

Parish Announcements – Sunday, November 19, 2023

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

Schedule of Liturgical Services & Activities	
TODAY – Sunday, November 19 <i>(Stewardship Sunday)</i>	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Church School & Fellowship
Monday, November 20 <i>(Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple – celebrated in anticipation)</i>	5:00p Festal Orthros 6:00p Festal Liturgy & Dinner Outing
Thursday, November 23	Wishing you a blessed Thanksgiving!
Saturday, November 25	5:00p Great Vespers
Sunday, November 26	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by 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.

Weekly Offering during the Divine Liturgy

Each Sunday during the Divine Liturgy, we pass baskets as an opportunity for ALL those present to support the ministry offered by our parish community. To contribute electronically via PayPal, please access the QR Code. Many thanks!



2024 Stewardship & Membership Forms

Stewardship & Membership forms will be mailed to your homes. Please prayerfully consider what you are willing and able to financially contribute to the operation and functioning of our growing parish community to support its various ministries and services! **This is an annual responsibility of everyone in our parish community!**

THANK YOU – Aid Collection for those Suffering in Gaza

We offered a special collection this past Sunday to aid those suffering in Gaza from the continued violence, especially our brethren in the Patriarchate of Jerusalem. THANK YOU!

Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple – Monday, November 20

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.**

Patronal Feast of St. Nicholas & Hierarchal Visit of Bishop Nicholas

Join us the **weekend of December 1-3** as we celebrate our patronal feast and welcome His Grace, Bishop Nicholas. We will have a parish brunch Saturday, December 2 with organizations and ministries gathering with Bishop Nicholas from **10:00a till 2:00p including Dress Rehearsal for the Christmas Program;** Great Vespers at 5:00p followed by Pizza Dinner for our Teens & Young Adults.

Church Etiquette Reminder of the Month
- What To Do During a Censing

When there is a censing happening during liturgical services, please simply remain where you are standing for the entirety of the censing. Please refrain from moving around or walking to your “spot” in church, even after the priest who is censing has “passed by” you. If sitting, it is appropriate to stand up during the entirety of a censing. Standing in place, you may turn around as the priest is censing in the narthex. Also, when the censer is being censed in your direction (at you), simply bow your head in reverence.

Nativity Fast (Advent Season)

Our season of preparation begins (November 15) to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord (Christmas); we do so through increased efforts of fasting, prayer, and charity. **We will offer the Nativity Paraklesis service on Wednesday evenings in December – join us!**

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
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)	“Light & Lenten” Fellowship	
Dec 24 NIGHT	Parish Festal Potluck	Christmas Feast & Fellowship
Dec 31	IN NEED OF HOST	

POTMEF (Pay Off the Mortgage Early Fund) UPDATE

ONLY \$12,500 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!



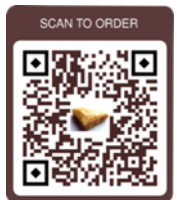
A parish family has offered a **NEW MATCHING Challenge** for POTMEF.

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 (link in the parish email) and plan on joining some of our fun baklava work sessions! Baklava Week for baking and packaging will be December 11-15.



Silent Auction Donations for Banquet

We are currently accepting donations for the auction. Donations can be any new items, handmade items, gift baskets, products from companies you work at/own, and coupons for goods/services from businesses. We ask that you consider donating to support our efforts. The deadline for donations is November 26. To contribute, please contact Angelic Nevill (northfromsouth1@gmail.com).