

# Parish Announcements – Sunday, December 29, 2024

Announcement requests (due by Monday at noon) may be sent via email to [info@stnicholasar.org](mailto:info@stnicholasar.org) (NEW EMAIL)

| <b>Schedule of Liturgical Services &amp; Activities</b>              |   |
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| TODAY, Sunday, December 29   | <b>9:00a</b> “Reader” Orthros<br><b>10:00a</b> Divine Liturgy<br>followed by Church School & Fellowship   |
| Friday, January 3  | <b>9:30a</b> Royal Hours<br>followed by Bible Study & Homeschool Co-op  |
| Saturday, January 4  | <b>3:30p</b> Chant Class<br><b>5:00p</b> Great Vespers  |
| Sunday, January 5<br><i>(Great Feast of Theophany – transferred)</i> | <b>9:00a</b> Festal Orthros<br><b>10:00a</b> Festal Liturgy w/ the Great Blessing of Water<br>followed by Church School & Fellowship/Parish Potluck |

***Christ is Born! Glorify Him!***  
***Wishing you and your family***  
***a blessed Christmas and joyous New Year!***

\*\*Welcome to Fr. Paul Fetsko of Ss. George & Alexandra Orthodox Church in Ft. Smith; thanks for being with us!  
 Fr. Paul Fuller will be out-of-town this week; for pastoral emergencies, call his cell phone: 502-592-9981.  
 Please check our parish publications for schedule updates.\*\*

### 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](mailto:saintnicholasar@gmail.com)) to schedule a time to meet and learn more about our parish community and the Orthodox Faith.

### Liturgical Schedule for Theophany (Baptism of our Lord)

Join us as we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord (Theophany) with the following schedule: Friday, January 3 – Royal Hours at 9:30a; Saturday, January 4 – Great Vespers at 5:00p; Sunday, January 5 – Festal Orthros at 9:00a and Festal Liturgy at 10:00a with the Great Blessing of Water followed by Fellowship/Parish Potluck.

### Fellowship on Sundays in 2025 – NEW FORMAT

**Beginning in 2025, we will be hosting a Parish Potluck on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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).

### 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.**

| <b>2024</b> | <b>Names of Host</b> | <b>Commemoration</b> |
|-------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Dec 29      | David & Ulli Nelson  |                      |

## 2025 Parish Calendars AVAILABLE

Your Christmas Gift has arrived and is available to pick up at Church. The 2025 parish calendar is a wonderful resource for the spiritual disciplines prescribed by the Church (daily Scripture reading, fasting, and intercessions of the Saints) – may it edify your household!

### 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.**

### NOTICE to the Parish Community about the Parish General Assembly – Sunday, January 26, 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.

*(Voting members are parishioners in good standing - over 18 years of age, who receive the sacraments, participate in the Life of the Church, and financially support the parish community).*

### 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.

### Antiochian Men

We will be meeting for a men's breakfast and Annual AMEN Business Meeting on Saturday, January 11, 2025. This will take place at the parish house next to the church and will start at 9:00 am. This will be a potluck breakfast, so everyone is encouraged to bring some food to share. We will hold a brief business meeting during the breakfast and we plan to elect our AMEN Chapter Officers for 2025 in that meeting. Please join us if you can!

### Those Celebrating in December & January – God Grant You Many Years!

#### *Birthday*

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|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Ava Strickland – Dec 29 | Manoj Virippil – Jan 19   |
| Leo Hale – Dec 30       | Peter Deschler – Jan 22   |
| Sneha Virippil – Jan 1  | Janessa Craig – Jan 23    |
| Stephen Fenner – Jan 10 | Elizabeth Fenner – Jan 25 |
| Michael Baclig – Jan 14 | Joseph Fenner – Jan 27    |

#### *Wedding Anniversary*

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| Stephen & Brittany Fenner – Jan 8 |
| Fr. Paul & Ramia Fuller – Jan 11  |

#### *Name's Day*

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| William Benoit (Prophet David) – 1st Sunday after Nativity | Genevieve Deschler (St. Genevieve) – Jan 3 |
| David Nelson (Prophet David) – 1st Sunday after Nativity   | Anthony Albert (St. Anthony) – Jan 17      |
| Joseph Fenner (St. Joseph) – 1st Sunday after Nativity     | Caleb Wicker (Apostle Timothy) – Jan 22    |
| Erik Lawrence (St. Joseph) – 1st Sunday after Nativity     | Paula Haydar (St. Paula) – Jan 26          |
| Ruben Rhodes (St. Joseph) – 1st Sunday after Nativity      |  |