

Parish Announcements – Sunday, April 6, 2025

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

Schedule of Liturgical Services & Activities	
Sunday, April 6 (<i>Commemoration of St. Mary of Egypt</i>)	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Church School & Fellowship
Monday, April 7	6:00p Great Compline followed by Parish Council Mtg
Wednesday, April 9	6:00p Pre-Sanctified Liturgy & Potluck Meal (hosted by St. John Church – 1740 S 9th in Rogers)
Friday, April 11	9:30a Bible Study & Homeschool Co-op 6:00p Compline w/ Canon of Lazarus
Saturday, April 12 (<i>Raising of Lazarus</i>)	9:00a Sacraments of Initiation 10:00a Festal Liturgy 5:00p Great Vespers
Sunday, April 13 (<i>Palm Sunday – Entrance into Jerusalem</i>)	9:00a Festal Orthros 10:00a Festal Liturgy followed by Parish Potluck 1:00p Bridegroom Orthros

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.

LAST CALL – Parish Paschal Card



Be included in our Parish Paschal Card (mailed to our entire mailing list); scan QR code to issue electronic payment via PayPal or sign-up on Sundays during Fellowship. \$25 per entry. Deadline is Monday, April 7. Contact Jackson & Abby Bliss (jacksonbliss13@gmail.com or abbyfae626@gmail.com) to sign up.

Fellowship on Sundays in 2025 – NEW FORMAT

Beginning in 2025, we will be hosting a Parish Potluck on the 1st Sunday of the month and offering light fare the other Sundays. Families/households may still “HOST a Sunday” and provide food OR donate \$150 to sponsor a Sunday. To help out with our Hospitality Ministry or to sign-up to host/sponsor a Sunday, please contact Denise King (DL0118@yahoo.com or 501-442-8460). We would still appreciate volunteers to regularly bake the holy bread. To participate and help us get a rotation in 2025, please contact Kate Salem (ksalem2@cox.net).

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!

Sacraments of Initiation – Saturday, April 12

Join us at 9:00a, prior to the Festal Liturgy at 10:00a for the Feast of the Raising of Lazarus, as we celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation for our catechumens: Ethan Allen, Samuel & Dorothy Bell, Clayton Fiscus; Justin Sherrouse, Adam Shores, Bryan & Alaina Yurchak, Daniel Yurchak! **Welcome home!**

Those Celebrating in April – God Grant You Many Years!

Birthday

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.

Holy Week & Pascha Reminders & Announcements

We will offer a Parish Potluck on Sunday, April 13 (Palm Sunday); please bring Lenten dishes to share (allowance for fish, wine, and oil) as we celebrate the Great Feast of our Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem.

Session to make palm crosses will be Friday, April 11 at 5:00p prior to service at 6:00p. Decoration of the bier (Tomb of our Lord) will be Friday, April 18 (Holy Friday) after Royal Hours at 10:00a. To participate, please contact Laura Evans (laura.mevans@verizon.net).

Psalms will be read during the Vigil kept at the Tomb of our Lord (inside the Church) on Holy Friday night into Holy Saturday morning. To learn more, please contact Caleb Mackey. Sign-up using the QR code.



Sacrament of Holy Unction will be offered on Holy Wednesday, April 16 at 6:00p. ALL are welcome to attend this service, but the anointing (at the end of the service) with Holy Unction is a sacrament and only reserved for prepared Orthodox Christians.

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.

Laity participate in the Gospel Reading in various languages at Agape Vespers, which will be held at 1:00p on Sunday, April 20. If you would like to read in a native (or studied) language, please email Fr. Paul (frpaul.fuller@gmail.com) – first come, first chosen!

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!

Confessions will NOT be heard during Holy Week & Bright Week; please plan ahead to offer your Confession during Great Lent, especially to be properly prepared to receive the Sacrament of Holy Unction.