# Parish Announcements - Sunday, March 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	
Sunday, March 16 (Commemoration of St. Gregory Palamas)	<b>9:00a</b> Orthros <b>10:00a</b> Divine Liturgy followed by Church School, Fellowship, & Inquiring Minds
Monday, March 17	6:00p Great Compline
Wednesday, March 19	<b>6:00p</b> Pre-Sanctified Liturgy & Potluck Meal (hosted by our parish – please bring food to share)
Friday, March 21	9:30a Bible Study & Homeschool Co-op
	<b>6:00p</b> Akathist Service followed by Choir Practice
Saturday, March 22	5:00p Great Vespers
Sunday, March 23 (Adoration of the Holy Cross)	<b>9:00a</b> Orthros <b>10:00a</b> 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.

## 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).

#### Rearranging Chairs/Pews & "Standing" Area

To accommodate the many people joining us for our liturgical services (thanks be to God!), we are going to be removing some rows of chairs and pews to allow for a larger "standing" area. Please utilize this area, so we can fit more people in the building. Please follow instructions from our Ushers. Any questions/comments, feel free to contact Fr. Paul – thank you!

## Pre-Sanctified Liturgy & Potluck Meal Hosted at our Church - Wednesday, March 19 & April 2

We will be rotating hosting the service and potluck meal with our sister parish of St. John of Chicago Orthodox Church in Rogers. On the Wednesdays that we host, please bring lenten dishes to share (approx. 100 people in attendance). We will host Wednesday, March 19 & April 2; join us beginning at 6:00p.

#### Choir Practice - Friday, March 21

Our next choir practice will be Friday, March 21 following service at 6:00p. All choir members and anyone interested in joining our choir should attend – thank you!

## **Creative Arts Festival**

We encourage ALL our youth to participate; scan QR code to learn more. Any questions, please contact our Church School Director, Gina Waters (gwaters034@gmail.com).



#### 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 February 23, 2025 we have received Stewardship & Membership Forms from the following 54 households who have pledged a total amount of \$188,420 towards supporting our various ministries and operation of our parish community. Many thanks to the following households listed below who have filled out their 2025 Stewardship & Membership Form:

Anthony Albert Gretchen Baclig Michael & Elizabeth Baclig John Bailey Vera Belic Samuel & Dorothy Bell Jackson & Abigail Bliss Bob & Nancy Brown Eric & Elizabeth Carender Maria Comsa Janessa Craig Peter & Hanna Deschler David & Laura Evans Rob Fannin & Elisabeth Cisneros Stephen & Brittany Fenner Zachary Fitton **Brian Frederick** Fr. Paul & Ramia Fuller

Georgeta Galbraith Mackenzie Goff Casey & Kiersten Hale Isaiah & Brea Hale Adnan & Paula Haydar Stuart Jackson Steve & Niki Kolokithas Michael Kravaris Erik & Nina Lawrence Erik John Lawrence Caleb Mackey Hayley Mitchell David & Ulli Nelson Philip & Ciera Nelson Paul & Angelic Nevill Nick & Zoe Pangere Nikifor & Megan Paunov Rich Ratliff & Samantha Reinaka Zachary & Olivia Rhodes Steve & Tina Rieger Tom & Kate Salem Sean & Carrie Scearce Kevin & Nancy Scherer Justin Sherrouse Dominic Silva & Riley Arnold Pat & Madeline Teague Joshua Thompson Lindel & SoonMee Townsley Cory & Lucy Troy Manoj & Sneha Virippil Derek & Gina Waters Gary & Debra Wheeler Caleb & Aly Wicker Seth & Diana Wilson Bryan & Alaina Yurchak Daniel Yurchak

#### Those Celebrating in March - God Grant You Many Years!

#### Birthday

Kevin Scherer – Mar 2 Riley Arnold – Mar 4 Oliver Nevill – Mar 6 Jackson Bliss – Mar 8 Brittany Fenner – Mar 13 Charlie Nevill – Mar 13 Evan Kolokithas – Mar 14 Aidan Kolokithas – Mar 18 Erik Lawrence – Mar 19 Genevieve Deschler – Mar 20 Derek Waters – Mar 28 Dominic Silva – Mar 30 Kota Waters – Mar 30 *Wedding Anniversary* Derek & Gina Waters – Mar 5

#### Name's Day

Pat Teague (St. Patrick of Ireland) – Mar 17 Evan Kolokithas (Annunciation) – Mar 25 John Bailey (St. John Climacus) – Mar 30