## Parish Announcements - Sunday, August 20, 2023

Announcement requests may be sent via email to <a href="mailto:saintnicholasar@gmail.com">saintnicholasar@gmail.com</a>

Schedule of Liturgical Services & Activities		
TODAY – Sunday, August 20 (Feast of Prophet Samuel)	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship 12:30p Adult Education Class	
Monday, August 21	6:00p SOUTH Community Group (Hosted by Scott & Janna Strickland - 122 Northaven St. in Farmington)	
Wednesday, August 23	6:00p Vespers 7:00p Choir Practice	
Saturday, August 26	5:00p Great Vespers	
Sunday, August 27	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship & Church School Teachers' Mtg	

#### 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 <a href="maintenant-saintenant-normalizer">saintnicholasar@gmail.com</a>) to schedule a time to meet and learn more about our parish community and the Orthodox Faith.

#### 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!

#### 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 (122 Northaven Street - Farmington)

NORTH - Monday, August 28 at 6:00p at the Home of Tom & Kate Salem (9 Windemere St - Bentonville)

#### **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 (longer on Saturday), but volunteers can come after work if able. We will take in cash and square app payments. If able to help, please contact Fr. Paul.

#### Monthly Choir Practice - Wednesday, August 23

Our next choir practice will take place on **Wednesday**, **August 23 at 7:00p**, following Vespers at 6:00p. All choir members and anyone interested in joining our choir should attend – thank you!

#### Church School Teachers Meeting - Sunday, August 27

Join us after Liturgy for a meeting to discuss our upcoming Church School program for 2023-2024. Any questions, please contact Elizabeth Baclig (920-574-0467 or elizabethsbaclig@gmail.com).

# <u>Church Etiquette Reminder of the Month</u> <u>- Refrain from Socializing during Liturgy</u> (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!

#### **Bible Study on Friday Mornings**

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.

### 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
	Lindel & SoonMee	
Aug 20	Townsley;	
	Elisabeth Cisneros	
Aug 27	IN NEED OF HOST	
Sept 3	IN NEED OF HOST	
Sept 10	IN NEED OF HOST	
Sept 17	Sonia Loy;	Sonia's Name's Day
	Tom & Kate Salem	(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	

#### Church School for Youth - 2023-2024



Church School begins in September; please fill out the form (QR code for e-form or printed copies available at church) to include your children. Please contact Elizabeth Baclig (920-574-0467 or elizabethsbaclig@gmail.com) so we can plan accordingly. *Our program is ONLY successful with the participation of our children and encouragement of their parents!* 

#### **NEW Bookstore Gift Cards**

Our church bookstore is now selling physical gift cards in addition to e-card gift cards! These make a thoughtful gift for birthdays, baptisms, name day celebrations, etc. Plastic gift cards can be purchased in our bookstore or you can purchase an e-gift card by scanning the QR code.



#### **Antiochian Men**



We are collecting donations for the "Building a Ramp" project to recoup the cost of the materials which totaled \$2,000. AMEN has already raised \$500 towards this and our goal is for 15 of our men to each donate \$100 by the end of this year to help with covering the remaining balance of \$1,500. This can be an up front donation of \$100 or a monthly donation of \$20 for 5 months. If you would like to donate towards

this effort, you can do so via PayPal using the QR code. You can also give cash or a check with "AMEN Ramp Project" in the memo line to Tom Salem.

#### 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.