

Parish Announcements - Sunday, February 16, 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, February 16 <i>(Sunday of the Gospel of the Prodigal Son)</i>	9:00a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Church School & Fellowship 12:30p Inquiring Minds
Wednesday, February 19	6:00p Vespers followed by Choir Practice
Friday, February 21	9:30a Bible Study & Homeschool Co-op 6:00p Teen Outing
Saturday, February 22	9:00a Men's Breakfast 5:00p Great Vespers
Sunday, February 23 <i>(Sunday of the Last Judgment)</i>	9:00a <i>Sacraments of Initiation - Charlotte Wicker</i> 10:00a Divine Liturgy followed by Church School & Fellowship

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, February 16

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

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).

Catechism Classes - Wednesday, February 26

We invite our inquirers and catechumens to join us 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.

OCLife Leadership Update

Many thanks to Michael and Elizabeth Baclig for their support in, not only getting the Orthodox Christians for Life Ministry off the ground, but for all their efforts to further the ministry through collaborations with Antiochian Women & Antiochian Men ministries, and support of the charitable, educational, and prayer efforts. We'd like to welcome Ulli Nelson and Tina Rieger who will be leading this ministry along with Nancy Brown.

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.

Psalter Reading Group – Great Lent 2025

If you're looking for a daily spiritual discipline this upcoming Lenten season, consider participating in our Psalter Reading Group. Each day during Great Lent (March 3-April 11), you will be assigned a section of reading from the Book of Psalms (Psalter). It only takes about 10-15 minutes each day to read on your own. To sign up and participate, simply submit form via QR code. Any questions, contact Fr. Paul Fuller (frpaul.fuller@gmail.com).



Teen SOYO Outing – Friday, February 21

Our next Teen SOYO event will be hanging out at the Kolokithas residence (1701 Park Ridge Way, Cave Springs AR) on Friday, February 21 at 6:30pm. There will be pizza and games!

Sacraments of Initiation: Charlotte Wicker – Sunday, February 23

Join us on **Sunday, February 23 at 9:00a** (in lieu of Orthros), as we celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation upon Charlotte, daughter of Caleb & Aly Wicker as she joins the Orthodox Church. May God grant her many years!

Volunteers Needed for OLLI Luncheon – Monday, February 24

We will host another OLLI class on Monday, February 24 from 10a-12:30p and offer a Mediterranean meal for approx. 35 attendees. Any volunteers willing to help bring food for the luncheon, please contact Kate Salem (ksalem2@cox.net).

Those Celebrating in February – God Grant You Many Years!

Birthday

Samuel Bell – Feb 1	Anthony Albert – Feb 10
Nancy Scherer – Feb 1	Lucas Frederick – Feb 18
Georgeta Galbraith – Feb 4	Megan Paunov – Feb 18
John Bailey – Feb 7	Cory Troy – Feb 22
Tom Salem – Feb 7	Ruben Rhodes – Feb 28

Wedding Anniversary

Bryan & Alaina Yurchak – Feb 10

Name's Day

Janessa Craig (St. Brigid) – Feb 1	Blaise Deschler (St. Blaise) – Feb 11
Peniel Rhodes (Prophetess Anna) – Feb 3	Leo Hale (St. Leo the Great) – Feb 18