

Parish Announcements - Sunday, August 6, 2023

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

Schedule of Liturgical Services & Activities

TODAY - Sunday, August 6 <i>(Great Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord)</i>	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Community Garden Blessing & Fellowship
Tuesday, August 8	6:00p Paraklesis
Thursday, August 10	6:00p Paraklesis
Saturday, August 12	5:00p Great Vespers
Sunday, August 13	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Back-to-School Blessing & 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 learn more about our parish community and the Orthodox Faith.

Community Garden & First-Fruits Blessing - TODAY, 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.

Dormition Fast & Paraklesis Service

During the first two weeks of August (1-14), we participate in a fasting season of preparation for the Feast of the Dormition (Falling Asleep) of the Theotokos. We offer a beautiful liturgical service during this period called Paraklesis, which means "supplication" as this service supplicates the Virgin Mary.

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

Join us on 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.

THANK YOU - OCLife Charity Drive

Our thanks to ALL those who contributed to our Charity Drive hosted by our OCLife ministry during the month of July. We collected monetary donations and various items needed by two local non-profits. To learn more about OCLife, please contact Nancy Brown (479-616-8043 or nancyjbrown3@hotmail.com).

Well-wishes - Lauren Goff

We want to offer our well-wishes to Lauren Goff who will be moving to Little Rock to attend the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences this Fall. She can be reached at lgoff148@gmail.com. Many years and God be with you!

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 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	
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	

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

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.

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. **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)