

Parish Announcements - Sunday, February 18, 2024

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

Schedule of Liturgical Services & Activities	
TODAY - Sunday, February 18	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship & Inquiring Minds
Wednesday, February 21	6:00p Vespers 7:00p Choir Practice 7:00p OCF Dinner Outing
Friday, February 23	9:30a Bible Study & Homeschool Co-op
Saturday, February 24	8:30a Holy Bread Baking Session 5:00p Great Vespers
Sunday, February 25	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Church School & Fellowship 12:30p Holy Bread Baking Session

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!



Inquiring Minds - TODAY, Sunday, February 18

Join us for Inquiring Minds, our monthly Adult Education Class on **Sunday, February 18 following Fellowship (approx. 12:30p)** for a Q&A session with Fr. Paul. OPEN to ALL, but "required" for inquirers and catechumens!

Choir Practice - Wednesday, February 21

Our next choir practice will take place **following Vespers at 6:00p**. All choir members and anyone interested in joining our choir should attend - thank you!

Parish General Assembly

Many thanks to ALL who joined us for our Parish General Assembly on Sunday, February 4 as we highlighted the various ministries and offerings of our parish community, ratified our 2024 Operational Budget, and discussed the recent Parish Growth Presentation. Assess the packet electronically via our parish email.

Lecture Series - Fridays during Great Lent

We will be offering a Lenten Lecture Series on the "**Story of Orthodox Christians in North America**" on Friday evenings after Akathist at 6:00p during Great Lent.

Church Etiquette Reminder of the Month - "Lighting Candles"

Lighting candles has been a long and important part of Orthodox worship and personal piety. We light candles as we pray, making an offering in God's House to accompany our prayers. Candles are available in the Narthex to be lit in front of various icons. Any questions, please seek out an usher to learn more.

2024 Hosting for Fellowship on Sundays

NEW FORMAT in 2024: IN NEED of "hosts" for Fellowship on Sundays to sign up and offer "lighter" fare with 3 options available:

1. Host a Light Fellowship (individuals or families) by bringing some suggested items.
2. Sponsor a Light Fellowship for \$100 (suggested amount). With enough notice, our Hospitality Ministry members will get the food/drinks with your monetary donation.
3. Host a light meal in celebration of a special household commemoration by bringing whatever food/drinks you'd like to provide.

Fellowship suggested fare serving 80-100 people:
*bagels and spreads *fruit trays *donuts *salads
*soups *meat & cheese trays *vegetable trays
*sweet or savory baked goods

2024	Names of Host	Commemoration
Feb 18	Adnan & Paula Haydar	
Feb 25	Elisabeth Cisneros & Laura Evans	
Mar 3	David & Ulli Nelson	
Mar 10	Manoj & Sneha Virippil	Meatfare; Last Judgement Sunday
Mar 17 (Fast)	Parish Potluck	Cheesefare; Forgiveness Sunday
Mar 24 (Fast)	IN NEED OF HOST	
Mar 31 (Fast)	Waters Family	Derek & Kota's Birthdays

Hosts NEEDED for Fellowship on Sundays; contact Denise King (DL0118@yahoo.com OR 501.442.8460) to sign up.

OCF (Campus Ministry) Gathering - Wednesday, February 21

ALL college students in the area at our various schools are invited to join us for Vespers at 6:00p at our parish community followed by a dinner outing. Contact Katherine Wehling (UA student leader at 479-335-6178 or ocf.uofa@gmail.com) to learn more.

Holy Bread Baking Sessions - February 24-25

Please join in one of the following sessions to bake Holy Bread loaves in bulk:

Saturday, February 24 8:30am-12:30pm Parish House

Sunday, February 25 12:30-4:30pm Church Kitchen

For any questions, please contact Kate Salem (402-430-9989; ksalem2@cox.net).

Chili Cookoff & Social - Friday, March 1

Join us at 6:00p on Friday, March 1 for our Chili Cookoff & Social at the parish house. Bring your best crockpot full of chili as we battle for tastebuds on this FAST-FREE FRIDAY! This social is being hosted for our Antiochian Men with free-will offerings collected for our Capital Building Campaign!

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 various ministries and services. This is an annual responsibility of everyone in our parish! Access the online form by clicking the QR code.



Those Celebrating in February - God Grant You Many Years!

Birthday

Samuel Bell - Feb 1
Nancy Scherer - Feb 1
James Strickland - Feb 2
Georgeta Galbraith - Feb 4
John Bailey - Feb 7
Tom Salem - Feb 7

Anthony Albert - Feb 10
Violet Strickland - Feb 10
Mark King - Feb 11
Sonia Loy - Feb 13
Megan Paunov - Feb 18

Wedding Anniversary

Bryan & Alaina Yurchak - Feb 10
Scott & Janna Strickland - Feb 12
Jason & Kristin Potoski - Feb 27

Name's Day

Janna Strickland (St. Brigid of Ireland) - Feb 1
Rich Ratliff (St. Richard of Wessex) - Feb 7
Leo Hale (St. Leo, Pope of Rome) - Feb 18