# Parish Announcements - Sunday, March 26, 2023

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

Schedule of Liturgical Services & Activities		
TODAY – Sunday, March 26 (4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Great Lent – St. John Climacus)	<b>9:00a</b> Orthros <b>10:00a</b> Divine Liturgy followed by Church School & Fellowship	
Monday, March 27 (Hierarchal Visit of Bishop NICHOLAS)	<b>6:00p</b> Great Compline & Fellowship/Lenten Meal	
Wednesday, March 29	<b>6:00p</b> Presanctified Liturgy & Lente Potluck Meal (Hosted at our Church)	
Thursday, March 30	<b>6:00p</b> Little Compline with the Great Canon of Repentance and Reading of the Life of St. Mary of Egypt	
Friday, March 31	<b>6:00p</b> Akathist to the Theotokos	
Saturday, April 1	<b>9:00a</b> Antiochian Women Lenten Retreat <b>3:45p</b> Chant Class <b>5:00p</b> Great Vespers	
Sunday, April 2 (5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Great Lent – St. Mary of Egypt)	<b>9:00a</b> Orthros <b>10:00a</b> Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship	

#### Hierarchal Visit of Bishop NICHOLAS - Monday, March 27

His Grace, Bishop NICHOLAS will be visiting our parish community on Monday, March 27 for Great Compline at 6:00p followed by Fellowship/Lenten Meal. Please join us! If interested to provide dishes for the Meal, please contact Denise King (501-442-8460) to help out.

#### **Church School & Creative Arts Festival**

Our Church School classes for our youth will be on Sunday, March 26 after Liturgy and will continue every other week throughout May 2023. During the month of March, we will emphasize the Creative Arts Festival that is sponsored by our diocese. Please have your children work on these projects AT HOME!

#### Antiochian Women Lenten Retreat - Saturday, April 1

All ladies are invited to join at the Church at 9:00a on Saturday, April 1 for a Lenten Retreat, which is being hosted virtually across the Diocese. Please RSVP to Elizabeth Baclig.

Chant Class – Saturday, April 1 These sessions continue to be offered on the 1st Saturday of each month at 3:45p, prior to Great Vespers at 5:00p. This is open to all; learn about Reading of Psalms, basic tones, hymns, and responses of the Church, and how to put the liturgical services together.

#### Paschal Community Greeting Card

As a parish fundraiser, we will be mailing out a Paschal Community Greeting Card to our mailing list which includes the names of those who would like to be listed and contribute \$25 (per family or entry). Please contact Kristin Potoski (kpink007@live.com or 214-843-2114) to be included.

#### **Bookstore UPDATE**

Don't forget about the parish bookstore! Even though we've relocated of our fellowship area, make sure you visit the bookstore.

Currently featuring a series of beautiful icons for Holy Week and Pascha including three of the Resurrection. In addition, we have Beautiful Pascha (a coloring book for children) as well as the book The Miracle of the Red Egg. Come check them out!

#### Church Etiquette Reminder of the Month – Making the Sign of the Cross

It is always appropriate to cross oneself (make the sign of the cross over your body) at the mention of the Holy Trinity – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Also, it is appropriate to cross oneself at the following instances: when entering and leaving the Church Sanctuary, when passing in front of the altar, when venerating an icon or the Gospel, and of course, at any time of personal piety. However, it is not necessary to cross oneself when the priest is offering the blessing ("Peace be unto all") or censing the congregation. Instead, one should simply bow and receive the blessing.

## Holy Oblation & Fellowship Hosting

Please consider which Sunday your household will offer the Holy Oblation (holy bread) and host Fellowship (Coffee) Hour. Please see Kate Salem (ksalem2@cox.net) to sign up and learn more.

## Sign-up NOW for Sundays in 2023! This will be an annual request of our parish family!

2023	Names of Host	Commemoration
March 26 (Fast)	Waters Family	Derek & Kota's Birthday
April 2 (Fast)	Baclig Family	Antiochian Men's Month
<b>April 9</b> (Fast)	Parish Festal Potluck	PALM SUNDAY
<b>April 15</b> (Evening)	Parish Festal Potluck	PASCHA
April 23	Nancy Brown	
April 30	Todd & Terry Keesee	Todd's Birthday
May 7	IN NEED OF HOST	
May 14	IN NEED OF HOST	Mother's Day
May 21	Cory & Rebecca Troy	Graduation & Church School Recognition Day Rebecca's Birthday
May 28	IN NEED OF HOST	

### UPDATE - Stewardship 2023 Goal - \$200,000 in financial contributions & 50 forms returned!

As of March 12, 2023 we have received Stewardship & Membership Forms from the following **42 households who have pledged a total amount of \$146,991 towards our goal**. All members are asked to fill out this form each year, as they allow us to update contact information, as well as budget and plan for future needs, charities, and projects of our parish community. **Please fill out YOUR Stewardship & Membership Form and return to our Church Office**. Many thanks to the following households listed below who have filled out their 2023 Stewardship & Membership Form:

Anthony Albert Michael, Elizabeth, & Gretchen Baclig John Bailey Vera Belic William Benoit Chanse & Victoria Breazzeal Robert & Nancy Brown Eric & Elizabeth Carender Elisabeth Cisneros Mounir & Montez Farah Stephen & Brittany Fenner Zachary Fitton Fr. Paul & Ramia Fuller Mike & Georgeta Galbraith

Mackenzie Goff Casey & Kiersten Hale Isaiah & Brea Hale Adnan & Paula Haydar Stuart Jackson Todd & Terry Keesee Ronald & Beverly Koehler Steve & Niki Kolokithas Michael Kravaris Chase & Joana Lossing Don & Talitha Lourie Caleb Mackey David & Ulli Nelson Philip & Ciera Nelson Raphael Nelson Nick & Megan Paunov Jim & Vasilia Prater Steve & Tina Rieger Tom & Kate Salem Sean & Carrie Scearce Kevin & Nancy Scherer Scott & Janna Strickland Pat & Madeline Teague Lindel & SoonMee Townsley Derek & Gina Waters Gary & Debra Wheeler Caleb & Aly Wicker Seth & Diana Wilson