

Saint Nicholas Newsletter

October 2025



*Apostle Thomas
Commemorated October 5th*



Celebrations

God grant you many years!

Birthdays

Elisabeth Cisneros – Oct 1

Bruce Hale – Oct 6

Penelope Hale – Oct 7

Laura Wicker – Oct 12

Vera Belic – Oct 17

Hanna Cox – Oct 18

Tyler Cox – Oct 21

Maria Comsa – Oct 22

Casey Hale – Oct 24

Zoe Pangere – Oct 24

Dylan Reineking – Oct 24

Emma Paunov – Oct 26

Sarah Ellison – Oct 28

Name's Day

Tom Salem (Apostle Thomas) – Oct 6

Abraham Fenner (Righteous Abraham) – Oct 9

Philip Nelson (St. Philip the Deacon) – Oct 11

Lucas Frederick (Evangelist Luke) – Oct 18

Bruce Hale (Evangelist Luke) – Oct 18

Laura Evans (St. Laura of Cordoba) – Oct 19

Laura Wicker (St. Laura of Cordoba) – Oct 19

James Baclig (St. James) – Oct 23

Emma Paunov (St. Demetrios) – Oct 26

Wedding Anniversaries

Gary & Debra Wheeler – Oct 8

Cory & Lucy Troy – Oct 9

Rob Fannin & Elisabeth Cisneros – Oct 13

Seth & Diana Wilson – Oct 14

Paul & Angelic Nevill – Oct 18



Bible Study

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

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church
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

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!

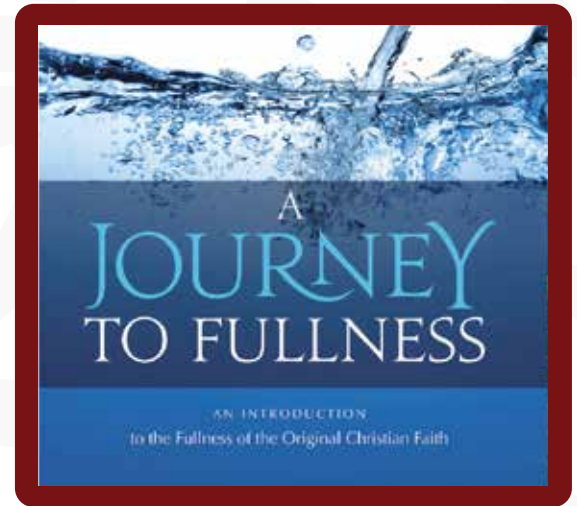
Journey to Fullness

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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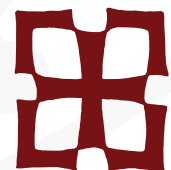
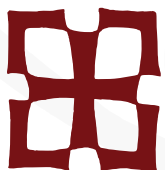


Stewardship

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.



Parish Cookout

Hosted by Antiochian Men (AMEN)

Saturday, October 18 after Vespers

(5:00pm start time for Vespers service)



BYO FOOD & BEVERAGES

Help us break in our new grill!

All are welcome! Bring your families!

Fellowship Hour

UPDATE

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; ecar-ender76@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.

Parish Moments - from Spring and Summer '25





Saint James - The Brother of the Lord

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



The Holy Apostle James, the Brother of God (Adelphótheos) was the son of the Righteous Joseph before he was betrothed to the Most Holy Theotokos. Tradition says that Joseph had other sons with his first wife.

Thus, James was called the Lord's brother. Saint James had been a Nazirite, a man or woman consecrated to God for a limited time. During the period of consecration the Nazirites vowed to to abstain from wine and other intoxicating beverages, they could not cut their hair, and all contact with a corpse was forbidden (Numbers 6:1-21).

St. James is commemorated on October 23rd.



When the Savior began to proclaim the Kingdom of God, Saint James believed in Christ and became His Apostle. Later, he was chosen as the first Bishop of Jerusalem.

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Parish Activity at St. Nicholas



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