

# Parish Announcements – Sunday, November 30, 2025

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

Schedule of Liturgical Services & Activities	
TODAY, Sunday, November 30 ( <i>Apostle Andrew</i> )	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Church School & Fellowship
Wednesday, December 3	6:00p Nativity Paraklesis followed by Parish Council Mtg
Friday, December 5	9:30a Homeschool Co-op
Saturday, December 6	4:00p Great Vespers 5:00-9:00p Patronal Banquet ( <i>ticketed event</i> )
Sunday, December 7 ( <i>Feast of St. Nicholas – transferred</i> )	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Church School & Fellowship

## 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](mailto:pastor@stnicholas.org)) to schedule a meeting to learn more about our parish community and the Orthodox Faith.

## Nativity Paraklesis – Wednesdays, December 3, 10, & 17

Join us at 6:00p for this beautiful supplication service in preparation of the Nativity of our Lord.

## SOLD OUT – Patronal Banquet – Saturday, December 6; Volunteers NEEDED

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; **Dinner & Dance w/ Children's Christmas Play & Silent Auction!** Volunteers needed, please contact Olivia Rhodes (479-579-7708; [therhodes17@gmail.com](mailto:therhodes17@gmail.com)). VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: 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](mailto:hayleynmitchell@gmail.com)) or Megan Strunk ([meganolmedo@gmail.com](mailto:meganolmedo@gmail.com)).

## Bible Study UPDATE

Having just completed our study into the Acts of the Apostles, we will break for November 28 & December 5. A two-week study on the Protoevangelium of James will be offered on December 12 & 19 (book available for purchase in the bookstore). New Bible Study coming in January 2026.

### **He is Worthy! Mustahek! Axios! Ordination of Scott Strickland to the Holy Diaconate**

We offer our prayers and congratulations to the Strickland Family (Scott, Janna, Violet, Ava, Judah, & James) as he is ordained to the Holy Diaconate by His Eminence, Metropolitan SABA at the Mother Cathedral of the Archdiocese (St. Nicholas Cathedral) in Brooklyn, NY on Saturday, December 6! Please keep him and his family in your prayers as he continues his studies and ordained ministry while at St. Vladimir Orthodox Theological Seminary in New York. If you'd like to offer your congratulations and/or monetary gifts; you may do so using the QR code or email/mail: sbstrickland@gmail.com; 575 Scarsdale Road, Yonkers, NY 10707).



### **Baklava is Back!**



Ladies of St. Nicholas are offering Holiday Baklava for sale through December 7. Box price is \$20/dozen. Order online or by mail. In addition, there are order forms and envelopes at our Church Bookstore, so you can place your order at the store when open or drop your order in the Bookstore cash box after hours. Please refer to the order flyer for details. Quantities are limited, so place your order early!

We thank you for your support of our annual fundraiser, which enables us to fulfill our diocesan obligations and many charitable and humanitarian endeavors. Baklava volunteer opportunities are available for our Ladies, for questions please contact: StNBaklava@gmail.com.

### **Christmas Shopping in the Bookstore**

Featured are books for children and adults, Nativity icons, Christmas cards, ornaments, beautiful crosses, prayer ropes and bracelets, and more. Come check out our wide selection of gift ideas.

### **Parish Christmas Card**

Be included in our Parish Christmas Card (mailed to our entire mailing list); scan the QR code to sign-up and pay electronically (via Zeffy) or memo your check. \$25 per entry; Goal of 40 households!



### **\*\*SPECIAL NOTE ON THE NATIVITY FAST\*\***

On November 15, we began, 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 December - God Grant You Many Years!**

#### ***Birthday***

James Baclig - Dec 1  
Paula Haydar - Dec 9  
Rudy Cox - Dec 15  
Ciera Nelson - Dec 15  
Abraham Fenner - Dec 17  
Gary Wheeler - Dec 17  
Gabriel Carender - Dec 25  
Leo Hale - Dec 30

#### ***Name's Day***

Zachary Rhodes (St. John of Damascus) - Dec 4  
Nikolas Carender (St. Nicholas) - Dec 6  
Hanna Deschler (Prophetess Hannah) - Dec 9  
Hannah Waters (Prophetess Hannah) - Dec 9  
Casey Hale (St. Herman of Alaska) - Dec 13  
Lucy Troy (St. Lucia) - Dec 13  
Nancy Brown (St. Anastasia) - Dec 22  
Nancy Scherer (St. Anastasia) - Dec 22  
Steve Rieger (St. Stephen) - Dec 27

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Nativity (Dec 14)**

Caleb Deschler (Righteous Caleb)  
Rebekah Fenner (Righteous Rebekah)  
Ciera Nelson (Righteous Ruth)  
Lottie Wicker (Righteous Naomi)

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Nativity (Dec 28)**

Joseph Fenner (St. Joseph the Betrothed)  
Eric Lawrence (St. Joseph the Betrothed)  
David Nelson (Prophet David)  
Ruben Rhodes (St. Joseph the Betrothed)

#### ***Wedding Anniversary***

Casey & Kiersten Hale - Dec 14  
Pat & Madeline Teague - Dec 20  
Chestley & Maricar Johnson - Dec 30