

Parish Announcements - Sunday, December 4, 2022

Announcement requests may be sent via email to saintnicholasar@gmail.com

Schedule of Liturgical Services & Activities	
TODAY - Sunday, December 4	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Church School & Fellowship
Monday, December 5 <i>(Patronal Feast of St. Nicholas)</i>	5:00p Festal Orthros 6:00p Festal Liturgy followed by Festal Dinner <i>(@ Home2Suites Banquet Room)</i>
Wednesday, December 7	6:00p Nativity Paraklesis 7:00p Parish Council Mtg
Saturday, December 10	3:30p Ladies' Book Club 5:00p Great Vespers <i>(please note the NEW time)</i>
Sunday, December 11	9:00a Orthros & <i>Chrismation of Elisabeth Cisneros</i> 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship

Nativity Fast (Advent Season)

Our season of preparation has begun (November 15) to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord (Christmas); we do so through increased efforts of fasting, prayer, and charity. May it be blessed!

Great Vespers on Saturdays - NEW Time of 5:00p

We have begun to offer **Great Vespers on Saturday evenings at 5:00p** *(please note the time change)*. Our hope is that this will allow our families with younger children to join us, as well as allow for parish events on Saturday evenings.

Guide Book & Directory

The book is awesome and will be a valuable resource for many years to come! We are giving out 1 per household with the option to purchase additional copies for \$15 per book. You can get a book on Sundays during Fellowship.

Holy Oblation & Fellowship Hosting

We are in need of parishioners and families to offer the Holy Oblation (holy bread) and host Fellowship (Coffee) Hour after Liturgy on Sundays. Please see Kate Salem (ksalem2@cox.net) to sign up. Sign-up NOW for Sundays in 2023! This will be an annual request of our parish family!

2022	Names	Commemoration
November 27 <i>(Fast)</i>	Shawn Guthrie	
December 4 <i>(Fast)</i>	Baclig Family	
December 11 <i>(Fast)</i>	Todd & Terry Keesee	Chrismation Anniversary
December 18 <i>(Fast)</i>	Steve & Tina Rieger	Order of St. Ignatius
December 24	Parish Festal Potluck	Nativity of our Lord
2023	Names	Commemoration
January 1	IN NEED OF HOST	
January 8	IN NEED OF HOST	
January 15	IN NEED OF HOST	
January 22	IN NEED OF HOST	
January 29	IN NEED OF HOST	
February 5	IN NEED OF HOST	General Parish Assembly
February 12	IN NEED OF HOST	
February 19	IN NEED OF HOST	
February 26	IN NEED OF HOST	

Nativity Paraklesis – Wednesdays in December

Join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:00p in December as we offer the Nativity Paraklesis service, a supplication service of preparation for the Nativity of our Lord (Christmas).

Patronal Feast of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker – Monday, December 5

Join us for liturgical services this Monday, December 5 at 5:00p (Festal Orthros) and 6:00p (Festal Liturgy) followed by our Festal Dinner (catered meal) at the banquet room at the Home2Suites Hotel. Sign up TODAY Ciera or register online (parish website) with payment of \$15 per person (kids 10 & under FREE). Limited seating still available.

Parish Christmas Card

Be included in our Parish Christmas Card (mailed to our entire mailing list); Scan the QR code via PayPal or sign-up on Sundays during Fellowship. \$25 per entry. Contact Kristin Potoski (214-843-2114).



UPDATE – Water Damage Repairs at the Blue House & Church

Repairs are nearly complete - the inside looks amazing! Updated estimated costs of repair, including new flooring and painting is \$14,000, which includes repair and painting at the Church from the water damage caused by the gutters.

As of November 27, parishioners have contributed \$6,650 towards these repairs – many thanks; any additional financial support is greatly appreciated! Please contact Tom Salem (479-295-9892) if you'd like to contribute.

Holiday Baklava Sale 2022



This fundraiser allows our Antiochian Women chapter to make annual contributions to DOMSE for charitable projects, as well as to the North American Board (NAB) for the required Annual Project. Funds raised also provide for local charitable giving along with special recognition for new mothers, graduates, and other remembrances. **Pre-orders will be taken through December 7.** Delivery will be the weekend of December 17-18. Please see flyer for pricing and ordering information. New this year is the option to order online by simply scanning the QR code.

Parish Bookstore UPDATE

Starting November 6th, it will be Christmas in the Bookstore! Icons of the Nativity will be offered, along with children's books celebrating the feast. In addition, there will be olive wood and mother of pearl wall crosses from Bethlehem, and new styles of olive wood prayer bracelets. Another new item will be prayer bracelets featuring Swarovski pearls in 10 vibrant colors. Also, browse through our large selection of books for the perfect gift.

Antiochian Women Book Club – Saturday, December 10

Join us as we read through “Welcoming Gifts,” available for purchase in the bookstore. We will meet at 3:30p prior to Great Vespers at 5:00p on Saturday, December 10.

Parish Council 2023 Nominees

If you are interested in being on the Parish Council for the upcoming year, please contact Fr. Paul Fuller to discuss further. Nominees must be members in good standing (sacramentally and in their stewardship) of our parish community. Parish Council nominees will be considered at our General Parish Assembly in early February 2023, but only those nominated in advance, not from the floor at the Assembly.

Sacrament of Holy Chrismation - Elisabeth Cisneros

Join us next Sunday, December 11, as we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Chrismation upon Elisabeth Cisneros. Service of Initiation will take place in the midst of Orthros, approx. at 9:40a. Welcome home & many years!

+ Memory Eternal +

Our condolences to Sean Searce for the recent passing of his brother, Stephen. Our condolences to the Sadaka Family in Little Rock, AR for the recent passing of +Sammy. He organized the Coptic Community gatherings in NW Arkansas at our church. May their memory be eternal and may God grant much comfort to their families.