

Parish Announcements – Sunday, April 20, 2025

Announcement requests (due by Monday at noon) may be sent via email to info@stnicholasar.org (NEW EMAIL)

BRIGHT WEEK – Schedule of Liturgical Services & Activities	
Sunday, April 20 (PASCHA)	1:00p Agape Vespers followed by Fellowship & Children’s Egg Hunt
Tuesday, April 22	6:00p Paschal Vespers
Thursday, April 24	6:00p Paschal Vespers
Saturday, April 26	**4:00p Great Vespers**
Sunday, April 27 (Thomas Sunday)	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship & Church School 12:30p Inquiring Minds

****Great Vespers on Saturday, April 26****

Please note that we will offer Great Vespers on Saturday, April 26 at 4:00p (different time than usual).

Welcome to our Guests

We are grateful that you have joined us for worship of God this morning! While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians, our non-Orthodox Christian guests will be offered holy bread (as a sign of hospitality) in their pew or seat. At the Dismissal, please join us in veneration of the Holy Cross (held by the Priest) and receive additional holy bread at the end of the Liturgy. After service, please join us for food and drink during Fellowship so that we can meet and greet you! 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.

Pascha & Bright Week Reminders & Announcements

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, April 20 after Agape Vespers will be a Potluck of side items ONLY. The entrees are being provided by the Church.



It is a pious practice to offer an additional donation during the Paschal season for the needs of the parish community. Please mark “paschal offering” on the envelope. Many thanks!

Join us at 1:00p for Agape Vespers followed by Fellowship. The church is providing the entrees, but we ask parishioners to bring side dishes and desserts for our meal. **Our children will participate in an Egg Hunt and craft!**

****Confessions will NOT be heard during Holy Week & Bright Week.**

****We leave open the Beautiful Gate and the Deacons’ Doors for all of Bright Week until Great Vespers on Saturday.**

****There will be no fasting on Wednesdays and Fridays, not only during Bright Week but until the Feast of the Ascension, for the whole forty days. (This was the decision of the Holy Synod of the Patriarchate of Antioch in 1997).**

****During Bright Week (this week), we read the Paschal Office in place of Morning and Evening Prayers at our homes, as well as in place of Compline, Midnight Office, the Hours, and the Prayers of Thanksgiving after Holy Communion. It is also read on the leave-taking of Pascha. Printed copies available in the Narthex.**

Welcome Home!

Welcome home to the newly-illuminated Ethan Allen, Samuel & Dorothy Bell, Clayton Fiscus; Justin Sherrouse, Adam Shores, Bryan & Alaina Yurchak, Daniel Yurchak! May God grant you many years!

Inquiring Minds - Sunday, April 27

Join us for Inquiring Minds, our monthly Adult Education Class on **Sunday, April 27 following Fellowship (approx. 12:30p)** for a Q&A session with Fr. Paul. OPEN to ALL, but "required" for inquirers and catechumens!

Rearranging Chairs/Pews & "Standing" Area

To accommodate the many people joining us for our liturgical services (thanks be to God!), we are going to be removing some rows of chairs and pews to allow for a larger "standing" area. Please utilize this area, so we can fit more people in the building. Please follow instructions from our Ushers. Any questions/comments, feel free to contact Fr. Paul - thank you!

Bible Study - Resumes in May

Join us on Friday mornings beginning at 9:30a with Morning Prayers and Bible Study from 10:00a till 11:15a. We will resume on Friday, May 2 with a NEW STUDY on the Acts of the Apostles!

Graduation & Church School Recognition - Sunday, May 18

Congratulations, graduates! Any graduates of high school, college, post-grad, please email Fr. Paul (frpaul.fuller@gmail.com) by Monday, May 12 with name, degree, awards, and future plans to be included in our Graduation Recognition Day (Sunday, May 18). This Sunday will also be our recognition and appreciation for our Church School students and teachers!

OCLife Donation Drive - May 2025

During the month of May, the month of Mother's Day, Orthodox Christians for Life (OCLife) will be sponsoring a donation drive to support mothers who choose life for their unborn children! This donation drive will benefit Compassion House, a local residential facility for teen mothers. They have need for Size 4 and 5 diapers, cleaning supplies, toilet paper, paper towels, garbage bag, non-perishable food items, and bottled water. This drive will also benefit Loving Choices, a pregnancy resource center. Their needs are toiletries such as diaper cream, bath wash, shampoo, lotion, Dreft detergent, preggie pops (21 pieces size) and baby monitor. Please check out the card options near bookstore for offering OCLife donations in lieu of flowers or gifts for Mother's Day. For any questions, or to help out, please contact Nancy Brown, 479-616-8043, nancyjbrown3@hotmail.com.

Those Celebrating in April - God Grant You Many Years!

Birthdays

Niki Kolokithas - Apr 1	Stuart Jackson - Apr 7
Bob Brown - Apr 2	Debra Wheeler - Apr 8
David Nelson - Apr 2	Justin Sherrouse - Apr 11
Steve Rieger - Apr 4	Michael Kolokithas - Apr 23
Isaiah Hale - Apr 7	Madeline Teague - Apr 28

Wedding Anniversary

Eric & Elizabeth Carender - Apr 2
Lindel & SoonMee Townsley - Apr 27

Name's Day

Riley Arnold (St. Mary of Egypt) - Apr 1
Brian Frederick (St. George) - Apr 23
Georgeta Galbraith (St. George) - Apr 23
Kota Waters (St. George) - Apr 23

"Journey to Fullness" Video Series



This video series (16 videos approx. 17 minutes each) is recommended for all of our newcomers, inquirers, and catechumens. We hope this will be a valuable resource for you as you learn more about Orthodoxy Christianity. It is accessible through a private link to our parish's YouTube channel. To access the video series, please scan the QR code.