

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church Announcements 7/17/22

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The Holy Oblation is being offered by AMEN President Michael Baclig today to commemorate The Antiochian Men in our parish! Some of our AMEN members have also brought food for coffee hour today, please join us for fellowship after Liturgy and stop by the AMEN Booth set up near the coffee hour area to learn more about our Men's Ministry Organization. If you are new to our parish or just visiting today, be sure to take an AMEN brochure home with you!

Our next Men's Breakfast will be next Saturday, on July 23rd. It will be a potluck breakfast and it will take place at the church (not at the blue house). We will have a **GUEST SPEAKER** attending the breakfast with us! Tom Bitner from a local non-profit called Loving Choices will be speaking to our men's group about how abortion affects men and what some of the service opportunities are for our men to get involved and to help them out!

We Need Help with Holy Oblation/Fellowship Hour Hosting

We are in need of families to host the holy oblation (holy bread) and Fellowship (Coffee) Hour after Liturgy on Sundays. Those who offer the holy oblation will also host Fellowship Hour on the same Sunday. Please see Kate Salem (ksalem2@cox.net) to sign up and see the upcoming dates available in the sign-up schedule below. **We still have one date available in July and one date available in August! We need your help to fill these dates!** Do you have a birthday or anniversary in your household coming up? Offering the Oblation on the Sunday closest to it would be a great idea!

Date	Name	Commemoration
July 17	Michael Baclig	The Antiochian Men at St. Nicholas Church
July 24	No Oblation Offering	No Liturgy - Reader Orthros & Typika only
July 31	AVAILABLE	
August 7 (Dormition fast)	AVAILABLE	
August 14 (Dormition fast)	Rich Ratliff	
August 21	Seth & Diana Wilson	St. Aidan, Diana's Birthday
August 28	Lindel & SoonMee Townsley	
September 4	AVAILABLE	
September 11	AVAILABLE	
September 18	AVAILABLE	
September 25	The Baclig Family	Andy & Liz B-Day/Baclig Crowning Anniversary
October 2	AVAILABLE	
October 9	AVAILABLE	
October 16	AVAILABLE	
October 23	AVAILABLE	
October 30	AVAILABLE	
November 6	AVAILABLE	
November 20 (Nativity Fast)	AVAILABLE	
November 27 (Nativity Fast)	AVAILABLE	

Fr Paul Out-of-Town – Service Schedule Changes

Fr. Paul will be attending the Clergy Symposium at the Antiochian Village in Pennsylvania this upcoming week, as well as visiting family before returning home to NW Arkansas. **We will NOT have services on Wednesday, July 20, Saturday, July 23, and Wednesday, July 27.**

We were not able to secure a substitute priest for Sunday, July 24, but WILL have services (Reader Orthros and Typika at 10:00a – please note the time change, followed by Fellowship Hour). However, if you would like to attend Divine Liturgy at 9:30a on Sunday, July 24, please visit our sister parish of St. John of Chicago Orthodox Church in Rogers, AR. We will resume with our regular schedule the weekend of July 30 and 31.

Should a pastoral emergency arise, please call Fr. Paul (502-592-9981) and leave a voicemail. Many thanks for your prayers for safe travels!

Guide Book & Directory Update

Our new parish Guidebook and Directory is almost finalized! Please review your contact information entry using the link that was sent out to the parish via email. Send an email to Scott Strickland (sbstrickland@gmail.com) with any corrections or adjustments. We would also like to ask our parishioners for their help with soliciting any local businesses who might be interested in paying for an advertisement in our Parish Guide Book & Directory. This is intended to be a fundraiser to help with covering the printing expenses. We have copies of a letter near the front and back doors of the church and would like to ask everyone to bring this letter to your own business or place of employment as well as any other local business who may be interested!

Dormition Fast

During the first two weeks of August (1-14), we have a fasting period in preparation for the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos. We offer a beautiful liturgical service during this period called Paraklesis, which means “supplication” as this service supplicates the Virgin Mary. We will offer this service on Wednesdays, August 3 and 10, and Friday, August 12 at 6:00p.

Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord – Friday August 5th

By anticipation, we will celebrate the Great Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord on Friday, August 5 as follows: Festal Orthros at 5:00p and Festal Liturgy at 6:00p (please note the times) followed by the Blessing of Grapes and First-Fruits (feel free to bring your own basket of fruits to be blessed), and a Dinner Outing at a local restaurant (Location TBD).

Antiochian Women

Thank you to all of our ladies who came to our Summer Fellowship Event yesterday! We appreciate everyone’s participation and involvement, and especially Nancy Brown for speaking to us about OCLife and arranging to have a guest speaker from Loving Choices. We look forward to our next Fellowship Event in the Fall!



Help Needed with Live Streaming Services

Our parish council recently discussed live streaming our services at St. Nicholas Church and we have decided to continue for now, but we will be looking into upgrading our equipment to make the process an easier one. In the meantime, we are looking for volunteers to help with doing the live streaming. We recently purchased new microphones that only work with iPhones and other Apple devices, and we would appreciate help from anyone who has an iPhone and is willing to help with live streaming. We would ideally like to have a team of several people who regularly attend church services to help with live streaming so that there are multiple backups if someone is not able to attend a service. If you are interested in serving the church in this way, please contact Michael Baclig at (479) 372-7097.

Usher/Greeter Ministry

We will be implementing a new ministry of ushers and greeters during our liturgical services, especially on Sundays. We are blessed with many inquirers and guests, and it will be beneficial to our worship experience in having volunteers better equipped to serve in these functions. If interested in this ministry, please contact Fr. Paul.

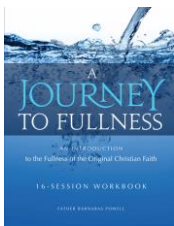
Monthly Choir Practice

Our St. Nicholas Church Choir will now be having a monthly choir practice on the 3rd Wednesday of each month immediately following Vespers. Our next choir practice will take place on Wednesday August 17th starting at 7:00 pm, following Daily Vespers which starts at 6:00 pm. All existing choir members and anyone interested in joining our choir is welcome to attend!

Community Groups

The next North Group meeting will be on Monday, August 15th, starting at 6:00 pm. It will take place at the Baclig family’s home. The address is: 13815 Eastgate Drive, Rogers, AR 72756. This will be the 16th and final session in the Journey to Fullness series that we have been going through together as a group!

The next South Group meeting is TBD. If anyone would like to be added to the rotation of hosting either community group at their home, please speak with Fr. Paul or Michael Baclig.



DOMSE Newsletter – July 2022 Edition

The July 2022 edition of our Diocesan Newsletter “The Light” is now available! Scan the QR code to the right to read this newsletter and see the many photos from the recent 2022 DOMSE Parish Life Conference, most of which were taken by our very own Elizabeth Baclig! St. Nicholas Church had over 30 of our parishioners in attendance at the PLC this year and many from our parish are featured in some of the photos!



Schedule of Liturgical Services & Activities

Wednesday, July 20	No Daily Vespers (Fr. Paul out-of-town)
Saturday, July 23	9:00a Men’s Breakfast at the church (not the blue house) with Guest Speaker Tom Bitner from Loving Choices No Great Vespers (Fr. Paul out-of-town)
Sunday, July 24	10:00a Reader’s Orthros & Typika followed by Fellowship