

Parish Announcements - Sunday, November 9, 2025

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

Schedule of Liturgical Services & Activities	
TODAY, Sunday, November 9 (<i>St. Nektarios the Wonderworker</i>)	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Church School, Fellowship, & Inquiring Minds
Wednesday, November 12	6:00p Vespers followed by Parish Council Mtg
Friday, November 14	9:30a Bible Study & Homeschool Co-op
Saturday, November 15 (<i>Beginning of the Nativity Fast/Advent Season</i>)	3:30p OCLife Educational Gathering 5:00p Great Vespers followed by Choir Practice
Sunday, November 16 (<i>Apostle Matthew the Evangelist</i>)	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Church School, Fellowship, & Strategic Planning Conversation

Welcome to our Guests

We are grateful that you have joined us to offer worship of God! 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, 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! Contact Fr. Paul Fuller (479-379-6220 or pastor@stnicholas.org) to schedule a meeting to learn more about our parish community and the Orthodox Faith.

Patronal Banquet - Saturday, December 6



We will celebrate our Patronal Feast of St. Nicholas with Great Vespers at 4:00p followed by our Patronal Banquet from 5-9:00p. Regular schedule of festal services on Sunday, December 7. This is a fundraising ticketed event; **ONLY 130 tickets AVAILABLE! Dinner & Dance w/ Children's Christmas Play & Silent Auction!** Volunteers needed, please contact Olivia Rhodes (479-579-7708; therhodes17@gmail.com).

Ticket Pricing:

\$250 - Sponsorship includes 2 banquet tickets w/ drink tickets (optional), reserved seating, and name in brochure
\$85 - Adults w/ drinks \$65 - Adults \$25 - Children Age 6-12 Free - Age 5 and under

Please use the QR code to sign-up for the various volunteer jobs needed at our Patronal Banquet:



Silent Auction Items for Patronal Banquet

We are seeking donations of any new or like-new items, handmade goods, gift baskets, and products from your workplace or business, as well as coupons for goods and services from local businesses. The deadline for donations is Sunday, November 30. Tax donation form available to be given to any businesses that might be interested in donating products or services for tax deduction purposes. If you would like to contribute, please contact Hayley Mitchell (hayleynmitchell@gmail.com) or Megan Strunk (meganolmedo@gmail.com).

THANK YOU - OLLI Class & Luncheon

Thank you to those who helped host this group at our parish community on Thursday, October 30, especially Tom & Kate Salem, Steve & Tina Rieger, Sonia Loy, and Ramia Fuller for our delicious luncheon!

OCLife Educational Gathering – Saturday, November 15

Join us at 3:30p prior to Great Vespers at 5:00p. We will view part of Father Adam Roberts documentary series "In the Name of Choice," followed by discussion and provision of information about pro-life resources and opportunities for service.

Psalter Reading Group – Advent 2025 (NEW QR CODE)

If you're looking for a daily spiritual discipline this upcoming Advent, participate in our Psalter Reading Group. Each day during Advent (November 15-December 24), you will be assigned a section of reading from the Psalter (Book of Psalms). It only takes about 10-15 minutes each day to read on your own. Reading schedule will be sent via email a few days before November 15. To participate, simply fill out the form via the QR code. Any questions, please contact Fr. Paul Fuller (frpaul.fuller@gmail.com).



Strategic Planning Conversation – Sunday, November 16

Join us after Fellowship on Sunday, November 16 for a parish-wide Strategic Planning Conversation. We have some updates from our Property Acquisition Committee to consider as we plan for the current needs of our parish community and its continued growth.

Great Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple – Thursday, November 20

Join us on Thursday, November 20 for Festal Orthros at 5:00p and Festal Liturgy at 6:00p followed by Dinner Outing as we celebrate (by anticipation) the Great Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple.

Telos Project – Looking for Young Adult Ministry Leaders

We've been approached to apply for this upcoming cohort (deadline to apply on November 15) seeking 3-6 young adult team members. To learn more, please visit the link (pariah email) and contact Fr. Paul if interested in participating in this young adult initiative as a ministry leader.

Making of a Catechumen – Hayley Mitchell

Our congratulations to Hayley Mitchell who became a catechumen this past Sunday; please keep them in your prayers as she journeys towards the Orthodox Church!

****SPECIAL NOTE ON THE NATIVITY FAST****

On November 15, we will begin, with God's help, the forty-day Nativity Fast in preparation for the great feast of the Nativity of Christ on December 25. Throughout this period, we abstain from meat, poultry, eggs and dairy. According to the Patriarchate of Antioch, it is not necessary to fast from oil, but people may choose to do so. Also, it is standard practice to celebrate our American holiday of Thanksgiving without any fasting restrictions. Please consult your spiritual father for guidance. From November 15-December 11, fish, wine and oil are allowed every day, except Wednesdays and Fridays. Also, fish, wine and oil are allowed on November 21, for the Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos, regardless on which day of the week it falls. From December 12-24, we observe a strict fast with katalysis (relaxation) for wine and oil on Saturdays and Sundays, on commemorations of vigil rank and intermediate-rank saints such as Nicholas and Ignatius, and for church patronal saints.

Those Celebrating in November – God Grant You Many Years!

Birthday

Sean Scearce – Nov 1	Tina Rieger – Nov 15
Azalea Deschler – Nov 2	Rebekah Fenner – Nov 18
Rebekah Fuller – Nov 4	Chestley Johnson – Nov 20
Ollina Jenkins – Nov 12	Alaina Yurchak – Nov 21
Angela Nevill – Nov 13	Megan Strunk – Nov 26

Wedding Anniversary

Caleb & Aly Wicker – Nov 13

Name's Day

<u>November 8</u>	
Michael Baclig (Archangel Michael)	Manoj Virippil (St. Matthew) – Nov 16
Gabriel Carender (Archangel Gabriel)	Katie Baclig (St. Katherine) – Nov 25
Mackenzie Goff (Archangel Uriel)	Katherine Fuller (St. Katherine) – Nov 25
Jeff Jenkins (Archangel Raphael)	Kate Salem (St. Katherine) – Nov 25
Michael Kolokithas (Archangel Michael)	Andrew Baclig (St. Andrew) – Nov 30
Michael Kravaris (Archangel Michael)	
Dominic Silva (Archangel Michael)	
Derek Waters (Archangel Michael)	