

Saint Nicholas Newsletter

August 2025



*Saint Jude
Commemorated August 21st*

Celebrations

God grant you many years!

Birthdays

Bryan Yurchak – Aug 6
Elizabeth Carender – Aug 7
Daniel Yurchak – Aug 8
Nick Pangere – Aug 9
Adnan Haydar – Aug 10
Dorothy Bell – Aug 16
Zachary Rhodes – Aug 16
Diana Wilson – Aug 16
Kate Salem – Aug 20
Katie Baclig – Aug 25
SoonMee Townsley – Aug 25
Michael Kravaris – Aug 28
Peniel Rhodes – Aug 29
Lindel Townsley – Aug 29
Gina Waters – Aug 30

Name's Day

Olivia Rhodes (St. Nonna) – Aug 5
Nina Lawrence (Theotokos) – Aug 15
Lindel Townsley (St. John the Baptist) – Aug 29
Aidan Kolokithas (St. Aidan) – Aug 31
Aidan Wilson (St. Aidan) – Aug 31

Wedding Anniversaries

Kevin & Nancy Scherer – Aug 10
David & Laura Evans – Aug 13
Isaiah & Brea Hale – Aug 30



Upcoming Events



**Dormition Fast
& Paraklesis**

**Feasts of
Transfiguration
& Dormition**



Back-to-School Blessing

CHURCH SCHOOL & HOMESCHOOL CO-OP

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.



Bible Study

Fridays @ 10:00am
(preceded by Morning Prayers @ 9:30a)

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Springdale, Arkansas

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"NOW IF WE ARE WILLING TO EXAMINE THE SCRIPTURES
IN THIS WAY, CAREFULLY AND SYSTEMATICALLY,
WE SHALL BE ABLE TO OBTAIN OUR SALVATION."
- ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

**Resuming
August 8th!**

Join us Friday mornings beginning at 9:30 AM for
Morning Prayers, followed by Bible Study
from 10:00 to 11:15 AM

We are continuing our study on the Acts of the Apostles!

Summer Stewardship & Membership

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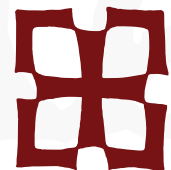
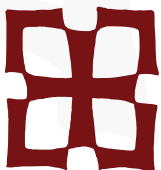
MANY THANKS for your financial contributions in 2025!

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!

Access the print or online form by clicking the image below.



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

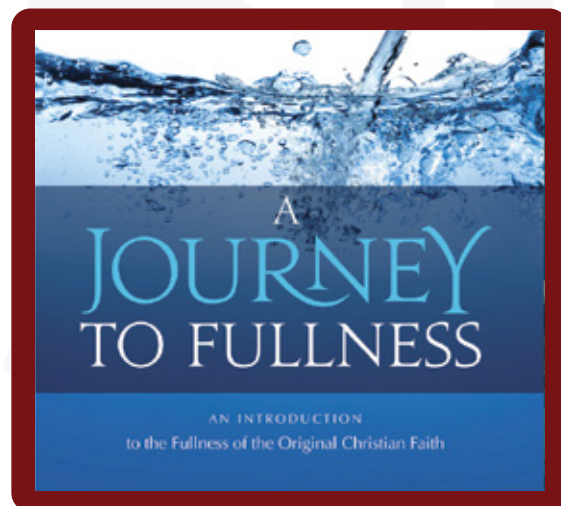
Journey to Fullness

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.

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Samuel the Prophet

Excerpt from the OCA's publication on Lives of the Saints. Click on the images to read the full essay.

The Prophet Samuel was the fifteenth and last of the Judges of Israel, living more than 1146 years before the Birth of Christ. He was descended from the Tribe of Levi, and was the son of Elkanah from Ramathaim-Zophim of Mount Ephraim. He was born, having been besought from the Lord through the prayers of his mother Hannah (therefore he received the name Samuel, which means “besought from God”). Even before birth, he was dedi-



The life of the Prophet Samuel is commemorated on August 20th

Upon the death of Eli, Samuel became the judge of the nation of Israel. The Ark of God was returned by the Philistines on their own initiative. After returning to God, the Israelites returned to all the cities that the Philistines had taken. In his old age, the Prophet Samuel made his sons Joel and Abiah judges over Israel, but they did not follow the integrity and righteous judgment of their father, since they were motivated by greed.

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Parish Activity at St. Nicholas



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