

Parish Announcements - Sunday, September 17, 2023

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

Schedule of Liturgical Services & Activities	
TODAY - Sunday, September 17 <i>(Ss. Sophia & her daughters: Faith, Hope, & Love)</i>	9:00a "Come & See" Session - Proskomide (Preparation of the Holy Gifts) 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship
Wednesday, September 20	6:00p Vespers
Friday, September 22	9:30a Morning Prayers followed by Bible Study 9:30a Orthodox Homeschool Co-op
Saturday, September 23	**NO Great Vespers**
Sunday, September 24 <i>(Ss. Thekla & Silouan the Athonite)</i>	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Church School & Fellowship

****Diocesan Fall Retreat in Atlanta****

Please note there will be no service this Saturday, as Fr. Paul will be traveling and attending the Diocesan Fall Retreat in Atlanta from Thursday-Saturday, along with other parishioners. Travel prayers appreciated!

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.

"Come & See" Sessions - Autumn 2023

Join us prior to the Divine Liturgy for "come & see" sessions, which we demonstrate the preparation services: the Proskomide (preparation of the Holy Gifts), Kairon (entrance prayers), and Clergy Vestments (explanation of vestments). **These sessions will be offered at 9:00a (instead of Orthros) on the following Sundays: September 17, October 1, October 22, & November 5.** An opportunity for ALL to experience these liturgical services!

Patristic Book Study - October 2023

We will be offering a Patristic Book Study reading "Letters" by St. Ignatius of Antioch (1st century) in October on three Monday evenings (October 2, 9, & 16) at 8:00p CST. It's a virtual format (via ZOOM). **Please email Fr. Paul (frpaul.fuller@gmail.com) to sign up. Also, purchase a copy of the book in our parish bookstore.**

South & North Community Groups - Autumn 2023

We continue to gather, working through a video series on engagement with the Divine Liturgy (main worship service).

**SOUTH - Monday, September 18 at 6:00p at the Home of Fr. Paul & Ramia Fuller
(217 S Amber Dawn Ave in Farmington)**

NORTH - Monday, September 25 at 6:00p at the Home of Steve & Niki Kolokithas

Church Etiquette Reminder of the Month
- "Lipstick, Perfume, & Chewing Gum" -

Lipstick (or gloss) should not be worn while taking Holy Communion, when venerating (kissing) the cross, an icon, the priest's or bishop's hand, or any sacred object. It is best not to wear it at all while attending liturgical services, but especially be mindful and blot lipstick (gloss) during the above-mentioned times. Hand-painted icons have been ruined by lipstick; and even though the cross or spoon can usually be cleaned, it's not considerate to those who follow and can still tarnish metal items. Also, please know that some people have a strong sensitivity to perfume, cologne, and even aftershave. If used, please use only a small amount. The Temple is already filled with the wonderful odor of incense arising to God as our prayers do. Lastly, chewing gum is never appropriate inside the Temple.

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
Sept 17	Sonia Loy; Tom & Kate Salem	Sonia's Name's Day (St. Sophia)
Sept 24	Fuller Family	
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	
Nov 5	IN NEED OF HOST	
Nov 12	IN NEED OF HOST	
Nov 19	IN NEED OF HOST	
Nov 26	IN NEED OF HOST	

Antiochian Men

Join us at the parish house for our monthly **Men's Breakfast on Saturday, September 30th at 9:00a.** This is a potluck breakfast. We are also still collecting donations for the "Building a Ramp" project to recoup the cost of the materials which totaled \$2,000. We are asking for some of our men to each donate \$100 by the end of this year to raise the remaining funds that are needed. This can be an upfront donation of \$100 or a monthly donation of \$20 for 5 months. **So far, we have raised \$1,266.18 towards the cost of building the ramp, thank you to all who have donated thus far!** 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.



Church School for Youth - 2023-2024

Church School begins TODAY, being offered every other week after Liturgy. Please register your children; there is NO COST. (QR code for e-form or printed copies available at church). Please contact Elizabeth Baclig (920-574-0467 or elizabethsbaclig@gmail.com) to learn more. *Our program is ONLY successful with the participation of our children and encouragement of their parents!*



Monthly Choir Practice - Wednesday, September 27

Our next choir practice will take place on **Wednesday, September 27 at 7:00p**, following Vespers at 6:00p. All choir members and anyone interested in joining our choir should attend - thank you!

Parish Car Magnets

To help publicize our parish community, we have 5 large car magnets that we are asking parishioners to utilize and rotate among households. If interested, please discuss with Fr. Paul. **DRIVE SAFELY & BE KIND!**