

# gmParish Announcements - Sunday, September 24, 2023

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<b>Schedule of Liturgical Services &amp; Activities</b>	
TODAY – Sunday, September 24 <i>(Ss. Thekla &amp; Silouan the Athonite)</i>	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Church School & Fellowship
Monday, September 25	6:00p NORTH Community Group <i>(hosted by the Kolokithas Family - 1701 Park Ridge Way in Cave Springs)</i>
Wednesday, September 27	6:00p Vespers 7:00p Choir Practice
Friday, September 29	9:30a Morning Prayers followed by Bible Study 9:30a Orthodox Homeschool Co-op
Saturday, September 30	9:00a Men’s Breakfast & Workday  5:00p Great Vespers
Sunday, October 1 <i>(Ss. Ananias of Damascus &amp; Romanos the Melodist)</i>	9:00a “Come & See” Kairon & Clergy Vestments 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship & Strategic Planning Conversation

## **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](mailto: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: 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 (1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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).

**NORTH - Monday, September 25 at 6:00p at the Home of Steve & Niki Kolokithas  
(1701 Park Ridge Way in Cave Springs)**

**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 24	Fuller Family	
Oct 1	Elisabeth Cisneros	
Oct 8	Samuel Bell & Dorothy Spector	
Oct 15	IN NEED OF HOST	
Oct 22	IN NEED OF HOST	
Oct 29	Shawn Guthrie	
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 Breakfast & Workday - Saturday, September 30**

Join us at the parish house for our monthly **Men's Breakfast on Saturday, September 30th at 9:00a**. This is a potluck breakfast. Also, if able to remain with us that Saturday, we will make a workday with some various outdoor projects on the church grounds.



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 offered TODAY, and 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!*



**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!

**Strategic Planning Conversation - Sunday, October 1**

Join us after Fellowship on Sunday, October 1 as we continue our parish-wide Strategic Planning Conversation. We have some updates to consider towards the end of this year, as we plan for the current needs of our parish community and its continued growth.