

Parish Announcements – Sunday, December 15, 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 15	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Church School, Fellowship, & Inquiring Minds
Tuesday, December 17	6:00p Nativity Paraklesis
Thursday, December 19	6:00p Nativity Paraklesis
Friday, December 20	9:30a Bible Study & Homeschool Co-op
Saturday, December 21	5:00p Great Vespers
Sunday, December 22	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Church School, Fellowship, & Inquiring Minds

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.

Inquiring Minds – TODAY, Sunday, December 15

Join us for Inquiring Minds, our monthly Adult Education Class on **Sunday, December 15 following Fellowship (approx. 12:30p)** for a Q&A session with Fr. Paul. OPEN to ALL, but “required” for inquirers and catechumens!

Baklava Order Pickup TODAY

The Ladies of St. Nicholas want to thank everyone in our parish supporting this year’s Holiday Baklava Sale! Generous pre-orders, enthusiastic promotion help, and production week teamwork are so appreciated. We’ve pretty much sold out! Pre-orders can be picked up TODAY.

Nativity Paraklesis

During this season of preparation, we will offer the Nativity Paraklesis on the following evenings at 6:00p (*please note*): Tuesday, December 17; Thursday, December 19.

2025 Stewardship & Membership Forms

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; **please submit by December 29, 2024**. Printed copies available in the Narthex OR access the online form by scanning the QR code. Also in 2025, for those willing and able please consider contributing towards our Building Fund (suggested amount of \$100 monthly, but please contribute as able). This is in ADDITION to Stewardship.



We are planning to recognize the birthdays, anniversaries, and Name’s Days of our faithful in 2025. This information is requested on the stewardship & membership form.

Bible Study on Friday Mornings

Join us beginning at 9:30a with Morning Prayers and Bible Study from 10:00a till 11:15a. **NEW STUDY on the Book of Daniel.**

2024	Names of Host	Commemoration
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	David & Ulli Nelson	

Liturgical Schedule for Nativity of our Lord (Christmas)

Join us as we celebrate the Nativity of our Lord with the following schedule on Tuesday, December 24: Royal Hours at 10:00a; Festal Orthros at 7:00p and Festal Liturgy at 8:00p following by Fellowship/Parish Potluck.

Fellowship on Sundays in 2025 – NEW FORMAT

Beginning in 2025, we will be hosting a Parish Potluck on the 1st Sunday of the month and offering light fare the other Sundays. Families/households may still “HOST a Sunday” and provide food OR donate \$150 to sponsor a Sunday. To help out with our Hospitality Ministry or to sign-up to host/sponsor a Sunday, please contact Denise King (DL0118@yahoo.com or 501-442-8460).

We would still appreciate volunteers to regularly bake the holy bread. To participate and help us get a rotation in 2025, please contact Kate Salem (ksalem2@cox.net).

NOTICE to the Parish Community about the Parish General Assembly – Sunday, January 19, 2025

Please join us for our upcoming Parish General Assembly as we discuss the operation of the parish community, vote for new parish council members, and pass our parish budget. SPECIAL NOTICE: It is the recommendation of the parish council that we explore options of selling our current property and purchasing a new property. We will take a vote on this matter at the Assembly. To discuss further or learn more, please contact Fr. Paul.

Parish Council 2025 Nominees

If you are interested in being on the Parish Council for the upcoming year, please contact Fr. Paul Fuller to discuss further. Nominees must be members in good standing (sacramentally and in their stewardship) of our parish community. Parish Council nominees will be considered at our Parish General Assembly in January 2025, but only those nominated in advance, not from the floor at the Assembly.

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