

Parish Announcements – Sunday, May 18, 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, May 18 <i>(Sunday of the Samaritan Woman)</i>	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Graduation & Church School Recognition, Fellowship, & Inquiring Minds
Wednesday, May 21	6:00p Akathist to Ss. Constantine & Helen followed by Choir Practice
Friday, May 23	9:30a Bible Study
Saturday, May 24	NO Great Vespers
Sunday, May 25 <i>(Sunday of the Healing of the Blind Man)</i>	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship

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.



Paschal Donations

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!

Akathist to Ss. Constantine & Helen – Wednesday, May 21

Join us at 6:00p for the Akathist service to Ss. Constantine & Helen, Great-Sovereigns & Equals-to-the-Apostles!

Choir Practice – Wednesday, May 21

Our next choir practice will be **Wednesday, May 21 following service at 6:00p**. All choir members and anyone interested in joining our choir should attend – thank you!

Bible Study – NEW STUDY

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

Great Feast of the Ascension of our Lord – Wednesday, May 28

Join us as we celebrate (by anticipation) on Wednesday, May 28 with Festal Orthros at 5:00p, Festal Liturgy at 6:00p followed by Dinner Outing.

Summer Church School Program – Tuesdays in June

We will offer a youth program from 9:30a till 12:30p on Tuesdays in June for children 12 and under. “Rooted in Prayer” with activities, crafts, lessons, and food. Please RSVP to Gina Waters (gwaters034@gmail.com). Also, we NEED a few adult leaders for this program, so please contact Gina or Fr. Paul to volunteer!

Invitation to the Baptism of Katherine Fuller – Saturday, June 7

YOU'RE INVITED to join us as we celebrate the Baptism of Katherine, daughter of Fr. Paul & Ramia Fuller on Saturday, June 7 at 11:00a. There will be a reception to follow at St. Thomas Episcopal Church (*down the street*). Please RSVP to Ramia (713-557-1770 or raf72082@aol.com) by May 30.

Committee Volunteers NEEDED for Hosting the Parish Life Conference in June 2026

We will be hosting the PLC next Summer, which is a great responsibility and labor of a parish community) and we are requested volunteers for various committees in order to make this a successful diocesan gathering! Please contact Michael and Elizabeth Bacig – PLC co-chairs (479-372-7097 or 920-574-0467) to volunteer and offer a helping hand!

New Service Books for the Divine Liturgy

We have available service books for the Divine Liturgy in the Narthex. Feel free to use while in service on Sundays (and other liturgies) and return them after each use.

Volunteers NEEDED at the Church

We are in need of some volunteers for various tasks and roles within our parish community, such as altar servers, ushers, and hospitality. Please contact Fr. Paul to discuss and volunteer!

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.

Peace of Mind Training Program in October 2025

We are looking to host a Peace of Mind Training Program this Fall (a Saturday in October). Program objectives include: appropriately identifying, understanding, responding, and referring mental health concerns as they arise in the parish; exploring the connection between Orthodox Christian anthropology, pastoral care, and mental health care; cultivating ongoing conversations about mental wellness within the parish and the greater Orthodox Christian community. Approx. cost per participant would be \$150; if interested and to learn more, please contact Elisabeth Cisneros (602-625-5622 or elcisneros@yahoo.com).

"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.



2025 Stewardship & Membership Forms



Please prayerfully consider what you are willing and able to financially contribute to the operation and functioning of our growing parish community to support its various ministries and services! This is an annual responsibility of everyone in our parish.

Printed copies available in the Narthex OR access the online form by scanning the QR code. Also in 2025, for those willing and able please consider contributing towards our Building Fund (suggested amount of \$100 monthly, but please contribute as able). This is in ADDITION to Stewardship.

We are planning to recognize the birthdays, anniversaries, and Name's Days of our faithful in 2025. This information is requested on the stewardship & membership form.

Those Celebrating in May – God Grant You Many Years!

Birthday

Fr. Paul Fuller – May 2	Lucy Troy – May 16
Aidan Wilson – May 2	Nancy Brown – May 19
Caleb Wicker – May 6	Eric Carender – May 20
Nina Lawrence – May 11	Laura Evans – May 27
Nikifor Paunov – May 16	Steve Kolokithas

Wedding Anniversary

Adnan & Paula Haydar – May 3
Erik & Nina Lawrence – May 4
Jackson & Abigail Bliss – May 19
Tom & Kate Salem – May 24

Name's Day

Isaiah Hale (Prophet Isaiah) – May 9	Gina Waters (St. Helen) – May 21
Abigail Bliss (St. Dymphna) – May 15	Jackson Bliss (St. William) – May 28

Baseball Game Outing – Tuesday, June 3

We are attending the Northwest Arkansas Naturals game on Tuesday, June 3 at 7:05p. The ballpark is across I-49 from the church. Group tickets are ONLY \$10 (including fees). Please contact Fr. Paul (502-592-9981 or frpaul.fuller@gmail.com) to confirm your ticket so we can secure a group rate and seating.

Church School Recognition – THANK YOU!

We've had a great year of Church School; our thanks to our dedicated teachers and students who participated in this educational program of our parish community!

Congratulations, Graduates – Many Years!

Elizabeth Baclig: Graduating summa cum laude with highest honors from Purdue University, earning an Associate of Applied Science in Business Administration with a specialization in Hospitality and Tourism Services.

Abigail Bliss: Graduating from John Brown University (JBU) with a Master of Science degree in Counseling.

Niko Carender: Graduating with highest honors from the Don Tyson School of Innovation. Planning on attending the University of Arkansas in the fall, accepted into the Honors College. Majoring in History and Sports and Recreational Management with a future intent to pursue a Law degree.

Lauren Goff: Graduating from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) with a Master of Science degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders with an emphasis in Speech-Language Pathology.

Michael Kolokithas: Graduating with honors from the University of Central Arkansas with a Bachelor of Arts in Film with a Minor in Marketing.