

Parish Announcements - Sunday, February 25, 2024

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

Schedule of Liturgical Services & Activities	
TODAY - Sunday, February 25	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Church School & Fellowship
Wednesday, February 28	6:00p Vespers
Friday, March 1	9:30a Bible Study & Homeschool Co-op 6:00p Chili Cookoff & Social
Saturday, March 2	3:30p Creative Arts Festival Workday 3:30p Chant Class 5:00p Great Vespers
Sunday, March 3	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship

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!



Holy Bread Baking Sessions - February 24-25

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

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! Drink tickets sold for \$10. Our AMEN will set-up and clean after gathering.

Creative Arts Festival Workday - Saturday, March 2

The Antiochian Archdiocese is once again offering our children an opportunity to showcase their art in the Creative Arts Festival! **Church School children ages 3 and up, will be gathering to work on their projects at 3:30pm on March 2 before Great Vespers.** Conventional art supplies will be provided. Any unfinished projects can be taken home for completion and should be returned by Sunday, March 10. All children ages 3 to 1st grade will be provided with a cut and paste activity in accordance with the theme: "*All things work together for good to those who love God, to those that are called according to His purpose.*" -Romans 8:28

Ladies' Book Club - Saturday, March 9

Join us as we begin a NEW Book Club "Pearl of Great Price," available for purchase in the bookstore. We will meet at on Saturday, March 9 at 3:30p prior to Great Vespers at 5:00p. Contact Gina Waters (480-682-8878 or gwaters034@gmail.com) to participate and 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 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
Apr 7	IN NEED OF HOST	

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

OCLife Ministry - March 2024

During the month of March, our church, through our affiliation with Orthodox Christians for Life, will be joining with Orthodox parishes across the country in holding a "baby shower" to support mothers who choose life for their unborn children! This donation drive will benefit Compassion House, a local residential facility for teen mothers, and Loving Choices, a pregnancy resource center. We will be communicating about specific donation needs soon. For any questions, or to help out, please contact Nancy Brown, 479-616-8043, nancyjbrown3@hotmail.com.

Join us on **Saturday, March 16 at 3:30p**, Orthodox Christians for Life will hold an education event in which we will watch the second in a series of videos on Bioethics. We had lively and enriching discussion as a result of the first video.

Psalter Reading Group - Great Lent 2024

If you're looking for a daily spiritual discipline this upcoming Lenten season, consider participating in our Psalter Reading Group. Each day during Great Lent (March 18-April 26), you will be assigned a small section of reading from the Book of Psalms (Psalter). It only takes about 10-15 minutes each day to read on your own. To sign up and participate, simply submit form via QR code. Any questions, contact Fr. Paul Fuller (frpaul.fuller@gmail.com).



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 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
Ruben Rhodes - Feb 28

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