

# Parish Announcements - Sunday, December 8, 2024

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

<b>Schedule of Liturgical Services &amp; Activities</b>	
TODAY, Sunday, December 8	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Patronal Banquet
Tuesday, December 10	6:00p Nativity Paraklesis
Thursday, December 12	5:30p St. Nicholas Presentation (Farmington Public Library - 175 Cimarron Way)
Friday, December 13	9:30a Bible Study & Homeschool Co-op
Saturday, December 14	5:00p Great Vespers
Sunday, December 15	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](mailto:saintnicholasar@gmail.com)) to schedule a time to meet and learn more about our parish community and the Orthodox Faith.

## Nativity Paraklesis

During this season of preparation, we will offer the Nativity Paraklesis on the following evenings at 6:00p (*please note*): Tuesday, December 10; Tuesday, December 17; Thursday, December 19.

## 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.

## 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](mailto:elcisneros@yahoo.com) or 602-625-5622) to sign up.

## Inquiring Minds - 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!

### Bible Study on Friday Mornings

Join us on Friday mornings beginning at 9:30a with Morning Prayers and Bible Study from 10:00a till 11:15a. *NEW STUDY on the Book of Daniel (beginning on Friday, December 6).*

<b>2024</b>	<b>Names of Host</b>	<b>Commemoration</b>
Dec 8	<b>Patronal Banquet</b>	<b>Patronal Banquet</b>
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	

### 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 General Parish Assembly in January 2025, but only those nominated in advance, not from the floor at the Assembly.

### 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.**

### Welcome Home – Jackson & Abigail Bliss, & Baron Pianalto

We offered the Sacrament of Chrismation this past Sunday; our congratulations to the newly-illuminated Jackson "William" & Abigail "Dymphna" Bliss, & Baron "James" Pianalto and their sponsors, Michael & Elizabeth Baclig, & Erik Lawrence! Welcome home! May God grant you many years!

### 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