

Parish Announcements – Sunday, July 27, 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, July 27 (<i>Holy Unmercenary Healer Panteleimon</i>)	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Blessing of Cars & Fellowship
Sunday, August 3	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Monthly Parish Potluck

*****Welcome to Fr. Paul Fetsko of Ss. George & Alexandra Orthodox Church in Ft. Smith; thanks for being with us!
Fr. Paul Fuller will be out of town this week; contact him (502-592-9981) for any pastoral emergencies.*****

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.

Dormition Fast & Paraklesis Service

During the first two weeks of August (1-14), we participate in a fasting season of preparation for the Feast of the Dormition (Falling Asleep) of the Theotokos. We offer a beautiful liturgical service during this period called Paraklesis, which means “supplication” as this service supplicates the Virgin Mary. **We will offer this service on Thursday, August 7 & Tuesday, August 12.**

Great Feast of the Transfiguration – Tuesday, August 5

Join us on Monday, August 5 as we celebrate (by anticipation) the Transfiguration of our Lord with Festal Orthros at 5:00p and Festal Liturgy at 6:00p followed by Blessing of Grapes and Dinner Outing. We will offer a blessing for our First-fruits after the Festal Liturgy. Please bring any fruit & vegetable baskets with you to be included.

Great Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos – Thursday, August 14

Join us on Wednesday, August 14 as we celebrate (by anticipation) the Dormition of the Theotokos with Festal Orthros at 5:00p and Festal Liturgy at 6:00p followed by Dinner Outing.

Church School & Homeschool Co-op UPDATE

It is almost a new school year! If you are interested in participating in homeschool co-op this year please contact Gina Waters (gwaters034@gmail.com). An informational/planning meeting will be set up soon to discuss plans for this year's program. Church School will be starting again September 7th if you are interested in teaching please contact Gina Waters (gwaters034@gmail.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.

Back-to-School Blessing (with backpacks) – Sunday, August 10

We will offer a special blessing on Sunday, August 10 after Liturgy for all our students and teachers—bring your backpacks with you! May the LORD guide, guard, and protect you as you begin your studies anew!

Those Celebrating in July – God Grant You Many Years!

Birthday

Blaise Deschler – Jul 1
Nikolas Carender – Jul 14
Caleb Deschler – Jul 14
Emmit Strunk – Jul 15
Kh. Ramia Fuller – Jul 20

Carrie Searce – Jul 24
Hayley Mitchell – Jul 25
Steve Pangere – Jul 25
Aly Wicker – Jul 30

Wedding Anniversary

Manoj & Sneha Virippil – Jul 16
Bob & Nancy Brown – Jul 30

Name's Day

Dawn DeLong (St. Elizabeth the New Martyr) – Jul 18
Brea Hale (St. Elizabeth the New Martyr) – Jul 18
Adnan Haydar (Prophet Elias) – Jul 20

Megan Paunov (St. Mary Magdalene) – Jul 22
Aly Wicker (St. Mary Magdalene) – Jul 22
Tina Rieger (St. Christina) – Jul 24

Stewardship Summer UPDATE

MANY THANKS for your financial contributions in 2025! We greatly appreciate your continued support of your time, talents, and treasures. Stewardship is an opportunity to examine our priorities and values, to express our thankfulness, to give of ourselves, and to grow in grace. We take this opportunity during the summer months to remind our faithful of the vital need for EVERYONE to participate in the financial support of our parish community!

2025 Goal – \$225,000 in stewardship giving & 65 forms returned!

We have received **Stewardship** & Membership Forms from 57 households who have pledged a total amount of \$199,980 towards supporting our various ministries and operation of our parish community.

However, over 90 households call St. Nicholas Orthodox Church their church.

Will you join us?

	2023	2024	2025
Stewardship Amount Received January-June	\$85,945	\$99,240	\$99,960
Stewardship Forms Received	67	71	57
Pledged Amount	\$171,000	\$195,520	\$199,980

Capital Building Fund UPDATE

In addition to your stewardship, we challenged our faithful to financially contribute to our **Capital Building Fund** for the building up of the parish community of St. Nicholas Orthodox Church.

Thus far, 15 households responded to this challenge in 2025 pledging a total of \$31,000 towards our Capital Building Fund.

Will you join us?

2024 Received - \$8,800; thru June 2025 - \$15,500 Received

Total Amount in Capital Building Fund – \$82,430



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.

To discuss or learn more, please contact Elizabeth Carender (479-409-8017; ecarender76@gmail.com), Stewardship Ministry