



LIFE AT ST. NICHOLAS

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN OF ST. NICHOLAS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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CHRIST IS RISEN!

BLESSING OF GRAVES

Memorial Day (Monday, May 30)

A wonderful tradition in the Orthodox churches is to have the graves of our departed loved ones blessed. Fr. Michael will be meeting families and blessing graves at the cemeteries listed below. If you would like to have your loved one's grave blessed, please meet him at the designated location at the cemetery.

- * Graceland @ 10AM: meet at Mausoleum parking lot
- * Woodlawn @ 11:15PM: meet at cemetery office parking lot (East side of Kalamazoo Ave)
- * Oakhill @ 12:30PM: meet at cemetery office parking lot (North side of Hall St)
- * Chapel Hill @ 1:45PM: meet at cemetery office

If you would like the grave of your loved one blessed on a different day or at a different cemetery, please contact Fr. Michael.

SUMMER SERVICE ATTIRE

Summer weather is upon us—a time for shorts, tank tops, and sandals. The question arises as to whether these types of clothes are appropriate for church services. Here are a few guidelines to keep in mind when dressing for church:

- ♦ Shorts should only be worn by children below the age of nine years old
- ♦ Dresses should always be of a modest length
- ♦ Backs and shoulders should be covered
- ♦ Shirts and blouses should cover one's chest or cleavage

If you are going out to the beach or somewhere else after Liturgy, you are welcome to bring clothes to change into following the Liturgy.

The Divine Liturgy is a solemn offering to God of our very best.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 22

**Sunday of
the Samaritan Woman**

8:50AM—Orthros and
Orthodox Education

10AM—Divine Liturgy
* Graduate and Teacher
Recognition

11:30AM—Women of St.
Nicholas meeting

3PM—Teen SOYO Bonfire &
BBQ at the Nasser home

7PM—Evening Adult Class
(Zoom only)

Thursday, May 26

10AM—Bible Study
11AM—St. Xenia's Circle

Saturday, May 28

6PM—Great Vespers
followed by Confession

Sunday, May 29

Sunday of the Blind Man

10AM—Divine Liturgy



As you drive through the church grounds, be careful not to harm our newest members!

CAMP IS FOR EVERYONE

If you think AV camp is just for the kids, you'd be wrong! Registration is now open for both Adult Camp and the Alumni Weekend: 2000s, for those who have camped since 2000. Adult Camp is open to anyone ages 21+ and will be taking place at Antiochian Village from **September 16-19**. If you were a camper, staff, volunteer, or even if you've never gone before, here's your chance to be a kid at heart and head off to camp! This year's speaker is TBD. For those alumni out there, Alumni Weekend: 2000s is taking place **November 4-6**, featuring our very own Fr. Michael Nasser as guest speaker! So, what are you waiting for? Go register at avcamp.org.

WHITECAPS BASEBALL

Tuesday, June 7

Today is the last opportunity to sign up for the Shepherds of Independence Adult Foster Care at a Whitecaps Baseball Game. Before the game we will gather with our Shepherd's friends for a BBQ at the ballpark beginning at 5:20PM and then the game starts at 6:35PM. You can purchase your game tickets and meal pass for \$33.00 per person on our St. Nicholas website: stnicholasgr.com/baseball/. (Greg Storey has some discounted tickets if the \$33.00 cost is too high for you or your family. Contact Greg at gregorystorey1@gmail.com or 616-536-8000 if you have questions.

VACTIONING THIS SUMMER?

It is easy to financially support St. Nicholas while you take a week here and there this summer to enjoy family vacation time. Visit our St. Nicholas website at stnicholasgr.com/ and click the donate button at the bottom of the page. Your continuous contribution supports the on-going mission of our parish.

COFFEE HOUR

All families are encouraged to host at least one Coffee Hour each year. Feel free to invite another family to partner with you if you prefer. When selecting a Coffee Hour date, take into account significant events such as memorials, anniversaries, names day, significant birthdays, etc. The Coffee Hour sign-up sheet can be found on the Parishioners' table in the Narthex. As a reminder, Coffee Hour does not have to be elaborate. We have all of the paper products and coffee supplies on hand.

INFORMATION FROM LAST WEEK'S BULLETIN

For more information about the following topics, click the date: [\[MAY 8\]](#)

- ◆ COVID Updates & Reminders
- ◆ Dormition Monastery Work Day
- ◆ Project GR 2022
- ◆ Vacation Church School Schedule
- ◆ Centennial Moment: Parish Life Conference Memories



JULY 25 - JULY 29

In partnership with ICCF, we'll rehab houses in GR doing minor carpentry, painting, cleaning, & yard work making them ready for those in need of affordable housing.

VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION
www.panorthodox.iccf.volunteerhub.com

FINANCIAL SUPPORT
stnicholasgr.com/project-gr-2022

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ST. GEORGE, &
ST. NICHOLAS

Join us for fellowship, friendship, and worship!



SAINT GEORGE
ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

Grand Rapids, Michigan invites you to join us for the

2022 Parish Life Conference

June 15 to June 19, 2022

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL

We can't believe that the PLC is now only four weeks away! We are looking forward to gathering together soon! We wanted to remind you that the Early Bird pricing for the "ticket book" ends May 31. After that, the cost for the main events will only be a la carte. So, get your registration done now! The Early Bird Package is Adults \$145 / Kids \$125 and includes the following events:

Pizza & Ice Cream Social

Thursday, June 16 @ 6PM

Pizza and ice cream for all and a chance to mingle and have dinner before the Bible Bowl.

\$20 Kids & Adults a la carte.

Hafli at St. George's Banquet Hall

Friday, June 17 @ 8PM

Transportation to and from the hotel will be provided. Light mezza/appetizers will be on each table. Water and soda provided. Cash bar for beer and wine. Bring cash for raffle prizes and a silent auction! Middle Eastern dancing to live band - Nassar Deeb & Band from Detroit.

\$40 Kids / \$50 for Adults a la carte.

Grand Banquet & High School Senior Presentation

Saturday, June 18 @ 7:15PM

Join us in the hotel Ballrooms for a delicious meal with Lebanese desserts. We will be honoring Bishop Anthony's 10-year anniversary as our Toledo & the Midwest Diocese Bishop.

\$60 Kids / \$70 Adults a la carte.

Silent Disco Dance Party

Saturday June 18 @ 10PM

Dance the night away on the outdoor balcony to three competing DJs while you wear headphones and toggle through various music genres. Have a great time listening to music as loud or as quietly as you like, since you control the headphones! Also, great for people watching! \$30 Kids & Adults a la carte.

To register for the Early Bird Special or any other events, go to: antiochianevents.com/toledo_event.

A LOOK BACK AT THE SPRING FLING



ALL-PARISH SURVEY

As you know, we as a parish have put a lot of time, energy, effort, and resources into Youth & Young Adult Ministry. We want to do all that is in our power to encourage our youth and young adults to remain rooted in Christ and His Church throughout their lives. We have come a long way, but there is always room for improvement! Please fill out the following SWIF (Strengths, Weaknesses, Ideas, Feedback) survey as completely as possible by THE END OF TODAY to help us do just that! Your responses will be used to determine youth & young adult ministry goals for the year to come. To complete the survey, go to: stnicholasgr.breezechms.com/form/1e0282.

Thank you in advance!

Mykel & the Youth Ministry Oversight Committee

SATURDAY OF THE SOULS



The “Saturday of the Souls” service is a Memorial Services devoted to remembering and praying for our loved ones who have fallen asleep in the Lord. If you would like to have your loved ones remembered by name during this service, kindly submit this form to the church office no later than **Thursday, June 9**. For your convenience, an electronic version of this form is can be completed at: stnicholasgr.com/saturday-of-souls.

The Saturday of the Soul Services
9AM—Orthros 10AM—Divine Liturgy



The Forerunners visited Bishop ANTHONY at the Chancery.



OUR MISSION—WHAT WE DO

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church is a worshipping community living and sharing the Faith Christ gave to the Apostles.

WHY WE EXIST

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church exists to seek and share Christ’s love so that all will find Eternal Life in Him.

PARISH COUNCIL

Please use the following email address when communicating with the Parish Council:

parishcouncil@stnicholasgr.com

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Email:

strategicplanning@stnicholasgr.com

For updated information go to:

stnicholasgr.com/parishioners

SUBMISSION REMINDERS

Announcements and Holy Oblations are due by noon each Wednesday.

Submit Announcements to announcements@stnicholasgr.com

Submit Holy Oblation to stnicholasgr.com/parishioners/ or by completing an envelope located on the Parishioner's Table in the Narthex.

