

Parish Announcements - Sunday, January 5, 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 5 <i>(Great Feast of Theophany - transferred)</i>	9:00a Festal Orthros 10:00a Festal Liturgy w/ Great Blessing of Water followed by Church School & Fellowship/Potluck
Wednesday, January 8	6:00p Vespers followed by Parish Council Mtg
Friday, January 10	9:30a Bible Study & Homeschool Co-op
Saturday, January 11	9:00a Men's Breakfast 5:00p Great Vespers
Sunday, January 12	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Church School, Fellowship, & Inquiring Minds

*Wishing you a blessed Feast of our Lord's Baptism
and joyous New Year!*

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 saintrnicholasar@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).

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!

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.*

Inquiring Minds - Sunday, January 12

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

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 Women – Annual Business Meeting

Our annual business meeting is scheduled for January 18th at 2:30 PM in the Blue House. Refreshments will be provided. We will review and approve the 2025 budget, discuss baby showers, volunteer efforts, and other important topics. If you are interested in serving on our board, please reach out to me or Father Paul. We are particularly seeking someone to coordinate humanitarian efforts and research volunteer opportunities.

Those Celebrating in January – God Grant You Many Years!

Birthday

Sneha Virippil – Jan 1	Peter Deschler – Jan 22
Stephen Fenner – Jan 10	Janessa Craig – Jan 23
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

Name's Day

Genevieve Deschler (St. Genevieve) – Jan 3	Caleb Wicker (Apostle Timothy) – Jan 22
Anthony Albert (St. Anthony) – Jan 17	Paula Haydar (St. Paula) – Jan 26