

Parish Announcements - Sunday, October 22, 2023

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

Schedule of Liturgical Services & Activities	
TODAY - Sunday, October 22	9:00a "Come & See" Proskomide 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Church School & Fellowship
Tuesday, October 24	6:00p NORTH Community Group (Hosted by Tom & Kate Salem - 9 Windemere in Bentonville)
Wednesday, October 25	6:00p Vespers 7:00p Stewardship Mtg
Friday, October 27	9:30a Bible Study & Orthodox Homeschool Co-op
Saturday, October 28	9:00a Baklava Making Prep & Men's Breakfast 5:00p Great Vespers
Sunday, October 29	9:00a Orthros & Chrismation of Zachary Fitton 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship & Christmas Program 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 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: TODAY & November 5.** Please note there will be no homily offered on these Sundays.

South & North Community Groups - October 2023 (Tuesday Nights)

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

NORTH - Tuesday, October 24 at 6:00p at the Home of Tom & Kate Salem (9 Windemere in Bentonville)

Men's Breakfast & Workday - Saturday, October 28

We have a Men's Breakfast & Workday planned on Saturday, October 28th. It will be a potluck breakfast and it will start at 9:00am. It will be at the church and not at the blue house this time since the ladies will be using the blue house that morning for their baklava fundraiser. Please use the church parking lot and not the blue house, as the ladies will need access to the driveway. The AMEN Workday will start immediately following the Men's Breakfast at 10:30am and will be at the church. We will be building some sets & props for the upcoming Church School Christmas Program.



We only need to raise an additional \$350 to meet our goal of covering the cost of building the ramp at the blue house! If you are able to donate towards this effort, you can donate via PayPal using QR code or you can give a check to our Treasurer, Tom Salem, with "AMEN Ramp Project" in the memo line. Many thanks to all who have already donated to this cause!

Church Etiquette Reminder of the Month
- "Preparing to receive Holy Communion"

On Sundays when we are receiving Holy Communion, we should not eat or drink anything, beginning from when we wake up until after we receive Communion. Exceptions usually include small children and medicine needed for anyone. If it is an Evening Liturgy and you plan to receive Communion, you should begin the "Eucharistic" fast (no food or drink) after a noon meal lunch. Also, we should have had a "recent" Confession, and have peace of heart and mind with others. It is also a pious custom to recite the Pre-Communion Prayers and Post-Communion Prayers. These are spiritual disciplines that we "get" to participate in and adjusted accordingly in consultation with the parish priest.

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
Oct 22	Strickland Family	
Oct 29	Shawn Guthrie	
Nov 5	Wicker Family	
Nov 12	Manoj & Sneha Virippil	
Nov 19 <i>(Fast)</i>	IN NEED OF HOST	
Nov 26 <i>(Fast)</i>	IN NEED OF HOST	

POTMEF (Pay Off the Mortgage Early Fund) UPDATE

ONLY \$20,000 left on our current mortgage – a remarkable achievement thus far!

Thanks to those who have continued to contribute so that we can retire this debt!

A parish family has offered a **NEW MATCHING Challenge** for POTMEF.

Any donations in October & November will be matched up to \$5,000.

Please consider a donation to help us pay off our mortgage in 2023!



Sacrament of Initiation to the Orthodox Church – Sunday, October 29

Join us next **Sunday, October 29** as we celebrate the Sacrament of Chrismation upon Zachary Fitton. Service of Initiation will take place in the midst of Orthros, approx. at 9:40a. Welcome home & many years!

Christmas Program Meeting – Sunday, October 29

Join us for a **brief meeting after Fellowship on Sunday, October 29**, with our Church School teachers and parents to go over plans for the Christmas Program on Sunday, December 3. For more information, please contact Gretchen Baclig (479-426-0970 or quiltinggran54@yahoo.com).

Making of a Catechumen – Wicker Family

We offered the "Making of a Catechumen" Prayer for Caleb, Aly, & Laura Wicker last Sunday; please keep them in your prayers as they draw near to Christ and His Holy Church!

Ladies of St. Nicholas 2023 Holiday Baklava Sale

Baklava season is here and runs through December 8. Fresh-baked baklava will be available for pick-up the weekend of December 16-17. Please see the flyer for details, and share with others! This annual project is the main fundraising effort of our Antiochian Women. We have increased sales each year and have gained many repeat customers through the efforts of our parishioners. Proceeds are used for benevolence within our Diocese, charitable giving within our local community, liturgical items, and other parish needs. Thank you for your continued enthusiasm and support! For questions, please contact Paula at: StNBaklava@gmail.com.



Please check out this link to Sign-Up Genius and plan on joining some of our fun baklava work sessions! There will be Saturday sessions in October 28, November 4 & 18 to work on pre-assembly of the trays. Baklava Week for baking and packaging will be December 11-15. All work sessions begin at 9am.