

# **Parish Announcements – Sunday, September 21, 2025**

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

<b>Schedule of Liturgical Services &amp; Activities</b>	
Sunday, September 21	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Church School & Fellowship
Wednesday, September 24	6:00p Vespers followed by Catechism
Friday, September 26	9:30a Bible Study & Homeschool Co-op
Saturday, September 27	9:00a Men's Breakfast 5:00p Great Vespers
Sunday, September 28	9:00a Sacraments of Christian Initiation (Reineking & Cox Families) 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 seat or standing area. At the Dismissal, please join us in veneration of the Holy Cross (held by the Priest) or Festal Icon 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](mailto:pastor@stnicholas.org)) to schedule a time to meet and learn more about our parish community and the Orthodox Faith.



## **Church School Registration – 2025-2026**

We've begun a NEW year of Church School! Please scan the QR code to fill out this registration form with your children's information for the upcoming program of Church School. Your continued support and participation are greatly appreciated! To learn more, please contact our Church School Director - Gina Waters (480-682-8878 or [gwaters034@gmail.com](mailto:gwaters034@gmail.com)).

## **Catechism Classes – Fall 2025**

We will offer catechism classes for our newcomers, inquirers, and catechumens on Wednesday evenings (September 24, October 1, October 24, & November 5). Vespers at 6:00p followed by Catechism until 8:00p.

## **Sacraments of Christian Initiation – Sunday, September 28**

Join us on Sunday, September 28 at 9:00a (in lieu of Orthros) as we celebrate the Sacraments of Christian Initiation for the Reineking Family (Dylan, Britany, Elizabeth, & James) & Cox Family (Tyler, Hanna, Ira, & Rudy). Many years!

## **Bookstore – Fall Sale**

Sale items include books, icons, prayer bracelets, key chains, etc., all marked at 30% off. All items will be available on tables across from the bookstore.

## **Altar Server Training – Saturday, October 4**

Join us on Saturday, October 4 from 2:00p-4:00p as we offer a training session for altar servers. This session is offered for current altar servers and those interested in serving. Please RSVP to Fr. Paul.

### Peace of Mind Training – Saturday, October 11



We are hosting a Peace of Mind Training Program on Saturday, October 11. 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. Cost per participant is \$150 (lunch provided). To learn more, please contact Elisabeth Cisneros (602-625-5622 or [elcisneros@yahoo.com](mailto:elcisneros@yahoo.com)). Scholarships available, please discuss with Fr. Paul. Scan the QR codes to access the online registration and payment.



### Bible Study on Friday Mornings

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

### Homeschool Co-op – Fridays

St. Katherine Homeschool Co-op meets weekly at 9:30a with Morning Prayers and meets until 12:30p weekly on Fridays. If interested in participating, please contact Gina Waters (480-682-8878 or [gwaters034@gmail.com](mailto:gwaters034@gmail.com)).

### Those Celebrating in September – God Grant You Many Years!

#### *Birthday*

Rosa Strunk – Sept 1  
Chris Beam – Sept 4  
Mia Folden – Sept 6  
Hannah Waters – Sept 7  
David Ellison – Sept 14  
Lauren Goff – Sept 15  
Mackenzie Goff – Sept 15  
Katherine Fuller – Sept 17

Samuel Strunk – Sept 20  
Andrew Baclic – Sept 23  
Josh Thompson – Sept 23  
Brea Hale – Sept 24  
Rob Fannin – Sept 26  
Kiersten Hale – Sept 28  
Elisabeth Baclic – Sept 29  
Hanna Deschler – Sept 30

#### *Name's Day*

Penelope Hale (Martyr Penelope) – Sept 1  
Niki Kolokithas (Martyr Margarita) – Sept 1  
Josh Thompson (Righteous Joshua) – Sept 1  
Elizabeth Baclic (St. Elizabeth) – Sept 5  
Elizabeth Carender (St. Elizabeth) – Sept 5  
Elisabeth Cisneros (St. Elizabeth) – Sept 5  
Elizabeth Fenner (St. Elizabeth) – Sept 5  
Zachary Fitton (Prophet Zachariah) – Sept 5  
Kh. Ramia Fuller (St. Elizabeth) – Sept 5  
Rebekah Fuller (St. Elizabeth) – Sept 5  
Azelea Deschler (Theotokos) – Sept 8  
Kiersten Hale (St. Anna) – Sept 9  
Madeline Teague (St. Anna) – Sept 9  
Steve Kolokithas (Holy Cross) – Sept 14  
Sneha Virippil (St. Sophia) – Sept 17  
Seth Wilson (St. Silouan) – Sept 24  
Erik John Lawrence (St. John) – Sept 26  
Sean Scearce (St. John) – Sept 26

#### *Wedding Anniversary*

Samuel & Megan Strunk – Sept 25

## 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 have received **Stewardship & Membership Forms** from 65 households who have pledged a total amount of \$211,330 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?**

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](mailto:ecarender76@gmail.com)), Stewardship Ministry*

# Happy (Church) New Year from the Hospitality Team!

Our Hospitality Team is restructuring and simplifying Fellowship Hour for the remainder of 2025. Please read up on these changes, to help keep this important ministry running smoothly!

In discussion with Fr. Paul, we've considered:

- 1) our growing attendance
- 2) limitations with current gathering space
- 3) challenges in finding participants to host and help

With these factors in mind, we've decided to scale back efforts and have come up with the following simplified plan:

## **First Sunday of Month: Parish Potluck**

Everyone planning to attend – family or individual – please bring one ready-to-serve dish (main, side, or dessert). Covered dishes should be dropped off on the serving tables at parish house prior to services. Please collect your dishes from table once serving time has ended.

Potlucks are typically the first Sunday of the month but may change according to festal calendar. Please check parish publications for any updates.

## **Remaining Sundays of Month: Donuts & Fruit**

There may be an occasional switch to bagels or other items.

### **Additional Info:**

- Hospitality will continue to furnish coffee & lemonade, shelf-stable creamers, paper plates, napkins, tableware, plastic & styrofoam cups, but will be retiring the white coffee mugs.
- Monetary donations towards coffee and supplies are appreciated; please note on contribution envelopes (available in the Narthex) that your donation is specifically for Fellowship Hour. There will be a basket for cash donations at the parish house, as well.
- Special Occasion Hosting is still available. If you would like to fully host a fellowship hour with a provided meal, please notify Elizabeth Carender (479-409-8017; [ecarender76@gmail.com](mailto:ecarender76@gmail.com)) in advance.

**Thank you for your efforts to support our Hospitality Ministry!**

Please direct questions to Fr. Paul or any hospitality ministry member: Elizabeth Carender, Laura Evans, Denise King, Sonia Loy, Kate Salem, SoonMee Townsley.