

# Parish Announcements – Sunday, December 17, 2023

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<b>Schedule of Liturgical Services &amp; Activities</b>	
TODAY – Sunday, December 17 <i>(Order of St. Ignatius Awareness Sunday)</i>	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Church School & Fellowship
Wednesday, December 20	6:00p Nativity Paraklesis
Friday, December 22	10:00a Royal Hours
Saturday, December 23	5:00p Great Vespers
Sunday, December 24 <i>(Liturgical services for Christmas Eve &amp; Christmas)</i>	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship  7:00p Festal Orthros 8:00p Festal Liturgy followed by Parish Festal Potluck

## 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](mailto: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!



## Order of St. Ignatius Awareness Sunday – TODAY

TODAY, we highlight the ministry and charity of the Order of St. Ignatius across our Antiochian Archdiocese. To learn more, please speak with our parish ambassadors: Steve & Tina Rieger.

## 2024 Parish Calendars AVAILABLE

Your Christmas Gift has arrived and is available to pick up at Church. The 2024 parish calendar is a wonderful resource for the spiritual disciplines prescribed by the Church (daily Scripture reading, fasting, and intercessions of the Saints) - may it edify your household!

## Parish Festal Potluck – Sunday, December 24 (Evening)

We will celebrate the Feast of our Lord's Nativity (Christmas) on Sunday evening, December 24. Please bring a dish to share for our Parish Festal Potluck as we break the Fast together after our liturgical services! Use QR code to access online:



**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!

**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!**

<b>2023</b>	<b>Names of Host</b>	<b>Commemoration</b>
Dec 17 (Fast)	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	
<b>2024</b>	<b>Names of Host</b>	<b>Commemoration</b>
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.**

**We are planning to commemorate those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, and Name's Days of our faithful in 2024. This information is requested on the stewardship & membership form - please fill out online or use a printed copy available at church, so we can celebrate with you in the new year!**

**Parish Community Growth Presentation - Sunday, January 14, 2024**

**Join us during Fellowship on Sunday, January 14, 2024** as we offer a presentation from Baker Galloway, a liturgical artist and designer from Austin, Texas. He has been hired by our parish leadership to help us in our plans for the current and future needs of our growing community!

**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.

**Christmas Gift from the Fuller Family**

Please accept this small gift of appreciation from our household to yours. Many thanks for your continued participation and support of our wonderful parish community. May God bless you!