

# Parish Announcements – Sunday, September 3, 2023

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<b>Schedule of Liturgical Services &amp; Activities</b>	
TODAY – Sunday, September 3	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship  2:00p AMEN BBQ & Brotherhood (Hosted by Steve & Niki Kolokithas – 1701 Park Ridge Way in Cave Springs)
Thursday, September 7 (Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos – celebrated by anticipation)	5:00p Festal Orthros 6:00p Festal Liturgy followed by Dinner Outing
Friday, September 8	9:30a Morning Prayers followed by Bible Study 9:30a Orthodox Homeschool Co-op
Saturday, September 9	<b>NO Great Vespers</b>
Sunday, September 10	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Church School & 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](mailto:saintnicholasar@gmail.com)) to schedule a time to meet and learn more about our parish community and the Orthodox Faith.

## OCF (Campus Ministry) at the University of Arkansas

TODAY is College Student Sunday highlighting the need for ministry offered to college students. A special collection will be offered to help support this ministry – thank you for your generosity! If you have contact information of college students (email, phone #, school, major), please email the Church Office ([saintnicholasar@gmail.com](mailto:saintnicholasar@gmail.com)).

## Church School for Youth – 2023-2024



**Church School begins next Sunday, September 10.** 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](mailto:elizabethsbaclig@gmail.com)) so we can plan accordingly. *Our program is ONLY successful with the participation of our children and encouragement of their parents!*

## Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos – Thursday, September 7

Join us as we celebrate, by anticipation, this Great Feast in the Life of the Church! Festal Orthros at 5:00p; Festal Liturgy at 6:00p followed by Dinner Outing.

## Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross – Wednesday, September 13

Join us as we celebrate, by anticipation, this Great Feast in the Life of the Church! Festal Orthros at 5:00p; Festal Liturgy at 6:00p followed by Dinner (*provided at the Church*).

### 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 3	Anasia Lourie	Quentin, Serenity, & Evelyn's Birthdays
Sept 10	Nancy Brown	
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	

### 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

Join us for our 2nd Annual AMEN BBQ & Brotherhood Cookout TODAY at 2:00p. It will take place at Kolokithas Family's home at 1701 Park Ridge Way in Cave Springs. Bring a towel with you if you plan to swim and bring some meat for the grill!



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 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.

### 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) to sign up. Also, purchase a copy of the book in our parish bookstore.

### "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. More details in our parish emails. An opportunity for ALL to experience these liturgical services!