

Parish Announcements - Sunday, January 26, 2025

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

Schedule of Liturgical Services & Activities	
TODAY, Sunday, January 26	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Church School & Fellowship 12:30p Parish General Assembly
Friday, January 31	9:30a Homeschool Co-op
Sunday, February 2 (<i>Great Feast of the Presentation of our Lord</i>)	9:00a Festal Orthros 10:00a Festal Liturgy followed by Church School & Fellowship

****Prayers appreciated for those traveling to the Diocesan Winter Retreat in Atlanta. We will not have services during the week. Contact Fr. Paul (502-592-9981) for any pastoral emergencies.****

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.

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).

UPDATED NOTICE to the Parish Community about the Parish General Assembly - TODAY

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. Absentee voting is available for those unable to attend the meeting to vote for parish council members and whether to approve the selling of our current property to pursue purchase of an alternate property that meets the needs of the parish. To request an absentee ballot, please email Fr. Paul (frpaul.fuller@gmail.com).

Those running for parish council in 2025: Steven Kolokithas, Ciera Nelson, and Erik Lawrence (elder).

(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).

Home Blessing Season

It is the pious custom following the Feast of Theophany (Baptism of our Lord) to have our homes blessed with holy water that was sanctified at the Feast. To schedule a time for Fr. Paul to come and offer this ministry for your household, please scan the QR code to access the online form so arrangements can be made.



Catechism Classes - Wednesdays, February 12 & 26

We invite our inquirers and catechumens to join us these evenings for Vespers at 6:00p followed by Catechism Class. We will discuss our relationship with Jesus Christ and His Holy Church, the spiritual disciplines of the Church, and a brief overview of Church History.

Chili Cook-off & Social - Friday, February 14

Join us on Friday, February 14 at 6:00p for the Chili Cook-off & Social. To enter a chili and/or to help with this gathering, please contact Michael & Elizabeth Baclig.

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.

2025 Stewardship Goal – \$225,000 in financial contributions & 65 forms returned!

As of January 14, 2025 we have received Stewardship & Membership Forms from the following 46 households (*listed below*) who have pledged a total amount of \$160,420 towards supporting our various ministries and operation of our parish community. Many thanks!

Anthony Albert	Brian Frederick	Zachary & Olivia Rhodes
Gretchen Baclig	Fr. Paul & Ramia Fuller	Steve & Tina Rieger
Michael & Elizabeth Baclig	Georgeta Galbraith	Tom & Kate Salem
John Bailey	Mackenzie Goff	Sean & Carrie Searce
Vera Belic	Isaiah & Brea Hale	Kevin & Nancy Scherer
Samuel & Dorothy Bell	Adnan & Paula Haydar	Justin Sherrouse
Jackson & Abigail Bliss	Steve & Niki Kolokithas	Dominic Silva & Riley Arnold
Bob & Nancy Brown	Michael Kravaris	Lindel & SoonMee Townsley
Eric & Elizabeth Carender	Erik & Nina Lawrence	Cory & Lucy Troy
Maria Comsa	Caleb Mackey	Manoj & Sneha Virippil
Janessa Craig	Hayley Mitchell	Derek & Gina Waters
Peter & Hanna Deschler	David & Ulli Nelson	Gary & Debra Wheeler
David & Laura Evans	Philip & Ciera Nelson	Caleb & Aly Wicker
Rob Fannin & Elisabeth Cisneros	Nick & Zoe Pangere	Seth & Diana Wilson
Stephen & Brittany Fenner	Nikifor & Megan Paunov	Bryan & Alaina Yurchak
Zachary Fitton		

Those Celebrating in January & (early) February - God Grant You Many Years!

Birthday

Sneha Virippil - Jan 1	Peter Deschler - Jan 22	Samuel Bell - Feb 1
Stephen Fenner - Jan 10	Zachary Fitton - Jan 22	Nancy Scherer - Feb 1
Gretchen Baclig - Jan 12	Janessa Craig - Jan 23	Georgeta Galbraith - Feb 4
Michael Baclig - Jan 14	Elizabeth Fenner - Jan 25	
Manoj Virippil - Jan 18	Joseph Fenner - Jan 27	

Wedding Anniversary

Stephen & Brittany Fenner - January 8
Fr. Paul & Ramia Fuller - January 11
Steve & Niki Kolokithas - Jan 15

Name's Day

Genevieve Deschler (St. Genevieve) - Jan 3	Caleb Mackey (St. Mark of Ephesus) - Jan 19
Diana Wilson (St. Tatiana) - Jan 12	Caleb Wicker (Apostle Timothy) - Jan 22
Anthony Albert (St. Anthony) - Jan 17	Paula Haydar (St. Paula) - Jan 26
Aethan Waters (St. Athanasius) - Jan 18	Janessa Craig (St. Brigid) - Feb 1
	Peniel Rhodes (Prophetess Anna) - Feb 3