

Parish Announcements - Sunday, December 3, 2023

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

Schedule of Liturgical Services & Activities	
TODAY - Sunday, December 3 (Feast of St. Nicholas - transferred)	9:00a Festal Orthros 10:00a Hierarchal Liturgy followed by Parish Banquet & Christmas Program
Wednesday, December 6	6:00p Nativity Paraklesis 7:00p Parish Council Mtg
Friday, December 8	9:30a Bible Study 9:30a Orthodox Homeschool Co-op 5:30p Ladies' Gift Exchange & Dinner
Saturday, December 9	9:00a AMEN Advent Retreat 3:30p Chant Class 5:00p Great Vespers
Sunday, December 10	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship

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

Welcome to His Grace, Bishop NICHOLAS who is making his hierarchal visit to our parish community as we celebrate our patronal feast and his Name's Day of the Feast of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker! Many years, Master!

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.



Bible Study Resumes - Friday, December 8

We will resume our weekly Bible Studies on **Friday, December 8 beginning at 9:30a** with Morning Prayers and our Study until 11:00a. As we prepare for Christmas, we will study the Nativity narratives in the Gospels.

Ladies' Christmas Gift Exchange & Dinner - Friday, December 8

Join us at 5:30p on Friday, December 8 at the parish house for a Ladies' Christmas Gift Exchange and Dinner. More details forthcoming.

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!

2023	Names of Host	Commemoration
Dec 3	Parish Banquet	Patronal Feast w/ His Grace, Bishop Nicholas
Dec 10 <i>(Fast)</i>	IN NEED OF HOST	
Dec 17	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 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.**

Ladies of St. Nicholas 2023 Holiday Baklava Sale

There is still time to place an order for Holiday Baklava, and thanks to all who have placed orders! Sale continues through December 8, with fresh-baked baklava available for pickup the weekend of December 16-17. Please see the enclosed flyer for more information, and feel free to share it with family, friends, neighbors, and colleagues. **Access the online order form via QR code.** 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.



Chant Class - Saturday, December 9

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.

Antiochian Men Virtual Advent Retreat - Saturday, December 9

Our 5th Annual AMEN Virtual Retreat will take place on Saturday, December 9, 2023. The retreat will be focused on the book "On the Incarnation" by St. Athanasius. We still have a few copies available in our bookstore so be sure to pick up your copy while supplies last! Our men will be meeting at the blue house for a Lenten potluck breakfast on 12/9 starting at 9:00 am and will join the Zoom meeting together as a group. If you aren't able to attend in person you are welcome to join the Zoom meeting from wherever you are. The Zoom link is available in the AMEN group in the GroupMe app. We hope to see you there!

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!