

Parish Announcements – Sunday, December 10, 2023

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

Schedule of Liturgical Services & Activities	
TODAY – Sunday, December 10 <i>(Musician Appreciation Sunday)</i>	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship
Wednesday, December 13	6:00p Nativity Paraklesis 7:00p Choir Practice
Friday, December 15	9:30a Bible Study 9:30a Orthodox Homeschool Co-op
Saturday, December 16	3:30p OCLife Educational Gathering 5:00p Great Vespers
Sunday, December 17 <i>(Order of St. Ignatius Awareness Sunday)</i>	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Church School & Fellowship

THANK YOU – Patronal Feast of St. Nicholas & Hierarchal Visit of Bishop NICHOLAS

Many thanks to ALL who joined us for our patronal feast celebration last weekend. Such a wonderful celebration of our parish community with many highlights! Our thanks to ALL who helped by providing food, decorating, and organizing our celebrations! Share your own pictures and videos on our parish Facebook page.

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!



Parish Christmas Card

Be included in our Parish Christmas Card (mailed to our entire mailing list); scan QR code to issue electronic payment via PayPal or sign-up on Sundays during Fellowship. **\$25 per entry**. Contact Diana Wilson (479-430-0469 or Dshorty_2008@yahoo.com) to sign up.



Parish Council 2024 Nominees

If you are interested in being on the Parish Council for the upcoming year, please contact Fr. Paul Fuller to discuss further. Nominees must be members in good standing (sacramentally and in their stewardship) of our parish community. Parish Council nominees will be considered at our General Parish Assembly in early February 2024, but only those nominated in advance, not from the floor at the Assembly.

Church Etiquette Reminder of the Month
- Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

At Christmas and during its Afterfeast, we greet one another with this confident exclamation: "Christ is born!, replying: "Glorify Him!" With this seasonal greeting we affirm that Jesus, who took on flesh and was born into our world, is indeed the Christ, and worthy of glorification.

Nativity Fast (Advent Season)

During this season of preparation, we do so through increased efforts of fasting, prayer, and charity. We will offer the Nativity Paraklesis service on Wednesday evenings at 6:00p throughout December - join us!

Liturgical Services for Christmas

Friday, December 22

Royal Hours at 10:00a

Sunday, December 24

(regular schedule in the morning)

Festal Orthros at 7:00p

Festal Liturgy at 8:00p

followed by Parish Festal Potluck Feast

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
Dec 10 <i>(Fast)</i>	Strickland & Wilson Families	
Dec 17 <i>(Fast)</i>	Steve & Tina Rieger, Rich Ratliff	Order of St. Ignatius Awareness Sunday
Dec 24 DAY <i>(Fast)</i>	"Light & Lenten" Fellowship	
Dec 24 NIGHT	Parish Festal Potluck	Christmas Feast & Fellowship
Dec 31	IN NEED OF HOST	
2024	Names of Host	Commemoration
Jan 7	IN NEED OF HOST	
Jan 14	Baclig Family	Michael's Birthday
Jan 21	IN NEED OF HOST	
Jan 28	IN NEED OF HOST	
Feb 4	IN NEED OF HOST	General Parish Assembly
Feb 11	IN NEED OF HOST	
Feb 18	IN NEED OF HOST	
Feb 25	IN NEED OF HOST	

2024 Stewardship & Membership Forms



Stewardship & Membership forms are currently available. 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! **Access the print or online form by clicking the QR code.**

SOLD OUT - Ladies of St. Nicholas 2023 Holiday Baklava Sale

Thank you for placing your order of fresh-baked baklava available for pickup the weekend of December 16-17. There are still more opportunities to volunteer! Baklava Week is Dec. 11-15, with all-day work sessions for baking, cutting, and packaging. Saturday, Dec. 16 is pick-up morning. For questions, contact us at: StNBaklava@gmail.com.

OCLife Educational Gathering - Saturday, December 16

We will have an Orthodox Christians for Life (OCLife) educational gathering at the church **on Saturday, December 16 starting at 3:30pm**. We will be watching a video together and will have snacks provided. The video is of a lecture from the First Annual Orthodox Bioethics Conference. We will watch the video and then have a brief discussion before the start of Great Vespers that evening. Please join us if you can!