

Parish Announcements - Sunday, December 1, 2024

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

Schedule of Liturgical Services & Activities	
TODAY, Sunday, December 1	9:00a Orthros <i>Chrismation of Jackson & Abigail Bliss, & Baron Pianalto</i> 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Church School & Fellowship
Monday, December 2	5:00p St. Nicholas Presentation <i>(Bella Vista Public Library - 11 Dickens Place)</i>
Tuesday, December 3	10:00a-12:30p OLLI Class & Luncheon <i>(hosted at St. Nicholas Church)</i> 6:00p Nativity Paraklesis followed Parish Council Mtg
Thursday, December 5	6:00p Great Vespers & Dinner Outing
Friday, December 6	9:30a Festal Liturgy (<i>St. Nicholas</i>) followed by Bible Study & Homeschool Co-op
Saturday, December 7	5:00p Great Vespers
Sunday, December 8	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Patronal Banquet

Welcome to our Guests

We are grateful that you have joined us for worship of God this morning! While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians, our non-Orthodox Christian guests will be offered holy bread (as a sign of hospitality) in their pew or seat. At the Dismissal, please join us in veneration of the Holy Cross (held by the Priest) and receive additional holy bread at the end of the Liturgy. After service, please join us for food and drink during Fellowship so that we can meet and greet you! Please contact Fr. Paul Fuller (479-379-6220 or saintnicholasar@gmail.com) to schedule a time to meet and learn more about our parish community and the Orthodox Faith.

Sacrament of Initiation (Chrismation) - TODAY, Sunday, December 1

Join us at 9:00a on Sunday, December 1 during Orthros as we offer the Sacrament of Initiation (Chrismation) for Jackson and Abigail Bliss, and Baron Pianalto prior to the Divine Liturgy at 10:00a. Welcome home!

Volunteers Needed for OLLI Luncheon - Tuesday, December 3

We will host another OLLI class on Tuesday, December 3 from 10-12:30p and offer a Mediterranean meal for approx. 30 attendees. Any volunteers willing to help bring dishes, please contact Kate Salem (ksalem2@cox.net).

Patronal Feast of St. Nicholas - Thursday & Friday, December 5-6

Join us on Thursday, December 5 for Great Vespers at 6:00p followed by Dinner Outing and Friday, December 6 for Festal Liturgy at 9:30a; Bible Study and Homeschool Co-op will still meet afterwards on Friday.

Parish Christmas Card



Be included in our Parish Christmas Card (mailed to our entire mailing list); click image below to issue electronic payment via PayPal (scan QR code) or sign-up on Sundays during Fellowship. \$25 per entry. Contact Elisabeth Cisneros (elcisneros@yahoo.com or 602-625-5622) to sign up.

Nativity Fast (Advent Season)

Our season of preparation to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord (Christmas) continues; we do so through increased efforts of fasting, prayer, and charity. We will offer the Nativity Paraklesis on the following evenings at 6:00p (*please note*): Tuesday, December 3; Tuesday, December 10; Tuesday, December 17; Thursday, December 19.

2024	Names of Host	Commemoration
Dec 1	Yurchak Family	
Dec 8	Patronal Banquet	Patronal Banquet
Dec 15	Georgeta Galbraith	1-year Memorial for +Mike Galbraith
Dec 22	Steve & Tina Rieger, Rich Ratliff	Order of St. Ignatius Awareness Sunday
Dec 29	Antiochian Men	Feast of St. Joseph the Betrothed

Nativity Fast Spiritual Discipline

In lieu of our regular discipline of the Psalter Reading Group during the Nativity Fast (Advent Season), we invite ALL our faithful to participate a DAILY PRAYER RULE of the Akathist to Ss. Constantine & Helen, God-crowned Sovereigns & Equals-to-the-Apostles. Print copies of the Akathist service are available at the Church or virtually (link via parish email). We offer this prayer and seek the intercession of Ss. Constantine & Helen who were instrumental in the growth of the Christian Faith and building of churches for 40 days (November 15-December 24). We offer this suggested spiritual discipline as we discern the continued growth and physical needs of our parish community.

Silent Auction Items for Patronal Banquet - Donation Deadline TODAY

We are seeking donations of any new or like-new items, handmade goods, gift baskets, and products from your workplace or business, as well as coupons for goods and services from local businesses. We kindly ask that you consider donating to support our efforts. The deadline for donations is Sunday, December 1. Tax donation form available to be given to any businesses that might be interested in donating products or services for tax deduction purposes. If you would like to contribute, please contact Angelic Nevill (anevill92@gmail.com).

Outreach Opportunities @ Local Libraries

Fr. Paul will be offering a lecture on Saint Nicholas on **Monday, December 2 at 5:00p** at the Bella Vista Public Library (11 Dickens Place) AND on **Thursday, December 12 at 5:30p** at the Farmington Public Library (175 Cimarron Way). Please invite your neighbors and if able, join us for these local outreach opportunities!

Those Celebrating in December - God Grant You Many Years!

Birthday

James Baclig - Dec 1
Paula Haydar - Dec 9
Isabella LeGare - Dec 11
Ciera Nelson - Dec 15
Abraham Fenner - Dec 17

Gary Wheeler - Dec 17
Gabriel Carender - Dec 25
Ava Strickland - Dec 29
Leo Hale - Dec 30

Wedding Anniversary

Casey & Kiersten Hale - Dec 14
Pat & Madeline Teague - Dec 20

Name's Day

Zachary Rhodes (St. John of Damascus) - Dec 4
Nikolas Carender (St. Nicholas) - Dec 6
Hanna Deschler (Prophetess Hannah) - Dec 9
Hannah Waters (Prophetess Hannah) - Dec 9
Casey Hale (St. Herman of Alaska) - Dec 13
Todd Keesee (St. Herman of Alaska) - Dec 13
Rebecca Troy (St. Lucia) - Dec 13
Caleb Deschler (St. Caleb) - 2nd Sunday before Nativity
Rebekah Fenner (St. Rebekah) - 2nd Sunday before Nativity
Ciera Nelson (Righteous Ruth) - 2nd Sunday before Nativity

Nancy Brown (St. Anastasia of Rome) - Dec 22
Nancy Scherer (St. Anastasia of Rome) - Dec 22
Stephen Fenner (St. Stephen) - Dec 27
Steve Rieger (St. Stephen) - Dec 27
William Benoit (Prophet David) - 1st Sunday after Nativity
David Nelson (Prophet David) - 1st Sunday after Nativity
Joseph Fenner (St. Joseph) - 1st Sunday after Nativity
Erik Lawrence (St. Joseph) - 1st Sunday after Nativity
Ruben Rhodes (St. Joseph) - 1st Sunday after Nativity