

Parish Announcements - Sunday, October 8, 2023

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

Schedule of Liturgical Services & Activities	
TODAY – Sunday, October 8 <i>(Venerable Pelagia the Penitent of Antioch)</i>	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Church School & Fellowship
Monday, October 9 <i>(Righteous Abraham & Lot)</i>	8:00p Patristic Book Study <i>(via Zoom)</i>
Wednesday, October 11	6:00p Vespers
Friday, October 13	9:30a Morning Prayers followed by Bible Study 9:30a Orthodox Homeschool Co-op
Saturday, October 14 <i>(Righteous Paraskeva of Serbia)</i>	5:00p Great Vespers
Sunday, October 15 <i>(Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council)</i>	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) 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 22, & November 5.** An opportunity for ALL to experience these liturgical services!

Ladies' Fellowship – Saturday, October 21

Join us on Saturday, October 21 at 2:30p at the parish house for a joint fellowship gathering with the Ladies of St. John of Chicago Church for a painting activity. More information is coming soon.

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).

SOUTH – Tuesday, October 17 at 6:00p at the Home of Lindel & SoonMee Townsley

NORTH – Tuesday, October 24 at 6:00p at the Home of Tom & Kate Salem

Seminarian Month Collection – THANK YOU

Many thanks for your generosity with the special collection of \$364 that was offered last Sunday as we support our seminarians of the Antiochian Archdiocese!

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 may be adjusted accordingly in consultation with the parish priest.

Bookstore - Christmas Greeting Cards

Starting on Sunday, October 1, the bookstore will be carrying packets of Christmas cards. Each packet contains 15 cards and sells for \$16.95. We will feature 6 different icon styles. *Come check them out!*

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 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	Manoj & Sneha Virippil	
Nov 19 (Fast)	IN NEED OF HOST	
Nov 26 (Fast)	IN NEED OF HOST	
Dec 3 (Fast)	IN NEED OF HOST	
Dec 10 (Fast)	IN NEED OF HOST	
Dec 17 (Fast)	Steve & Tina Rieger, Rich Ratliff	Order of St. Ignatius Awareness Sunday
Dec 24 (Fast)	IN NEED OF HOST	
Christmas	Parish Festal Potluck	
Dec 31	IN NEED OF HOST	

Antiochian Men - Ramp Fundraiser & THANK YOU



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 \$1,466.18 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. Or donate cash or check with "AMEN Ramp Project" in the memo line to Tom Salem.

AMEN Workday - THANK YOU

After our AMEN Breakfast this past Saturday, many helped with an outdoor workday around our parish grounds. It looks wonderful; many thanks!

Strategic Planning Conversation

Thank you to those who joined us this past Sunday for our parish-wide Strategic Planning Conversation. We had 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. Please reach out to parish leadership to discuss further and offer your support!

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!

Any amount helps; please consider a contribution in 2023!