

Parish Announcements - Sunday, May 5, 2024

Announcement requests (due by Monday at noon) may be sent via email to saintnicholasar@gmail.com

Schedule of Liturgical Services & Activities	
Saturday, May 4 <i>(Great & Holy Pascha)</i> Sunday, May 5	10:00p Paschal Orthros & Liturgy followed by Fellowship/Paschal Baskets 1:00p Agape Vespers followed by Parish Fellowship with Children's Egg Hunt & Activities
Tuesday, May 7	6:00p Paschal Vespers
Thursday, May 9	6:00p Paschal Vespers
Friday, May 10	9:30a Bible Study & Homeschool Co-op
Saturday, May 11	9:00a Men's Breakfast 3:30p Ladies' Book Club 5:00p Great Vespers
Sunday, May 12 <i>(Thomas Sunday)</i>	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship

Weekly Offering during the Divine Liturgy

Each Sunday during the Divine Liturgy, we pass baskets as an opportunity for ALL those present to support the ministry offered by our parish community. To contribute electronically via PayPal, please access the QR Code. Many thanks!



Fellowship Meals for Pascha

It is the celebratory custom for households to bring their own Paschal baskets for Fellowship after the Paschal services late Saturday night (TONIGHT). This gathering is NOT a Potluck, but we will have deli trays provided by the Church.

The fellowship on Sunday, May 5 after Agape Vespers will be a Potluck of side items ONLY. The entrees are being provided by the Church.

Notes on the Paschal Season

- * We leave open the Beautiful Gate and the Deacons' Doors for all of Bright Week until Great Vespers on Saturday night for St. Thomas.
- * There will be no fasting on Wednesdays and Fridays, not only during Bright Week but until the Feast of the Ascension, for the whole forty days. (*This was the decision of the Holy Synod of the Patriarchate of Antioch in 1997.*)
- * During Bright Week (this week), we read the **Paschal Office** in place of Morning and Evening Prayers at our homes, as well as in place of Compline, Midnight Office, the Hours, and the Prayers of Thanksgiving after Holy Communion. It is also read on the leave-taking of Pascha. *Printed copies available in the Narthex.*

THANK YOU - Archdiocesan Appeal for the Needs of the Patriarchate of Antioch

What a generous response for the annual appeal to support the needs of the Patriarchate of Antioch this past Sunday. **We collected \$744; many thanks!**

Paschal Donations

It is a pious practice to offer an additional donation during the Paschal season for the needs of the parish community. We ask that donations be offered for the expenses of our NEW church chairs for the nave and overflow area. This will cost approx. \$10,000 – a big expense, but a great upgrade for our worship space! THANK YOU!

NEW Donation Box & Envelopes in the Narthex

We are grateful for your continued contributions and stewardship for the functioning of our parish community. We have pre-printed envelopes and donation box in the narthex of the Church to help streamline our numerous contributions. Please utilize as you give to help our Church administration.

2024	Names of Host	Commemoration
May 5	Parish Potluck	PASCHA
May 12	Strickland Family	Mother's Day
May 19	Teen SOYO	Graduation & Church School Recognition Day
May 26	IN NEED OF HOST	
Jun 2	IN NEED OF HOST	
Jun 9	Philip & Ciera Nelson	Wedding Anniversary
Jun 16	IN NEED OF HOST	Father's Day
Jun 23	IN NEED OF HOST	

Hosts NEEDED for Fellowship on Sundays; contact Denise King (DL0118@yahoo.com OR 501.442.8460) to sign up.

The Antiochian Men

Our next Men's Breakfast will take place on Saturday, May 11th at the parish house. This will be a potluck breakfast and it will start at 9:00 am. Our men have continued to offer their help to anyone in the parish who needs help with moving and has helped several people in recent weeks. If anyone needs help from AMEN to move, please be sure to contact AMEN President Michael Baclig with as much advanced notice as possible so that he can help to coordinate things. We also ask that all items are packed up and ready to move prior to the moving date. Also, our AMEN Chapter established voluntary dues earlier this year and any men in our parish who would like to pay their dues can do so via cash, check, or PayPal. Dues are only \$10 per person. If paying with cash or check be sure to note "AMEN Dues" on the donation envelope. You can pay dues via PayPal by scanning this QR code.



Graduation & Church School Recognition – Sunday, May 19

Congratulations, graduates! Any graduates of high school, college, post-grad, please email the Church Office (saintnicholasar@gmail.com) by **Monday, May 13** with name, degree, awards, and future plans to be included in our Graduation Recognition Day (Sunday, May 19). This Sunday will also be our recognition and appreciation for our Church School students, teachers, and helpers!

Inquiring Minds – Sunday, May 19

Join us for Inquiring Minds, our monthly Adult Education Class on **Sunday, May 19 following Fellowship (approx. 12:30p)** for a Q&A session with Fr. Paul. OPEN to ALL, but “required” for inquirers and catechumens!

Those Celebrating in May – God Grant You Many Years!

Birthday

Todd Keesee – May 1
Fr. Paul Fuller – May 2
Aidan Wilson – May 2
Caleb Wicker – May 6
Don Lourie – May 10
Nina Lawrence – May 11
Lily Tippit – May 12
Nikifor Paunov – May 16
Nancy Brown – May 19
Eric Carender – May 20
Laura Evans – May 27
Steve Kolokithas – May 28

Wedding Anniversary

Adnan & Paula Haydar – May 3
Erik & Nina Lawrence – May 4
Jackson & Abigail Bliss – May 19
Tom & Kate Salem – May 24

Name's Day

Isaiah Hale (Prophet Isaiah) – May 9
Gina Waters (St. Helen) – May 21