

# Parish Announcements – Sunday, April 13, 2025

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

<b>BRIGHT WEEK – Schedule of Liturgical Services &amp; Activities</b>	
Sunday, April 13 <i>(Palm Sunday – Entrance into Jerusalem)</i>	9:00a Festal Orthros 10:00a Festal Liturgy w/ Procession of Palms followed by Parish Potluck 1:00p Bridegroom Orthros
Monday, April 14 <i>(Holy Monday)</i>	6:00p Bridegroom Orthros
Tuesday, April 15 <i>(Holy Wednesday)</i>	6:00p Bridegroom Orthros
Wednesday, April 16 <i>(Holy Wednesday)</i>	6:00p Sacrament of Holy Unction
Thursday, April 17 <i>(Holy Thursday)</i>	10:00a Vespersal Liturgy <i>(Mystical Supper)</i> 6:00p Reading of the 12 Passion Gospels <i>(Crucifixion)</i>
Friday, April 18 <i>(Holy Friday)</i>	10:00a Royal Hours 6:00p Un-nailing Vespers 7:00p Lamentations Service followed by Vigil
Saturday, April 19 <i>(Holy Saturday)</i>	10:00a Vespersal Liturgy <i>(Descent into Hades)</i> 10:00p Paschal Orthros & Liturgy followed by Fellowship
Sunday, April 20 <i>(PASCHA)</i>	1:00p Agape Vespers followed by Fellowship & Children's Egg Hunt

## 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.



## Special Collection for the Patriarchate of Antioch – TODAY, April 13

We will offer a special collection today for our Mother Church supporting the various ministries offered to those suffering in Lebanon and Syria. This is an annual appeal of the Archdiocese on Palm Sunday. To contribute via PayPal, scan the QR code.

## Children's Egg Hunt – Sunday, April 20

Join us at 1:00p for Agape Vespers followed by Fellowship. The church is providing the entrees, but we ask parishioners to bring side dishes and desserts for our meal. **Our children will participate in an Egg Hunt and craft!**

## Great Vespers on Saturday, April 26

Please note that we will offer Great Vespers on Saturday, April 26 at 4:00p (different time than usual).

## Holy Week & Pascha Reminders & Announcements

Decoration of the bier (Tomb of our Lord) will be Friday, April 18 (Holy Friday) after Royal Hours at 10:00a. To participate, please contact Laura Evans (laura.mevans@verizon.net).

Psalms will be read during the Vigil kept at the Tomb of our Lord (inside the Church) on Holy Friday night into Holy Saturday morning. To learn more, please contact Caleb Mackey. Sign-up using the QR code.



Sacrament of Holy Unction will be offered on Holy Wednesday, April 16 at 6:00p. ALL are welcome to attend this service, but the anointing (at the end of the service) with Holy Unction is a sacrament and only reserved for prepared Orthodox Christians.

It is the celebratory custom for households to bring their own Paschal baskets for Fellowship after the Paschal services late Saturday night. This gathering is NOT a Potluck, but we will have deli trays provided by the Church. The fellowship on Sunday, April 20 after Agape Vespers will be a Potluck of side items ONLY. The entrees are being provided by the Church.

Laity participate in the Gospel Reading in various languages at Agape Vespers, which will be held at 1:00p on Sunday, April 20. If you would like to read in a native (or studied) language, please email Fr. Paul (frpaul.fuller@gmail.com) - first come, first chosen!



It is a pious practice to offer an additional donation during the Paschal season for the needs of the parish community. Please mark "paschal offering" on the envelope. Many thanks!

Confessions will NOT be heard during Holy Week & Bright Week; please plan ahead to offer your Confession during Great Lent, especially to be properly prepared to receive the Sacrament of Holy Unction.

### Sacraments of Initiation

Welcome home to the newly-illuminated Ethan Allen, Samuel & Dorothy Bell, Clayton Fiscus; Justin Sherrouse, Adam Shores, Bryan & Alaina Yurchak, Daniel Yurchak! **May God grant you many years!**

### 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!

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

#### ***Birthday***

Niki Kolokithas - Apr 1	Stuart Jackson - Apr 7
Bob Brown - Apr 2	Debra Wheeler - Apr 8
David Nelson - Apr 2	Justin Sherrouse - Apr 11
Steve Rieger - Apr 4	Michael Kolokithas - Apr 23
Isaiah Hale - Apr 7	Madeline Teague - Apr 28

#### ***Wedding Anniversary***

Eric & Elizabeth Carender - Apr 2  
Lindel & SoonMee Townsley - Apr 27

#### ***Name's Day***

Riley Arnold (St. Mary of Egypt) - Apr 1  
Brian Frederick (St. George) - Apr 23  
Georgeta Galbraith (St. George) - Apr 23  
Kota Waters (St. George) - Apr 23

### "Journey to Fullness" Video Series



This video series (16 videos approx. 17 minutes each) is recommended for all of our newcomers, inquirers, and catechumens. We hope this will be a valuable resource for you as you learn more about Orthodoxy Christianity. It is accessible through a private link to our parish's YouTube channel. To access the video series, please scan the QR code.