

St. Nicholas Newsletter

June 2024

Liturgical Schedule for the **Great Feasts** of **Ascension and Pentecost**



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Ascension: Vigil (Vespers & Orthros) on Wednesday, June 12 at **6:00p**; Festal Liturgy on Thursday, June 13 at **9:00a**
(all services at St. John Orthodox Church in Rogers)

Pentecost: **9:00a** Festal Orthros and **10:00a** Liturgy on Sunday, June 23 with Parish Festal Potluck; Kneeling Vespers at **1:00p**

Celebrations

God grant you many years!

Birthdays

Philip Nelson - June 1
Paul Nevill - June 2
Daniel King - June 3
Mike LeGare - June 5
Aethan Waters - June 6
Olivia Rhodes - June 7
Alexandria Pangere - June 19
Caleb Mackey - June 21
Abigail Bliss - June 26
Seth Wilson - June 28
Pat Teague - June 30

Namedays

Nikifor Paunov (St. Nikephoros) - June 2
Kevin Scherer (St. Kevin) - June 3
Gretchen Baclig (St. Martha) - June 4
Don Lourie (Apostle Barnabas) - June 11
Judah Strickland (Apostle Jude) - June 19
Denise King (St. Joanna) - June 27
SoonMee Townsley (St. Joanna) - June 27
Fr. Paul Fuller (Apostle Paul) - June 29
Gary Wheeler (Apostle Peter) - June 29

Wedding Anniversaries

Michael & Elizabeth Baclig - June 10
Philip & Ciera Nelson - June 10
Steve & Tina Rieger - June 12
Sean & Carrie Scarce - June 13
Nikifor & Megan Paunov - June 14
Mark & Denise King - June 18
Jeff & Ollina Jenkins - June 21

2024 Stewardship & Membership Form

Please prayerfully consider what you are willing and able to financially contribute to the operation and functioning of our growing parish community to support its various ministries and services. This is an annual responsibility of everyone in our parish!

Access the print or online form by clicking the image below.



Great Martyr Lazar

Prince of Serbia

June 15

The Holy Prince Lazar of Serbia lived during the fourteenth century at a time when the Turks, having conquered neighboring lands, were preparing to invade Serbia.



Saint Lazar was raised at the court of the holy King Dushan, and was appointed governor of one of the Serbian districts. In the year 1371 he was chosen King of all Serbia and he toiled much at strengthening the condition of the country. He pacified neighboring princes, who had wronged or plundered Serbian settlements. He was concerned also for the Christian enlightenment of the nation, he built churches, supported the monasteries and charitable establishments. In 1380 the saint established the monastery at Rovanetz. Saint Lazar petitioned the Patriarch of Constantinople to remove the anathema from the people of Serbia. During the course of the ten years of his rule, Serbia was at peace.

Afterwards there began war with the Turks. At the time of the Battle of Kosovo, the wounded king was taken prisoner. On the orders of Sultan Bayazet, he was beheaded with a sword on June 15, 1389. The body of the holy King Lazar was buried at a nearby church. In 1391 his incorrupt relics were transferred to the Ravanica monastery. The monastery was destroyed by the Turks in 1683, and the relics of King Lazar were transferred to the monastery of New Ravanica on Mount Thruzh. He was the founder of the Monastery of Saint Panteleimon on the Holy Mountain, as well as numerous other monasteries and churches.

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! We've collected \$2,950 thus far - help us reach our goal!

Thank you!



Youth Summer Gathering

Join us on Tuesdays (June 4, 11, 18, & 25) from 9:30a-12:30p. Youth (approx. 12 & under) along with their parents, grandparents, and/or caregivers are invited to participate in these gatherings at our parish; teenagers are encouraged to volunteer.

Activities include story-time, crafts, prayers and discussions, and snacks and drinks. NO registration fee, but we would appreciate knowing you're attending so that we can plan for snacks and crafts; please contact Gina Waters (gwaters034@gmail.com or 480-682-8878).



Youth Summer
Gatherings

Every Tuesday in June
From 9:30-12:30

Prayers
Lessons
Games
Arts and Crafts

for children up to 12 to attend
with their parent or guardian
Teens encouraged to attend as
helpers!

To sign up please contact
Gina Waters at
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or (480)682-8878



INQUIRING MINDS ADULT EDUCATION CLASS

SESSIONS WITH FR. PAUL



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!

Ministry & Organizational Leaders,

If there is any announcement or advertisement that you would like published in the St. Nicholas Newsletter, please contact Brea Hale. breahaleoo@gmail.com

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