

Parish Announcements - Sunday, August 13, 2023

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

Schedule of Liturgical Services & Activities	
TODAY - Sunday, August 13	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Back-to-School Blessing & Fellowship
Monday, August 14 <i>(Great Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos - celebrated by anticipation)</i>	5:00p Festal Orthros 6:00p Festal Liturgy followed by Dinner Outing
Friday, August 18	6:30p Ladies' Fellowship
Saturday, August 19	9:00a Men's Breakfast 5:00p Great Vespers
Sunday, August 20 <i>(Feast of Prophet Samuel)</i>	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship 12:30p Adult Education Class

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 learn more about our parish community and the Orthodox Faith.

Back-to-School Blessing (with backpacks) - TODAY, Sunday, August 13

Prior to the beginning of the school year, we will offer a special blessing for all our students and teachers. May the LORD guide, guard, and protect you as you begin your studies anew!

Great Feast of Dormition of the Theotokos - Monday, August 14

Join us **TOMORROW, Monday, August 14** as we celebrate (by anticipation) the Great Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos: 5:00p Festal Orthros, 6:00p Festal Liturgy followed by Dinner Outing.

Fellowship Area UPDATE

Our great work of transforming the Parish House into our Fellowship Area continues. The front and back porches received professional work of pressure washing, painting, and staining. Likewise, the Antiochian Men built a new access ramp. **Any financial contributions towards this much needed work are greatly appreciated!** Check out the parish email for "before and after" photos.

Christian Bookstore at County Fairs (Volunteers NEEDED)

As an outreach opportunity, we'd like to set up a Christian Bookstore at the upcoming **Washington (August 22-26) & Benton (September 26-30) County Fairs**. This is a big endeavor, so we greatly need dedicated leaders and volunteers to make this happen. Shifts will be approx. 3p till 9p each day, and able to handle cash and square app payments. If able to help, please contact Fr. Paul.

Church Etiquette Reminder of the Month
- Refrain from Socializing during Liturgy
(and other Services)

Of course, we want to be friendly and greet one another, but please limit this interaction during liturgical services. After Liturgy, we have an extended period of opportunity to greet, converse, and enjoy our company during Fellowship (Coffee Hour). However, conversations during Liturgy are very distracting to others who are praying and participating in the service (as we all should be doing!). Being punctual at the beginning of liturgical services will certainly assist with this church etiquette!

Bookstore UPDATE

Currently, the bookstore is 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 Autumn need a host!

2023	Names of Host	Commemoration
Aug 13 (Fast)	Hospitality Ministry	
Aug 20	IN NEED OF HOST	
Aug 27	Lindel & SoonMee Townesley; Elisabeth Cisneros	
Sept 3	IN NEED OF HOST	
Sept 10	IN NEED OF HOST	
Sept 17	Sonia Loy; Tom & Kate Salem	Sonia's Name's Day (St. Sophia)
Sept 24	IN NEED OF HOST	
Oct 1	Elisabeth Cisneros	
Oct 8	IN NEED OF HOST	
Oct 15	IN NEED OF HOST	
Oct 22	IN NEED OF HOST	
Oct 29	IN NEED OF HOST	

Ladies' Fellowship - Friday, August 18

Join us at the parish house for a Ladies' Fellowship & Service Project on **Friday, August 18 at 6:30p**. We will be stuffing gallon-size ziplock bags with items to give out to the homeless. Each person will sign up to bring a certain quantity of an item. This will be a potluck as well, but since it is later in the evening light snacks would be wonderful to share.

Men's Breakfast - Saturday, August 19

Join us at the parish house for our monthly Men's Breakfast on **Saturday, August 19 at 9:00a**. This is a potluck breakfast; we are still collecting donations for the "Building a Ramp" project.

Adult Education Class - Sunday, August 20

We will offer an Adult Education Class on **Sunday, August 20 following Fellowship Hour (approx. 12:30p)** for 30 minutes for a monthly Q&A session with Fr. Paul. ALL are welcome to attend, and all inquirers should participate!

Orthodox Homeschool Co-op - Fridays this Autumn

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. This weekly gathering will begin on Friday, September 8. Please reach out to Gina Waters (480-682-8878 or gwaters034@gmail.com) to participate and learn more.

Bible Study on Friday Mornings - NEW Program

We would like to offer a weekly Bible Study on Friday mornings this upcoming Autumn (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**. Contact Fr. Paul to participate.

South & North Community Groups - Summer & Autumn 2023

Offering a video series and discussions on the Divine Liturgy (main worship service of the Orthodox Church).

SOUTH - Monday, August 21 at 6:00p at the Home of Scott & Janna Strickland

NORTH - Monday, August 28 at 6:00p at the Home of Tom & Kate Salem