

Parish Announcements - Sunday, March 31, 2024

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

Schedule of Liturgical Services & Activities	
TODAY - March 31 <i>(St. Gregory Palamas - 2nd Sunday of Great Lent)</i>	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship
Monday, April 1	6:00p Great Compline
Wednesday, April 3	6:00p Pre-Sanctified Liturgy & Potluck <i>(hosted by our parish)</i>
Friday, April 5	9:30a Bible Study & Homeschool Co-op 6:00p Akathist & Lenten Lecture
Saturday, April 6	9:00a Men's Breakfast 3:30p Chant Class 5:00p Great Vespers
Sunday, April 7 <i>(Adoration of the Holy Cross - 3rd Sunday of Great Lent)</i>	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Church School & 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!



Bookstore Update

Starting on Sunday, March 31, the bookstore will be holding a sale on select icons. Discounts will be 20% off. All icons included in the sale will be available on a table outside the bookstore. Sale will continue through Sunday, April 14.

New Christian Education Director: Gina Waters & Church School Classrooms

Gina Waters has been appointed by Fr. Paul to serve as our Christian Education Director for our parish community. She replaces Elizabeth Baclig who previously served in this role - our thanks for her service! May God grant many years to Gina and Elizabeth! Contact Gina (480-682-8878 or gwaters034@gmail.com) with any questions regarding our Christian Education program, including Church School.

Due to our continued growth, some of our classes for Church School will meet in the upstairs rooms of the parish house beginning this Sunday, March 24. Please follow instructions of our teachers. As a reminder, we ask that NO ONE use the bathrooms upstairs.

Lecture Series - Fridays in 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.

Diocesan Virtual Lenten Retreats - Saturdays in Great Lent

There are numerous virtual retreats on Saturdays during Great Lent for our various ministries and organizations. More information available in the parish email for dates and links.

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
Mar 31 (Fast)	Waters Family	Derek & Kota's Birthdays
Apr 7 (Fast)	Baclig Family	Antiochian Men's Month
Apr 14 (Fast)	IN NEED OF HOST	
Apr 21 (Fast)	Paunov Family	1-year Memorial for +Emilia
Apr 28 (Fast)	Parish Potluck	Palm Sunday
May 5	Parish Potluck	PASCHA
May 12	IN NEED OF HOST	Mother's Day
May 19	IN NEED OF HOST	Graduation & Church School Recognition Day

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

Parish Paschal Card

Be included in our Parish Paschal Card (mailed to our entire mailing list); click image below 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.



NEW Donation Box & Envelopes in the Narthex

We are grateful for your continued contributions and stewardship for the functioning of our parish community. We have pre-printed envelopes and donation box in the narthex of the Church to help streamline our numerous contributions. Please utilize as your give to help our Church administration.

Treasury Assistance Needed for the Parish

We are in need of assistance with counting weekly contributions of the parish. Those chosen to participate will be included in a rotation basis; there will be mandatory training sessions each Sunday in April. If interested, please contact Tom Salem (479-295-9892 or tasalem@cox.net).

Easter Eggs & Candy Needed

Please bring plastic eggs and candy to Church in preparation for our post-Agape Vespers Egg Hunt! Contact Ramia Fuller (713-577-1770) to assist. Thank you!

Church Etiquette Reminder of the Month - "Eucharistic Fast"

It is proper to refrain (fast) from food and drink prior to receiving Holy Communion. If it is a morning Liturgy (such as on Sunday), we begin our fast from when we go to bed. If it is an evening Liturgy (such as Pre-Sanctified Liturgy during Great Lent), we should begin a fast after a light noon meal.

Those Celebrating in April - God Grant You Many Years!

Birthday

Niki Kolokithas - Apr 1
Bob Brown - Apr 2
David Nelson - Apr 2
Steve Rieger - Apr 4
Isaiah Hale - Apr 7
Stuart Jackson - Apr 7
Debra Wheeler - Apr 8

Rich Ratliff - Apr 16
Leela LeGare - Apr 18
Scott Strickland - Apr 19
Mark King - Apr 23
Michael Kolokithas - Apr 23
Madeline Teague - Apr 28

Wedding Anniversary

Eric & Elizabeth Carender - Apr 2
Todd & Terry Keesee - Apr 6
Lindel & SoonMee Townsley - Apr 27

Name's Day

Georgeta Galbraith (St. George) - Apr 23
Kota Waters (St. George) - Apr 23