

Parish Announcements – Sunday, September 28, 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, September 28	9:00a Sacraments of Christian Initiation (<i>Reineking & Cox Families</i>) 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Church School & Fellowship
Wednesday, October 1	6:00p Vespers followed by Catechism
Friday, October 3	9:30a Bible Study & Homeschool Co-op
Saturday, October 4	2:00p Altar Server Training 4:00p Sacraments of Christian Initiation (<i>Kieran, son of Derek & Gina Waters</i>) 5:00p Great Vespers
Sunday, October 5	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Church School & Parish Potluck

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) to schedule a time to meet and learn more about our parish community and the Orthodox Faith.

Sacraments of Christian Initiation – TODAY, Sunday, September 28

We will offer the Sacraments of Christian Initiation for the Reineking Family (Dylan, Britany, Elizabeth, & James) & Cox Family (Tyler, Hanna, Ira, & Rudy). Welcome home and may God grant you many years!

Monthly Parish Potluck – NEXT Sunday, October 5

Join us for our monthly Parish Potluck during Fellowship next Sunday; please bring food and drinks to share!

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).

Catechism Classes – Fall 2025

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

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.

Sacraments of Christian Initiation (Kieran Waters) – Saturday, October 4

Join us on Saturday, October 4 at 4:00p (prior to Great Vespers at 5:00p) as we celebrate the Sacraments of Christian Initiation for Kieran, son of Derek & Gina Waters.

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. Also, the bookstore has received a selection of beautiful sterling crosses, some set with semiprecious stones. Chains are also available. Stop by to check them out.



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). Scholarships available, please discuss with Fr. Paul. Scan the QR codes to access the online registration and payment.




Fellowship on Sundays

We will offer lighter fare (donuts, fruit, and coffee) during Fellowship on Sundays. We will offer a monthly Parish Potluck on the 1st Sunday of the month, so please bring dishes/drinks to share. Donations may be offered to support our Fellowship Ministry.

Orthodox Road Trip – October 23-25

Orthodox Road Trip will be visiting Kansas City, Missouri & Omaha, Nebraska on Thursday, October 23 through Saturday, October 25 to visit the Inspired Exhibit (link below) on the Bible in Omaha, Nebraska and visit various Orthodox churches along the way. Approx. cost \$500 per person to cover hotel accommodations and meals. Cost for van and gas will be covered by the Church. Max 8-10 people. If interested, please contact Fr. Paul.

Stewardship Reminder

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

Those Celebrating in (late) September & October – God Grant You Many Years!

Birthday

Kiersten Hale – Sept 28	Hanna Cox – Oct 18
Elizabeth Baclig – Sept 29	Tyler Cox – Oct 21
Hanna Deschler – Sept 30	Maria Comsa – Oct 22
Elisabeth Cisneros – Oct 1	Casey Hale – Oct 24
Bruce Hale – Oct 6	Zoe Pangere – Oct 24
Penelope Hale – Oct 7	Dylan Reineking – Oct 24
Laura Wicker – Oct 12	Emma Paunov – Oct 26
Vera Belic – Oct 17	Sarah Ellison – Oct 28

Name's Day

Tom Salem (St. Thomas) – Oct 6	Laura Evans (St. Laura) – Oct 19
Abraham Fenner (St. Abraham) – Oct 9	Laura Wicker (St. Laura) – Oct 19
Philip Nelson (St. Philip) – Oct 11	James Baclig (St. James) – Oct 23
Lucas Frederick (St. Luke) – Oct 18	Emma Paunov (St. Demetrios) – Oct 26
Bruce Hale (St. Luke) – Oct 18	

Wedding Anniversary

Gary & Debra Wheeler – Oct 8	Seth & Diana Wilson – Oct 14
Cory & Lucy Troy – Oct 9	Paul & Angelic Nevill – Oct 18
Rob Fannin & Elisabeth Cisneros – Oct 13	