

Parish Announcements - Sunday, October 29, 2023

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

Schedule of Liturgical Services & Activities	
TODAY - Sunday, October 29	9:00a Orthros & Chrismation of Zachary Fitton 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship & Christmas Program Mtg
Tuesday, October 31	8:00a Festal Liturgy (St. John of Chicago Orthodox Church - 1740 9 th St. in Rogers)
Wednesday, November 1	6:00p Vespers 7:00p Parish Council Mtg
Friday, November 3	9:30a Bible Study & Orthodox Homeschool Co-op
Saturday, November 4	9:00a Baklava Making Prep 3:30p Chant Class 5:00p Great Vespers 6:00p Teen Event
Sunday, November 5	9:00a "Come & See" Kairon & Vestments 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) to schedule a time to meet and learn more about our parish community and the Orthodox Faith.

Sacrament of Initiation to the Orthodox Church - TODAY, Sunday, October 29

We will 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 - TODAY, Sunday, October 29

Join us for a **brief meeting after Fellowship TODAY** 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.

Chant Class - Saturday, November 4

Chant class is offered **each month at 3:30p, prior to Great Vespers at 5:00p**. This is open to all. Learn about Reading of Psalms, basic tones, hymns, and responses of the Church, and how to put the liturgical services together.

THANK YOU - Special Olympics Awareness Day

We offered a special collection this past Sunday for the annual Special Olympics Sports Camp that is hosted by our Antiochian Archdiocese in Pennsylvania. **We collected \$498 - THANK YOU!**

TEEN SOYO Leader & Communication; Teen Event - Saturday, November 4

We are pleased to announce that Caleb Mackey (501-658-9501 or calebmackey@protonmail.com) has stepped forward to lead our Teen SOYO (youth group). He has created a GroupMe chat for our teens and their parents; be included!

Join us after Vespers for a Teen Event on Saturday, November 4.

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.

Patronal Feast of St. John of Chicago
Orthodox Church - Tuesday, October 31

Join our sister church, St. John of Chicago Orthodox Church (1740 9th Street in Rogers), as they celebrate their patronal feast with a **Festal Liturgy on Tuesday, October 31 at 8:00a.**

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 29	Shawn Guthrie	
Nov 5	Wicker Family	
Nov 12	Manoj & Sneha Virippil	
Nov 19 (Fast)	Stewardship Ministry	Stewardship Sunday
Nov 26 (Fast)	IN NEED OF HOST	
Dec 3	Parish Banquet	Patronal Feast w/ His Grace, Bishop Nicholas
Dec 10 (Fast)	IN NEED OF HOST	
Dec 17	Steve & Tina Rieger; Rich Ratliff	Order of St. Ignatius Awareness Sunday
Dec 24 DAY (Fast)		
Dec 24 NIGHT	Parish Festal Potluck	Christmas Feast & Fellowship
Dec 31	IN NEED OF HOST	

POTMEF (Pay Off the Mortgage Early Fund) UPDATE

ONLY \$15,000 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!



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 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.

"Come & See" Kairon & Vestments - Sunday, November 5

Join us at 9:00a, prior to the Divine Liturgy for a "come & see" session demonstrating Kairon (entrance prayers), and Clergy Vestments (explanation of vestments). *Please note there will be no homily offered on these Sundays.*