### Parish Announcements - Sunday, December 31, 2023

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

Schedule of Liturgical Services & Activities	
TODAY – Sunday, December 31 (New Year's Eve)	<b>9:00a</b> Orthros <b>10:00a</b> Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship
Wednesday, January 3	6:00p Vespers
Friday, January 5	<b>10:00a</b> Royal Hours
Saturday, January 6 (Theophany – Baptism of our Lord)	<b>9:00a</b> Festal Orthros <b>10:00a</b> Festal Liturgy & Great Blessing of Water <i>followed by Festal Lunch Outing</i>
Sunday, January 7 (Synaxis of John the Baptist)	<b>9:00a</b> Orthros <b>10:00a</b> Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship <b>1:00p</b> Outdoor Blessing of Water (Monte Ne Boat Ramp – 10118 Charlton Dr, Rogers, AR 72758)

#### 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!



#### Outdoor Blessing of Water at Beaver Lake - Sunday, January 7

**Join us next Sunday, January 7 following Liturgy at 1:00p** as we offer the outdoor water blessing with St. John Church in Rogers. We will meet at the Monte Ne boat ramp (*10118 Charlton Drive, Rogers, AR* 72758). Dress warmly!

#### Bible Study Break Until Friday, January 12

We are currently on break from our weekly Bible Study on Friday mornings; we will resume on Friday, January 12, 2024. We hope you will join us!

#### Parish Community Growth Presentation - Sunday, January 14

Join us during Fellowship on Sunday, January 14 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!

#### **THANK YOU from the Fuller Family**

Many thanks to the parish community and individuals for the generous gifts at Christmas; we greatly appreciate it!

#### <u>Church Etiquette Reminder of the Month</u> <u>- Christ is Born! Glorify Him!</u>

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.

#### 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!

## **Holy Oblation & Fellowship Hosting**

# NEW FORMAT in 2024 – please see attached document and support our communal efforts towards fellowship!

#### 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!

#### Stewardship 2024 Goal – \$225,000 in financial contributions & 60 forms returned!

As of December 22, 2023 we have received Stewardship & Membership Forms from the following 24 households who have pledged a total amount of \$92,700 towards supporting our various ministries and operation of our parish community. Many thanks to the following households listed below who have filled out their 2024 Stewardship & Membership Form:

- Vera Belic William Benoit Chad & Irene Bingle Eric & Elizabeth Carender Fr. Paul & Ramia Fuller Adnan & Paula Haydar Jeff Jenkins Steve & Niki Kolokithas
- Erik & Nina Lawrence Caleb Mackey David & Ulli Nelson Philip & Ciera Nelson Raphael Nelson Paul & Angelic Nevill Jason & Kristin Potoski Tom & Kate Salem

Sean & Carrie Scearce Kevin & Nancy Scherer Dominic Silva & Riley Arnold Pat & Madeline Teague Lindel & SoonMee Townsley Manoj & Sneha Virippil Gary & Debra Wheeler Seth & Diana Wilson

#### 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.