

Parish Announcements - Sunday, July 30, 2023

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

Schedule of Liturgical Services & Activities	
TODAY - Sunday, July 30	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship & Ladies' Mtg 12:30p Orthodox Homeschool Co-op Mtg
Monday, July 31	6:00p North Community Group (Hosted by David & Ulli Nelson - 36 Aveton Lane in Bella Vista)
Tuesday, August 1	6:00p Paraklesis
Thursday, August 3	6:00p Paraklesis 7:00p Parish Council Mtg
Saturday, August 5	3:45p Chant Class 5:00p Great Vespers
Sunday, August 6 (Great Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord)	9:00a Festal Orthros 10:00a Festal Liturgy followed by Blessing of Community Garden & Fellowship

Inquirers & New Guests to our Church - Welcome!

We are blessed to have many inquirers and new guests to our Church. Thank you for joining us for worship and fellowship! Please contact Fr. Paul Fuller (479-379-6220 or saintnicholasar@gmail.com) to schedule a time to meet and discuss any questions that you might have about our parish community and the Orthodox Faith.

Ladies' Meeting - TODAY, Sunday, July 30

There will be a meeting during fellowship TODAY - please join us!

OCLife - July Charity Drive

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. Bring these suggested items with you to church; there are large bins at church and parish house throughout the month of July. Any questions or to learn more about OCLife, please contact Nancy Brown (479-616-8043 or nancybrown3@hotmail.com).

Orthodox Homeschool Co-op Meeting - TODAY, Sunday, July 30

As a follow-up to our previous meetings, please join us **after Fellowship TODAY** and we discuss arrangements for hosting a Co-op at our parish, beginning this Fall. **Our plan is to host an Orthodox Homeschool Co-op on Friday mornings from 9:30a till 12:30p to consist of Orthros (morning prayers), lessons, arts & crafts, & fellowship.** Please reach out to Gina Waters (480-682-8878 or gwaters034@gmail.com) if interested and to learn more.

Parish Council Meeting - Thursday, August 3

We will have our monthly Parish Council Meeting at 7:00p following Paraklesis at 6:00p.

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 or to pull on the garment.

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 30		
Aug 6 (Fast)	David & Ulli Nelson	Transfiguration of our Lord
Aug 13 (Fast)	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	

South & North Community Groups - JULY 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*).

NORTH - Monday, July 31 at 6:00p at the Home of David & Ulli Nelson (36 Aveton Lane - Bella Vista)

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 September & October; if interested, please contact Michael Baclig (479-372-7097 or michaelbaclig54@yahoo.com).

Chant Class - Saturday, August 5

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; led by Reader David Nelson.

Community Garden & First-Fruits Blessing - Sunday, August 6

As we celebrate the Great Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord (August 6), we will offer a blessing for our Community Garden & First-fruits after the Festal Liturgy. Please bring any fruit baskets with you to be included.

Bible Study on Friday Mornings - NEW Fall Program

We would like to offer a weekly Bible Study on Friday mornings this upcoming Fall (beginning in September). This program will run concurrently with our NEW Orthodox Homeschool Co-op on Friday mornings. We will begin at 9:30a with Orthros (morning prayers), and offer a Bible Study from 10:00a till 11:00a. **If interested in participating, please contact Fr. Paul, so we can make arrangements.**

"The Scriptures constitute a coherent whole. They are at once divinely inspired and humanly expressed. They bear authoritative witness to God's revelation of Himself in creation, in the Incarnation of the Word, and in the whole history of salvation, and as such express the word of God in human language. We know, receive, and interpret Scripture through the Church and in the Church. Our approach to the Bible is one of obedience." - Excerpt taken from the Joint Statement at the Moscow Conference of Orthodox & Anglican Churches (1976)