact Nancy Brown (479-616-8043 or nancyjbrown3@hotmail.com).

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.

Adult Education Class - Sunday, July 16

We will offer an **Adult Education Class on Sunday, July 16** 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.

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

Starting July 15, the bookstore will be selling e-card gift cards. They will make a thoughtful gift for birthdays, baptisms, name day celebrations, etc. Stop by the bookstore for details.

Holy Oblation & Fellowship Hosting

Please consider which Sunday your household will offer the Holy Oblation (holy bread) and host Fellowship (Coffee) Hour. This is annual request of our parish families! Please contact Kate Salem (402-430-9989 or ksalem2@cox.net) to sign up and learn more.

Many Sundays this Summer need a host!

2023	Names of Host	Commemoration
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>	David & Ulli Nelson	
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	

South & North Community Groups - Summer 2023

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 (436 N Tacoma St - Farmington)

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 in our homes to offer 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).

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!

AMEN Project - Building A Ramp

Thanks to those who labored to build an access ramp to the parish house, which is our NEW Fellowship Area. Several work days and quite the finished project - so wonderful!

Antiochian Men's Breakfast - Saturday, July 22

The next Men's Breakfast fellowship will be on Saturday, July 22. It will take place at the parish house next to the church at 9:00am. This is a potluck breakfast so please bring food to share.