

Parish Announcements - Sunday, April 21, 2024

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

Schedule of Liturgical Services & Activities	
TODAY - April 21 <i>(St. Mary of Egypt - 5th Sunday of Great Lent)</i>	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Church School & Fellowship 12:30p Inquiring Minds
Monday, April 22	6:00p Great Compline 7:00p Choir Practice
Wednesday, April 24	6:00p Pre-Sanctified Liturgy & Potluck <i>(hosted at St. John Church - 1740 9th St. in Rogers)</i>
Friday, April 26	9:30a Bible Study & Homeschool Co-op 6:00p Little Compline w/ Canon of Lazarus
Saturday, April 27 <i>(Raising of Lazarus)</i>	9:00a Sacraments of Initiation 10:00a Festal Liturgy 5:00p Great Vespers
Sunday, April 28 <i>(Entrance into Jerusalem - Palm Sunday)</i>	9:00a Festal Orthros 10:00a Festal Liturgy followed by Fellowship Potluck 1:00p Bridegroom Orthros

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 Paschal Card - LAST CALL



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. **Deadline is TOMORROW, Monday, April 22.** Contact Diana Wilson (479-430-0469 or Dshorty_2008@yahoo.com) to sign up.

Inquiring Minds - TODAY, Sunday, April 21

Join us for Inquiring Minds, our monthly Adult Education Class on **Sunday, April 21 following Fellowship (approx. 12:30p)** for a Q&A session with Fr. Paul. OPEN to ALL, but "required" for inquirers and catechumens.

OCLife Donation Drive - THANK YOU!

Many thanks for the generosity of all from our parish and St. John of Chicago Church who participated in the National Orthodox Baby Shower sponsored by OCLife. Donations were delivered to Loving Choices and Compassion House, local non-profits. Also, thanks to those who provided evening meals to the residents and staff of Compassion House during the month of March.

OLLI Class Hosted at St. Nicholas Church - THANK YOU!

Last week, we hosted a class through the OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) program. Our thanks to those who volunteered and provided our meal for their generous hospitality!

Fellowship Meals for Palm Sunday & Pascha



Our Fellowship on Sunday, April 28 (Palm Sunday) is a Parish Lenten Potluck (allowance for fish, wine, & oil). Please sign-up via the QR code and bring dishes to share.

It is the celebratory custom for households to bring their own Paschal baskets for Fellowship after the Paschal services late Saturday night. This gathering is NOT a Potluck, but we will have deli trays provided by the Church.

The fellowship on Sunday, May 5 after Agape Vespers will be a Potluck of side items ONLY. The entrees are being provided by the Church.

2024	Names of Host	Commemoration
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	Teen SOYO	Graduation & Church School Recognition Day
May 26	IN NEED OF HOST	
Jun 2	IN NEED OF HOST	
Jun 9	IN NEED OF HOST	

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

Paschal Donations

It is a pious practice to offer an additional donation during the Paschal season for the needs of the parish community. We ask that donations be offered for the expenses of our NEW church chairs for the nave and overflow area. This will cost approx. \$10,000 – a big expense, but a great upgrade for our worship space! THANK YOU!

Parish Bookstore Sale

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 Palm Sunday. The following seasonal icons are available: St Ephraim the Syrian; St Mary of Egypt; Palm Sunday; Christ the Bridegroom; The Crucifixion; The Empty Tomb; The Resurrection.

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 you give to help our Church administration.

Sacraments of Initiation - Saturday, April 27

Join us at 9:00a for the celebration of the **Sacraments of Initiation for the Rhodes Family, Laura Evans, & John Bailey** prior to our Festal Liturgy at 10:00a for the Feast of the Raising of Lazarus on Saturday, April 27. Welcome home!

Church Etiquette Reminder of the Month - No Food and/or Drink

As a reminder, please do not bring or consume food and/or drinks in the nave of the church. An exception is allowed for water bottles for adults and children, and light fare for children (but please use discretion).

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