Parish Announcements - Sunday, June 22, 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, June 22	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship
Tuesday, June 24	9:30a-12:30p Summer Church School Program
Wednesday, June 25	6:00p Vespers followed by Choir Practice
Friday, June 27	9:30a Bible Study
Saturday, June 28	1:30p AMEN Lunch & Extended Chant Class 5:00p Great Vespers
Sunday, June 29 (Feast of the Apostles Peter & Paul)	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 *pastor@stnicholas.org*) to schedule a time to meet and learn more about our parish community and the Orthodox Faith.

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 using the online form via the QR code. Also, we NEED a few adult leaders for this program, so please contact Gina Waters or Fr. Paul Fuller to volunteer!



Catechism Classes - Wednesdays, June 18 & July 2

We invite our inquirers and catechumens to join us these evenings for Vespers at 6:00p followed by Catechism Class. We will discuss our relationship with Jesus Christ and His Holy Church, the spiritual disciplines of the Church, and a brief overview of Church History.

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 Baclig – PLC co-chairs (479-372-7097 or 920-574-0467) to volunteer and offer a helping hand!

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!

The Fasting Season of the Holy Apostles

The Fasting Season of the Holy Apostles (Apostles' Fast) is observed on the 2nd Monday after Pentecost (June 16 this year) until the Feast of the Chiefs-of-the-Apostles, Peter & Paul on June 29th and the Feast of the Holy Apostles on June 30th. This fasting season honors the Holy Apostles and their tireless work in establishing the early Church, spreading the Gospel of Christ across the world. The primary goal of this fast is to emulate the dedication, sacrifice, and missionary zeal of the Apostles. It serves as an opportunity to deepen our faith, engage in repentance, and recommit to spreading the Good News, just as the Apostles did.

During this fast, Orthodox Christians are encouraged to abstain from meat and dairy products. Fish, wine, and olive oil are typically allowed except on Wednesdays and Fridays, which are observed with stricter fasting, in accordance with the traditional fasting discipline of the Church. The faithful approach these dietary restrictions with a spirit of willingness, viewing them as an opportunity for spiritual growth and bodily discipline. Also, during this fasting season, we are encouraged to increase our prayer life, seeking the intercession of the Holy Apostles for strength and guidance in our own missionary endeavors.

Highlights from the Parish Life Conference

Some of our parishioners were in attendance at the annual Parish Life Conference of our diocese, hosted this year in Jacksonville, Florida. We joined with other parish communities of our diocese for many activities and events, including liturgical services, workshops, meetings, fellowship, and meals!

Congratulations to Elizabeth Baclig who was elected to serve as President of the Antiochian Women and Denise King who was re-elected to serve as Treasurer of the Antiochian Women. Congratulations to Michael Baclig who will continue to serve as President of the Antiochian Men. Thank you for your continued leadership within our diocese!

We had two teenagers compete in the Oratorical Contest in the Junior Division - James Baclig and Katie Baclig, with Katie being chosen as the winner of the Junior Division! Great job!

Congratulations to Megan Paunov who received the blessing to join the Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch, the charitable foundation of our Antiochian Archdiocese!



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 Capital Building Fund (suggested amount of \$100 monthly, but please contribute as able). This is in ADDITION to Stewardship.

Those Celebrating in June - God Grant You Many Years!

Birthday

Philip Nelson – Jun 1 Paul Nevill – Jun 2 Aethan Waters – Jun 6 Olivia Rhodes – Jun 7 Brian Frederick – Jun 16 Alexandria Pangere – Jun 19 Caleb Mackey – June 21 Abigail Bliss – June 26 Seth Wilson – June 28 Lottie Wicker – June 29 Pat Teague – June 30 Wedding Anniversary Michael & Elizabeth Baclig – June 10 Philip & Ciera Nelson – June 10 Steve & Tina Rieger – June 12 Sean & Carrie Scearce – June 13 Nikifor & Megan Paunov – June 14 Peter & Hanna Deschler – June 22 Samuel & Dorothy Bell – June 30

Name's Day

Nikifor Paunov (St. Nikephoros) – Jun 2 Kevin Scherer (St. Kevin) – Jun 3 Gretchen Baclig (Myrrh-bearer Martha) – Jun 4 SoonMee Townsley (Myrrh-bearer Joanna) – Jun 27 Peter Deschler (Apostle Peter) – June 29 Fr. Paul Fuller (Apostle Paul) – June 29