

# Parish Announcements – Sunday, May 4, 2025

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

Schedule of Liturgical Services & Activities	
Sunday, May 4 <i>(Sunday of the Holy Myrrhbearers)</i>	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Church School & Parish Potluck
Wednesday, May 7	6:00p Vespers followed by Parish Council Mtg
Friday, May 9	9:30a Bible Study & Homeschool Co-op
Saturday, May 10	NO Great Vespers
Sunday, May 11 <i>(Healing of the Paralytic &amp; Mother's Day)</i>	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Church School & 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 [saintrnicholasar@gmail.com](mailto:saintrnicholasar@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!

## Thank You!

Our heartfelt appreciation to all who labored in love during Great Lent, Holy Week, & Pascha. Everyone who served and sang, decorated, set up and cleaned up, brought/prepared food (and food and food)! Many thanks!

## 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 9 with a NEW STUDY on the Acts of the Apostles!**

## Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday, May 7

We will have our monthly Parish Council Meeting following Vespers at 6:00p. We look forward to our fruitful leadership meeting.

## 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](mailto: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!

### **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!

### **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.

### **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 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.

### **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 Calrender - 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

### **"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.