

St. Nicholas Newsletter September 2024



Celebrations

God grant you many years!

Namedays

Niki Kolokithas (St. Margarita) – Sept 1
Elizabeth Baclig (St. Elizabeth) – Sept 5
Elizabeth Carender (St. Elizabeth) – Sept 5
Elisabeth Cisneros (St. Elizabeth) – Sept 5
Elizabeth Fenner (St. Elizabeth) – Sept 5
Zachary Fitton (Prophet Zachariah) – Sept 5
Kh. Ramia Fuller (St. Elizabeth) – Sept 5
Rebekah Fuller (St. Elizabeth) – Sept 5
Violet Strickland (St. Kassiani) – Sept 7
Azalea Deschler (St. Mary) – Sept 8
Brittany Fenner (St. Anna) – Sept 9
Kiersten Hale (St. Anna) – Sept 9
Kristin Potoski (St. Anna) – Sept 9
Madeline Teague (St. Anna) – Sept 9
Steve Kolokithas (Exaltation of the Holy Cross) – Sept 14
Sonia Loy (St. Sophia) – Sept 17
Sneha Virippil (St. Sophia) – Sept 17
Seth Wilson (St. Silouan the Athonite) – Sept 24
Sean Scarce (St. John the Theologian) – Sept 26

Birthdays

Hannah Waters – Sept 7
Hudson LeGare – Sept 11
Mackenzie Goff – Sept 15
Andrew Baclig – Sept 23
Brea Hale – Sept 24
Kiersten Hale – Sept 28
Elizabeth Baclig – Sept 29
William Benoit – Sept 30
Hanna Deschler – Sept 30

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 Feast of the
**Nativity of the
Theotokos**



*Saturday and Sunday, **September 7-8***

Join us on *Saturday, September 7* for **Great Vespers** at **5:00p**
and *Sunday, September 8* for **Festal Orthros** at **9:00a** and
Festal Liturgy at **10:00a** followed by Fellowship as we
celebrate the Nativity of the Theotokos.



Prior to Great Vespers on Saturday, September 7 we invite our little ladies to a Tea Party at 3:00p as we commemorate the Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos.

This event, for our little ladies and a parent, will be held at the parish house and will include refreshments, lesson, and a craft project.

Please ask Kate, Paula, or Sneha if you have any questions. Please RSVP by Tuesday, September 3 to Kate Salem (402-430-9989 or ksalem2@cox.net).

2024 DOMSE Fall Retreat

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Join us from September 20 - 21, 2024 for our annual DOMSE Fall Retreat! The Fall Retreat will be hosted at St. Ignatius Church in Franklin, TN. There will be something for everyone at this event!

You can register by clicking on the image on the right:

A registration card for the 'DOMSE Fall Retreat - Sacramental Living'. The card features the DOMSE logo and the text 'Diocese of Miami and the Southeast Presents'. The main title is 'Fall Retreat - Sacramental Living'. A red banner with a megaphone icon says 'REGISTER NOW'. Below this, a box lists 'GUEST SPEAKERS', 'WORKSHOPS', and 'FELLOWSHIP'. At the bottom, it provides the URL 'HTTPS://DOMSE.ORG/EVENT/DOMSE-FALL-RETREAT-2024/' and the location 'HOSTED AT ST. IGNATIUS in Franklin, TN' and the dates 'SEPT 20 - SEPT 21'.

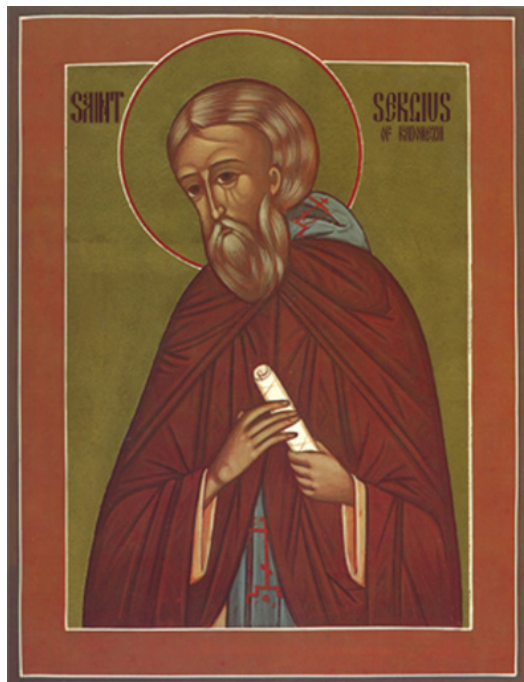
Great Feast of the
**Exaltation of the
Holy Cross**
Saturday, September 14



Join us on *Saturday, September 14* for Festal Orthros at **9:00a** and Festal Liturgy at **10:00a** followed by Lunch Outing as we celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

St. Sergius of Radonezh

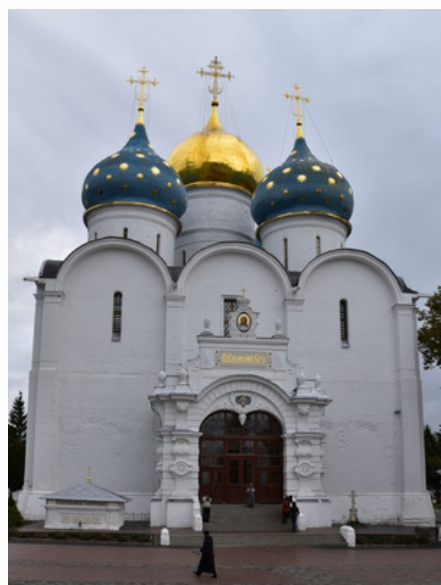
September 25



St. Sergius of Radonezh is the patron saint of Russia, father of northern Russian monasticism, and founder of the Holy Trinity Lavra Monastery. Few people have had such a profound influence on Russian life as St. Sergius and his monastery. He was a great mystic and ascetic, whose life spanned much of the 14th century, at the time that Russia was occupied by the Mongol Tartars. Even as a child the future saint was devoted to the Holy Trinity and sought the monastic life. After the repose of his parents, in 1334 the 20-year-old youth went into the deep forest, about 45 miles northeast of Moscow, to seek spiritual solitude as in a desert. He lived a very austere ascetic life, marked by extreme poverty, hard physical labor, and profound humility and simplicity. After a few years of solitude in the forest, disciples started to gather around him, and Russia was forever changed.

Through the labors of St. Sergius' disciples, the northern forest wilderness blossomed with numerous monasteries, which were to play a very significant role in the subsequent life of Russia (and America). In St. Sergius' great humility, he rejected all honors: only reluctantly did he accept ordination as priest and appointment as abbot of his own monastery; and he flatly refused to accept the office of Metropolitan of Moscow. The many spiritual gifts granted to him include powerful and effective prayer, clairvoyance, spiritual direction, and numerous visions. He reposed in 1392.

St. Sergius' church, monastery and life's work were dedicated to the Holy Trinity. The Holy Trinity expresses the unity between the three Persons of the One God, and hence, also symbolizes the spiritual vision of the restoration of all things to their original unity, including Russia. St. Sergius recognized that the Russian Church and the Russian people were united, and that unification of Russia lands was required for their mutual well-being. Thus, with St. Sergius' spiritual guidance and blessing, the Grand Prince of Moscow, St. Dimitri Donskoi, united the fragmented Russian principalities under Moscow's leadership, and in 1380, defeated the Mongol Tartars. As a result, Moscow became the center of Russian life, and St. Sergius and his Holy Trinity Monastery have been looked to for guidance and support ever since.



St. Sergius' original wooden Holy Trinity Church burnt down and was replaced in 1422 by a white stone church, for which St. Andrei Rublev did much of the iconographic work, including his most famous Holy Trinity icon. This icon is an eloquent expression and testimony to St. Sergius' spiritual vision of the beauty of salvation. In the process of building the stone church, St. Sergius' relics were uncovered, and it was discovered that after 30 years, his relics remained incorrupt. His relics were placed in a reliquary in his Holy Trinity Church on the right side of the solea, readily accessible for veneration (photo to the right). Ever since the discovery of his incorrupt relics, untold numbers of healings and other miracles have occurred. Every day, all day long, pilgrims come and venerate St. Sergius' relics, and are profoundly touched by being in St. Sergius' presence.





Church School Registration

For our parish families: Please fill out this registration form (LINK BELOW) with your children's information for the upcoming church school year.

Your continued support and participation are greatly appreciated!

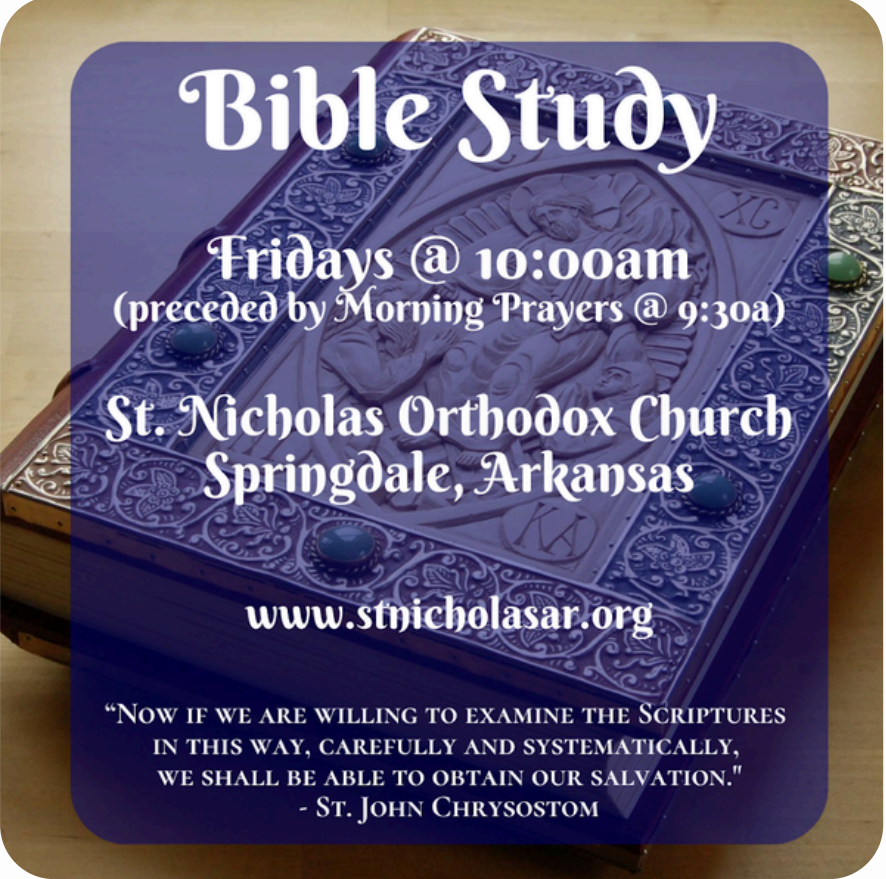
Classes begin on **Sunday, September 8** and will be held weekly. To learn more, please contact our Church School Director - Gina Waters (480-682-8878 or gwaters034@gmail.com).



(Click above to access registration)

We will resume our weekly Bible Study on Friday mornings this upcoming Autumn (beginning on September 6).

Our gatherings will run concurrently with the Homeschool Co-op on Friday mornings. We will begin at 9:30a with Morning Prayers and offer a Bible Study from 10:00a till 11:15a.



Bible Study
Fridays @ 10:00am
(preceded by Morning Prayers @ 9:30a)
St. Nicholas Orthodox Church
Springdale, Arkansas
www.stnicholasar.org

"NOW IF WE ARE WILLING TO EXAMINE THE SCRIPTURES
IN THIS WAY, CAREFULLY AND SYSTEMATICALLY,
WE SHALL BE ABLE TO OBTAIN OUR SALVATION."
- ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Ministry & Organizational Leaders,

If there is any announcement or advertisement that you would like published in the St. Nicholas Newsletter, please contact Brea Hale. brehale00@gmail.com

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